

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

APRIL 17, 2015

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were George Stebbins, Brian Reed, Phil Rains, Steve Kain, Tracy Williamson, Stacey Donato, Grover Bishop, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Council President 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, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim and Debbie Steele appeared before the Council and requested permission to have 3 summer interns work in the Prosecutor's office and another that will start in August. The summer interns will consist of one law student, one college student and one position is not decided. The intern that will start in August will also be a college student. Lisa told the Council that she had the intern positions included in her budget. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the summer and fall interns, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE – SALARY AND BENEFITS

An ordinance establishing the County's policy for salary and benefits was presented to the Council for approval. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the policy establishing the County's policy for salary and benefits, Stacey Donato seconded. There was discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE – SHERIFF NON –REVERTING RADIO FUND

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared and presented an ordinance to the Council, establishing a non-reverting fund for monies received for the rebanding of radios. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the ordinance establishing a non-reverting radio fund, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT

The Park has no one interested in leasing the store at the park for the 2015 season. Park Department supervisor, Dana Hildebrand, would like the park to run the store. Money will be appropriated to fund this project from fund 1179. An additional appropriation will need to be done in order for this to move forward. Brian Reed made a motion to place this item on the agenda for the May meeting on the 15th, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE/CUMULATIVE CAPITOL DEVELOPMENT

A discussion of raising the Cumulative Bridge rate and decreasing the Cumulative Capitol Development rate took place. Brian Reed made a motion to set a new rate for the Cumulative Bridge Fund and set a public hearing on the 15th of May, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WHEEL TAX

The Cass County Council reviews the wheel tax every year. There was discussion. Stacey Donato made a motion to leave the tax as it is and make no changes, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried with 5 yeas and 2 nays, from Brian Reed and Phil Rains.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Lynn Korniak from the County Extension Office appeared before the Council and presented them with 4-H fliers promoting the benefits of 4-H for children. Lynn also introduced Krista Pullen as the new extension educator. Krista is a native of Cass County and a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Animal Science.

Ralph Anderson reminded everyone that April 18th is Downtown Green & Clean Day from 9 to 12.

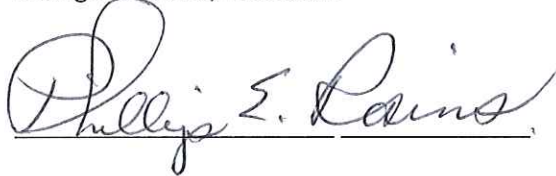
There were no additional public comments. Stacey Donato made a motion to adjourn, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



George Stebbins, President



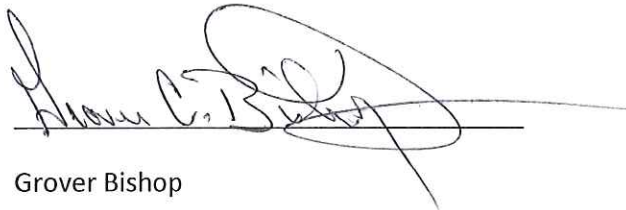
Stacey Donato, Vice President



Phillip Rains



Steve Kain



Grover Bishop



Tracy Williamson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Reed', with a large, stylized initial 'B'.

Brian Reed

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor