

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 21, 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, Steve Kain, Attorney John Hillis, Auditor Vaneen Ide and Angie Ellis, 1st Deputy Auditors office.

Council President George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Council with a request to purchase two new cars. The dealer that the Sheriff usually deals with had new 2014 and 2015 all-wheel drive vehicles available at a good price. The Sheriff informed the Council that he had monies available for the purchases. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the request to purchase two newer vehicles for the Sheriff Department, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK

Clerk, Beth Liming appeared before the Council with a request to purchase additional equipment for a scanning project. The equipment would cost approximately \$16,000.00 and would be purchased using Clerk Perpetuation funds. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment up to \$16,000.00 from the Clerk's Perpetuation fund, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE BOARD RESOLUTION

Attorney John Hillis requested that no action be taken by the Council at this time. The resolution for the DeHaven Tile will be addressed at the September 18th meeting. Stacey Donato made a motion to bring the DeHaven Tile resolution back at the September 18th meeting of the Cass County Council, Tracey Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFERS

The following transfers were presented to the Council:

The Clerk requested a transfer from fund 1110, account 35700 to account 32130 in the amount of \$50.00. Brian Reed made a motion to allow the transfer of \$50.00 from fund 1110, account 35700 to account 32130, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Highway Department requested the following transfers from fund 1176:

Account 11522 to account 42440 in the amount of \$6,154.00

Account 15230 to account 42440 in the amount of \$9,533.00

Account 15250 to account 42440 in the amount of \$20,174.00

Account 35121 to account 42440 in the amount of \$10,989.00

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the transfers from accounts 11522, 15230, 15250 and 35121 to account 42440 in the amounts of \$6,154.00, \$9,533.00, \$20,174.00 and \$10,989.00. Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor requested a transfer from fund 1000-02, account 32620 to account 47203 in the amount of \$6.04. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the transfer from account 32620 to account 47203 in the amount of \$6.04. Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONALS

The following additional appropriations were requested:

The Highway Department requested an additional appropriation from fund 1176, account 23313 in the amount of \$20,000.00 and account 23311 in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a total of \$320,000.00 for the purchase of additional aggregates and bituminous. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request of \$320,000.00 for fund 1176, account 23313 and account 23311. Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Assessor requested an additional appropriation from fund 1224, account 32620 in the amount of \$15,632.25. The amount requested is part of the contract for reassessment. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the request of \$15,632.25 for fund 1224, account 32620. Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENTS

Christy Householder, the Cass County Economic Development director, presented the Council with two requests from County businesses for abatements. The first request is from B & T Grinding, LLC (aka RMS Leasing) for an abatement for real property tax for three years. Year one 100%, year two 60% and year three 40%. B & T will be using existing buildings and constructing a new building. Brian Reed made a motion to grant the three year abatement, year one 100%, year two 60%, year three 40%. Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

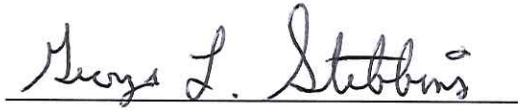
The second request comes from Left Bank Properties, LLC (aka Tierney Industrial Warehouse). Left Bank Properties will be constructing a 100' x 200' warehouse. A tax abatement for real property for five years is requested. Year one 100%, year two 80%, year three 60%, year four 40% and year five 20%.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the request for a five year abatement, year one 100%, year two 80%, year three 60%, year four 40% and year five 20%, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

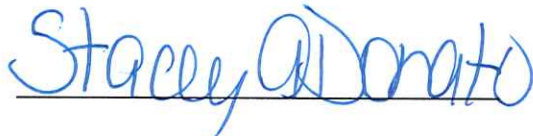
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan McDonald, director of Statewide E-911 appeared before the Council to advise them of an upcoming expense for 2016. The State is requiring a new radio system. It could be shared by one or more counties and the cost will be \$600,000.00. Or another option would be to upgrade of the existing system in the amount of \$300,000.00 which would be good for two to seven years.

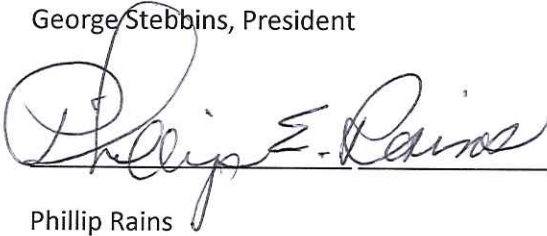
There were no other public comments. Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



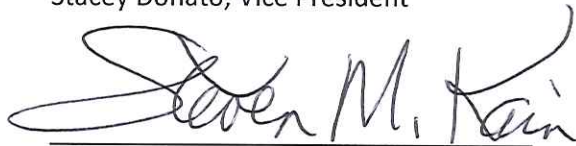
George Stebbins, President



Stacey Donato, Vice President



Phillip Rains



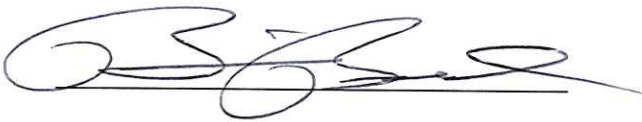
Steve Kain



Grover Bishop



Tracy Williamson



Brian Reed

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor

