

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF 2015 BUDGET**  
**AUGUST 15, 2014**

The first reading of the 2015 Budget for Cass County was held immediately after the regular Council meeting. Present were George Stebbins, Brian Reed, Grover Bishop, Phil Rains, Jeff LeDonne, Jim David, Attorney John Hillis, Auditor Vaneen Ide and Payroll Deputy Angie Ellis. Absent was Council member Stacey Donato.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT**

George Stebbins addressed the Public Defender budget first. This budget is a contract paid out of the Commissioners budget in County General. The budgeted amount was \$450,000.00. The budget presented to the Council exceeded this amount. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the contract amount for \$450,000.00, Grover Bishop seconded. There was discussion. The motion carried with 5 yeas and one nay from Jim David.

**AUDITOR**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Auditor budget as presented on first reading, the office furniture line item may be lowered on seconded reading, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER**

Grover Bishop made a motion that the following reductions be made to the Treasurer budget:

18001 Extra Help from 8,000.00 to 4,000.00

22360 Office Supplies from 2,500.00 to 1,500.00

32620 Contractual Services from 15,132.00 to 0

Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECORDER**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Recorder budget as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Sheriff budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SURVEYOR**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Surveyor budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CORORNER**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Coroner budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PROSECUTOR**

There was a question as to why the Prosecutor's budget increased \$59,283.00. The increase was due to a salary added to the Prosecutor's budget that was paid out of a budget that was previously not in County General. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the budget on first reading, but would like the Prosecutor available at seconded reading to explain the increase, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried with 5 yea votes and one nay from George Stebbins.

#### **ASSESSOR**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Assessor budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **TITLE IV D**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Title IV D budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COUNTY AGENT (EXTENSION OFFICE)**

Phil Rains made a motion to approve the County Agent budget with the following change:

47214 Computer Equipment from 3,800.00 to 0

47213 Computer Lease from 0 to 3,800.00

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PLAN COMMISSION**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the Plan Commission budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Board of Appeal budget with the following change:

11013 Overtime from 5,000.00 to 0

12006 Board of Appeals from 0 to 3,000.00

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **DRAINAGE BOARD**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Drainage Board budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **VETERAN'S SERVICE**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Veteran Service budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Weights & Measures budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMISSIONER**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Commissioners budget with the following changes:

Contractual Services is to be broken down into Commissioners Contractual in the amount of 65,000.00

Public Defender Contractual in the amount of 450,000.00

Human Resource salary to be approved as a range up to 35,000.00 pending qualifications

13001 Deputy salary 28,123 to 20,000.00

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUILDING**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Government Building budget as presented in the first reading, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SUPERIOR COURT I**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Superior Court I budget with the following change:

47240 Law Books from 3,500.00 to 0

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **CIRCUIT COURT**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Circuit Court budget with the following change:

47321 Law Books from 3750.00 to 0

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **I.T. DEPARTMENT**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the I.T. budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **SOIL & WATER**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Soil & Water budget as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **SUPERIOR COURT II**

Jim David made a motion to approve the Superior Court II budget with the following changes:

47240 Law Books – this will include Superior I and Circuit Court from 25,000.00 to 55,000.00

32605 Lexis Nexis Cont. from 27,000.00 to 0

No extra staff member

18001 Extra Help from 25,000.00 to 17,500.00

Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **COUNTY COUNCIL**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the County Council budget as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PROBATION**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Probation budget as presented, Jim David seconded. There was discussion as to the increase in the salary line item. Council would like explanation before the second reading of the budget. The motion carried with 5 yea vote and 1 nay from George Stebbins.

## **SECURITY**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Security budget with the following change:

11013 Overtime from 2,500.00 to 0

18001 Extra Help from 33,738 to 36,238

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

Jim David made a motion to approve the Park budget with the following changes:

42450 Other Equipment from 15,000.00 to 0

47255 New Building from 40,000.00 to 0

Phil Rains seconded. The motion had 3 yea votes and 3 nay, it did not carry.

Jim David made a motion to approve the Park budget with the following change:

47255 New Building from 40,000.00 to 0

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CERTIFIED SHARES**

#### **CLERK**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Clerk budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **JAIL**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Jail budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CLERK PERPETUATION**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Clerk Perpetuation budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Community Transition Program as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried with 5 yea votes and 1 nay from Jim David.

#### **CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the Cumulative Building budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **CAPITOL DEVELOPMENT**

### **COMMISSIONER**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the Commissioner Capitol Development budget, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the County Government Building Capitol Development with the following change:

42450 Other Equipment from 1,000.00 to 0

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **SUPERIOR COURT I & CIRCUIT COURT**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve Superior Court I and Circuit Court Capitol Development with the following changes:

47240 Law Books-Superior I from 3,500.00 to 0

47321 Law Books – Circuit Court from 3,750.00 to 0

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **I.T.**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve I.T. Capitol Development budget with the following change:

47214 Computer Equipment from 70,000.00 to 0

Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously

### **SUPERIOR COURT II**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Superior Court II Capitol Development budget with the following change:

47310 Law Books from 5,000.00 to 0

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN  
HEALTH  
HEALTH MAINTENANCE  
LOCAL ROAD & STREET**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the following budgets Local Emergency Plan, Health, Health Maintenance and Local Road & Street as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**COMMISSIONER**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Commissioner Public Safety budget with the following change:

35880 Rural Metro Buy Down from 150,000.00 to 0

Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**E.M.A.**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the E.M.A. Public Safety budget with the following change:

32620 Contractual Services from 10,000.00 to 2,000.00

Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Highway Department budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PARK NON-REVERTING**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Park Non-Reverting budget as presented at 1<sup>st</sup> reading, there may be adjustments made during second reading, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried with 5 yea votes and 1 nay from George Stebbins.

**AUDITOR PLAT BOOK UPKEEP**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the Auditor Plat Book Upkeep budget as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION & REGISTRATION**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Election & Registration budget as presented with the increase to the poll workers pay, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the County Elected Official Training budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **E-911**

Phil Rains made a motion to approve the E-911 budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. There was discussion concerning the increase in equipment maintenance, Dan McDonald addressed the concerns. The motion carried unanimously.

### **REASSESSMENT**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Reassessment budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IN HOME DETENTION**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the In Home Detention budget with the following changes:

11007 Substance Abuse Counselor from 13,000.00 to 0

19023 Community Corrections Case Manager from 43,456.00 to 0

Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT NON- REVERTING**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Planning Department Non-Reverting budget, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADULT PROBATION**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Adult Probation budget with the following change:

32620 Contractual Services from 12,000.00 to 0

Jeff LeDonne seconded. There was discussion; the Council would like an explanation for the Contractual Services increase in the budget at second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

### **BOND**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the Bond budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



#### **CLERK INCENTIVE**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Clerk Incentive budget as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CASS COUNTY CORRECTIONS**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Cass County Correction budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CORRECTIONS GRANT**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Corrections Grant as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROJECT INCOME**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Community Corrections Project Income budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **TOBACCO EDUCATION**

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Tobacco Education budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried with 5 yea and 1 nay from Jim David.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINANTOR**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Public Health Coordinator as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CEDIT**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the CEDIT budget as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. There was discussion. The director's salary is based on a three year contract, so there will be no increase. The motion carried with 5 yea votes and 1 nay from Jim David.

#### **SALARIES FOR 2015**

Grover Bishop made a motion that all employees employed as of January 1, 2014 are eligible for a 2% raise, unless previously stated or by State statues, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried with 4 yea votes and 2 nay from Jim David and Phil Rains.

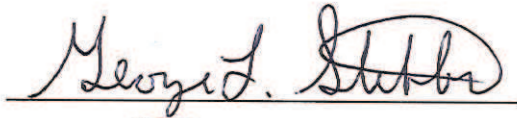
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County Economic Development Income Tax .0025

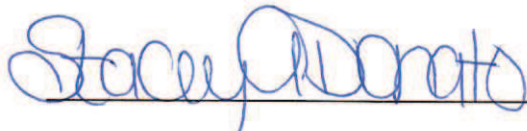
Brian Reed made a motion to approve the rates for 2015 as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN**

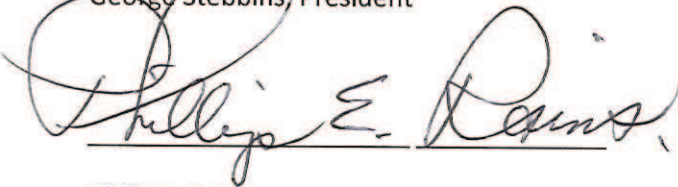
There were no public comments. Brian Reed made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



George Stebbins, President



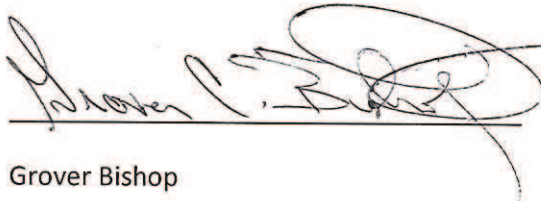
Stacey Donato, Vice President



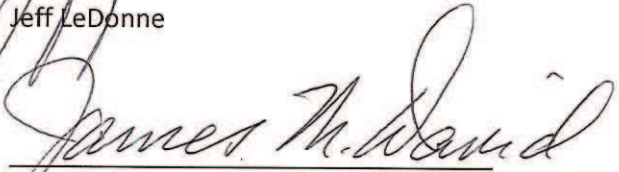
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Jeff LeDonne



Grover Bishop

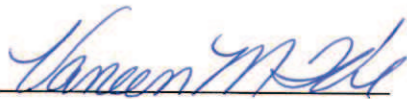


James David



Brian Reed

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor