

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MAY 16, 2014**

The Cass County Council met in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m. Present were George Stebbins, Stacey Donato, Jim David, Grover Bishop, Phil Rains, Attorney John Hillis and First Deputy Michelle Crain from the Auditor's office. Council member Jeff LeDonne was absent. George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

**MINUTES**

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Judge Richard Maughmer appeared before the Council with the Court's request for an additional of \$15,000.00 for law books. Councilman Jim David had positive comments towards the Judge's request. Brian Reed made a motion to transfer \$2,500.00 out of fund1000, account 11400, location 32 to account 47240, location 32 and appropriate and additional \$12,500.00 from County General for law books, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Cathy Adair appeared before the Council with a request for an additional \$3,800.00 for extra help. There was discussion. George Stebbins requested a motion be made. Jim David made a motion to approve the request for an additional \$3,800.00 for extra help, there was no second motion. George Stebbins told the Treasurer, her other option was to transfer funds from her office supply account to extra help.

There was no representative from the Prosecutor's office. The office had requested an additional \$13,500.00 for operating expenses from the 2529 fund, Prosecutor User Fees. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request of \$13,500.00 additional appropriation for the Prosecutor, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously. ( Lisa Swaim, Assistant Prosecutor appeared later in the meeting.)

Jeff Smith appeared before the Council with his request for additional appropriations for MVH in the amount of \$250,000.00. These funds will be used for materials for road repair. Brian Reed made a motion to allow the additional appropriation in the amount of \$250,000.00, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff also had a request for an additional appropriation for Local Road & Street in the amount of \$135,000.00. This will be for the purchase of a new dump truck. Phil Rains questioned Jeff as to the type

of dump truck to be purchased. Phil Rains made a motion to allow the additional appropriation in the amount of \$135,000.00, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Circuit Court Judge Leo Burns appeared before the Council with a request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$14,950.00 for paving the Family Opportunity parking lot. George Stebbins requested that Judge Burns seek bids for the parking lot. There was discussion. Judge Burns concern was if the request for the additional would be granted after the advertisement for bids. The general consensus of the Council was, yes, the additional would be granted.

#### **E-911 NON REVERTING ORDINANCE**

The ordinance passed at the April meeting with some minor changes in the wording. This is the approved version and ready for signatures.

#### **ANDERSONS ABATEMENT**

Christy Householder, Cass County Economic Director, appeared before the Council and presented the abatement paperwork for The Andersons. The Andersons are requesting an abatement for personal property for five (5) years. Tony Mazurek, The Anderson's Treasury Analyst, addressed the Council and provided additional information to the Council. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the abatement request for five (5) years for personal property, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried with five yea votes and one nay from Jim David.

#### **INFORMATION**

The County Auditor included information in the Council packets regarding the change that could be made by the Council for wheel tax. There was discussion and the Council decided not to pursue a change to the current wheel tax.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN**

Tamara Ogle with the Cass County Extension Office appeared and presented information to the Council in regards to a program being presented by Professor Larry DeBoer, Purdue University, Agricultural Economics. The program will be Tuesday May 20, 2014 and can be delivered via video streaming. Tamara also introduced Jane Horner the new Director of Health & Human Services Educator for the Cass County Extension Office.

George Stebbins extended the Councils' sympathy to Jeff LeDonne and his family with the loss of Jeff's father.

Brian Reed made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George I. Stebbins

George Stebbins, President

Stacey Donato, Vice President

Phillip Rains

Jeff LeDonne

Jeff LeDonne

Grover Bishop

James David

James David

Brian Reed

ATTEST:

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Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor