

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 15, 2015

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

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.

ADDITIONALS

Prosecutor, Lisa Swaim appeared before the Council with her request for \$31,000.00 for fund 2529. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the request for \$31,000.00 to fund 2529, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Lisa also informed the Council that she will be requesting to fill a position at the Commissioner meeting on May 18th; the employee's last day will be May 29th.

Lisa also requested that Adult Protective Services be allowed to purchase a vehicle, rather than continue to pay mileage on Mike Morphet's personal vehicle. The amount of the vehicle is not to exceed \$15,000.00. There was discussion. Phil Rains made a motion to approve the expenditure of no more than \$15,000.00 for a vehicle, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk had requested an additional amount of \$4,600.00 from fund 1119 for imaging equipment. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request for \$4,600.00 from fund 1119 for imaging equipment for the Clerk, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor requested additional funds from Cumulative Capitol Development fund for recent updates to the office in the amount of \$12,805.00. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request of \$12,805.00 from the Cumulative Capitol Development fund, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor also requested additional funds from the Auditor Plat Book Upkeep fund in the amount of \$2,390.00. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request for \$2,390.00 from the Auditor Plat Book Upkeep fund, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Park Department requested \$17,000.00 in additional funds from the Park-Non Reverting fund. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the request for \$17,000.00 in additional funds from the Park Non-Reverting fund, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Wegner requested an additional \$60,000.00 from fund 2512. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the request for an additional \$60,000.00 from fund 2512, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Wegner had also requested an additional of \$40,000.00 from fund 1123. Dave informed the Council he would not need those funds. Tracy Williamson made a motion that the \$40,000.00 requested from fund 1123 was not needed, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Public Defender Board requested an additional \$12,000.00 from fund 1000-23. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the request for an additional \$12,000.00 from fund 1000-23, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Cass County Council set the date of August 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Tracey Williamson made a motion to approve the date of August 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. for the budget workshop in the Commissioner Hearing Room, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET HEARING

The Cass County Council set the budget hearing dates.

1st Reading of the county budget August 21st.

2nd Reading of the county budget and 1st reading of non-binding & school corporations

and 1st reading of the binding budgets will be September 18th

2nd Reading of the binding budgets will be October 16th

All budget readings will follow the regular meeting of the Cass County Council. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the dates for the budget hearings, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Jeff Smith, Highway Superintendent, announced that State Road 29 will not be open on the 19th as previously anticipated.

Dan McDonald, E-911 director, presented a Safety Study to the Council, reflecting that the surrounding counties had wages 22% higher than Cass County.

There were no other public comments. Tracy Williamson made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

OPEN HEARING

George Stebbins opened the meeting for the public hearing. The proposed rate of \$0.1000(ten cents) per \$100.00 of assessed value of real and personal property has been advertised.

PUBLIC COMMENT

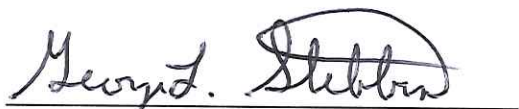
There was no public comment

RESOLUTION VOTE

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the advertised rate of \$0.1000(ten cents) per \$100.00 of assessed value of real and personal property as advertised, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE HEARING

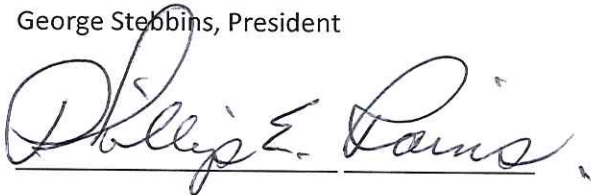
Brian Reed made a motion to close the public hearing, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



George Stebbins, President



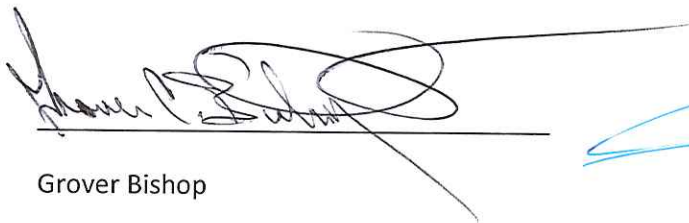
Stacey Donato, Vice President



Phillip Rains



Steve Kain



Grover Bishop



Tracy Williamson



Brian Reed

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor