

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were George Stebbins, Brian Reed, Stacey Donato, Phil Rains, Steve Kain, Tracy Williamson, Attorney John Hillis, Auditor Vaneen Ide, Auditor 1st Deputy Angie Ellis, absent was Councilmen Grover Bishop.

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES 1ST READING OF 2016 BUDGET

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1st reading of the 2016 budget as presented, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Attorney John Hillis gave a brief presentation explaining the reason for the need to approve bank loans to finance the reconstruction of a regulated drain. The ditch assessments are pledged as security for the loan, not to exceed six years. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This will be Resolution 2015-04.

TRANSFER FUNDS

Jenny Clark, Surveyor requested \$300.00 be transferred from account 23200(garage & motor) to account 32410(printing). Brian Reed made a motion to approve the transfer from account 23200(garage & motor) to account 32410(printing), Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department presented a request to increase fees for their vaccinations. Brian Reed made a motion to allow the increase in vaccination fees, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

SECOND READING OF THE 2016 BUDGET

Auditor

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Auditor budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

18001 from \$14,000.00 to \$6,000.00

32620 from \$5,000.00 to 0

47203 from \$10,500.00 to \$15,500.00

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Treasurer budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

32410 from \$6,500.00 to \$5,000.00

18001 from \$12,000.00 to \$7,454.00

32646 from \$6,335.00 to 0

32620 from 0 to \$10,350

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Recorder

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Recorder budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff

Phil Rains made a motion to approve the Sheriff budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

47245 from \$75,000.00 to 0

Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Surveyor & Coroner

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Surveyor and Coroner budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Prosecutor

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Prosecutor budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Assessor

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Assessor budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Title 4-D

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Title 4-D budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

32120 from \$2,000.00 to \$500.00

32130 from \$4,500.00 to \$3,000.00

32420 from \$400.00 to \$200.00

32620 from \$500.00 to \$200.00

32521 from \$500.00 to \$200.00

35100 from \$500.00 to \$200.00

47240 from \$1,250.00 to \$1,000.00

47281 from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000.00

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Extension Office & Plan Commission

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Extension Office and Plan Commission budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Appeals

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Board of Appeals budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

18001 from \$5,000.00 to 0

12006 from 0 to \$3,000.00

? seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Drainage Board and Veteran's Service and Weights & Measures

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Drainage Board, Veteran's Service and Weights & Measures budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Commissioner budget as presented in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

15230 from \$1,815,000.00 to \$1,650,000.00

32620 from 0 to \$25,000.00

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Government Building

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Government Building budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Superior Court I

Steve Kain made a motion to approve the Superior Court I budget as approved in 1st reading with the additional change to line item 11006:

11006 from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000.00

11013 from \$12,000.00 to \$9,000.00

11021 from \$9,500 to \$3,000.00

11023 from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00

23310 from \$2,500.00 to \$1,000.00

32410 from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Circuit Court

Steve Kain made a motion to approve the Circuit Court budget as approved at first reading with the additional change to line item 11006:

11006 from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000.00

11013 from \$5,000.00 to \$1,500.00

11021 from \$15,000.00 to \$7,500.00

11022 from \$3,500.00 to \$1,500.00

11024 from \$ 3,500.00 to \$2,000.00

23310 from \$2,500.00 to \$1,000.00

32410 from \$2,000.00 to \$800.00

32521 from \$12,500.00 to \$5,000.00

32620 from \$17,500.00 to \$12,500.00

32660 from \$3,000.00 to \$1,500.00

35460 from \$200,000.00 to \$160,000.00

35702 from \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Data Process & Soil and Water

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Data Process and Soil and Water budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Superior Court II

Steve Kain made a motion to approve the Superior Court II budget as approved in 1st reading with the additional change to 11006:

11006 from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000.00

11023 from \$2,500.00 to \$1,000.00

32130 from \$3,000.00 to \$2,000.00

32620 from \$100,000.00 to 0

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

County Council, Probation & Court House Security

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the County Council, Probation and Court House Security budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Defender Board

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Public Defender Board budget as approved at 1st reading with an additional change:

The Public Defender Board may request quarterly additional appropriations to their budget as the monies are received from the State for reimbursement.

32620 from \$510,400.00 to \$400,000.00

32662 from \$2,000.00 to 0

32710 from \$24,000.00 to 0

33215 from \$15,000.00 to 0

Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Park & Recreation

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Park and Recreation budget with a change to line item 42450:

42450 from 0 to \$15,000.00

18001 from \$115,000.00 to \$90,000.00

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED SHARES

Clerk & Jail

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Clerk and Jail budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Perpetuation

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Clerk Perpetuation budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Transition Program

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Community Transition Program budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cumulative Bridge

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge budge as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Capitol Development – Commissioner

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Capitol Development – Commissioner budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

33251 from \$2,000.00 to 0

47240 from \$3,500.00 to 0

47310 from \$5,000.00 to 0

47321 from \$3,750.00 to 0

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Capitol Development – Cumulative Cap Development

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Capitol Development-Cumulative Cap Development budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Local Emergency Plan

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Local Emergency Plan budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Health Department, Health Maintenance, Local Road & Street

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Health Department, Health Maintenance and Local Road& Street budgets as approved in the 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety – Commissioner

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Public Safety – Commissioner budget as approved in the 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

47245 from \$60,000.00 to \$75,000.00

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety – EMA

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Public Safety – EMA budget as approved in the 1st reading with the following change:

23100 from 0 to \$3,500.00

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway, Park & Rec. Non- Reverting, Auditor Plat Book Upkeep, Election & Registration, Elected Official Training

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Highway, Park & Rec. Non- Reverting, Auditor Plat Book Upkeep, Election & Registration and Elected Official Training as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

911 Statewide

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the 911 Statewide budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried with 4 yea votes and 2 nay from Steve Kain and George Stebbins.

Reassessment, In Home Detention, Planning Department Non-Reverting and Adult Probation

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Reassessment, In Home Detention, Planning Department Non-Reverting and Adult Probation budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Building Bond # 3

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Building Bond #3 budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Incentive, Cass County Corrections, Corrections Grant and Community Corrections Project Income

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the Clerk Incentive, Cass County Corrections, Corrections Grant and Community Corrections Project Income budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Tobacco Education and Public Health Coordinator Grant

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Tobacco Education and Public Health Coordinator Grant budgets as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CEDIT

Steve Kain made a motion to reduce line item 35890 from \$6,000.00 to 0, Phil Rains seconded. There was discussion. The vote was 2 yea and 4 nay votes from George Stebbins, Brian Reed, Tracy Williamson and Stacey Donato.

Tracy Williamson made another motion to approve the CEDIT budget as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

11010 from \$75,000.00 to \$73,000.00

Brian Reed seconded. The vote carried with 4 yea votes and 2 nay from Phil Rains and Steve Kain.

Public Defender Board

Brian Reed made a motion to move the budget for the Public Defender Board now located in the County General fund as adopted in 2nd reading of the 2016 budget to the Public Safety fund, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer, Recorder and Assessor

Brian Reed made a motion to move the budgets for the Treasurer, Recorder and Assessor now located in the County General fund as adopted in 2nd reading of the 2016 budget to the Certified Shares fund, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Department

Brian Reed made a motion to change the payroll of the Planning Department to match the 3% that the City has adopted for 2016, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Payroll

Stacey Donato made a motion that all Elected Officials and Directors will receive a 2.6% increase, while all other employees will receive a \$3,000.00 increase, except the Highway Department, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the 1st Deputy pay scale as adopted in 1st reading of the 2016 budget;

Office with one to three individuals working the first deputy receives an additional \$1,000.00 per year.

Office with four and above individuals working, the first deputy receives an additional \$2,000.00 per year. This will be done at the discretion of the office holder/directors discretion.

Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Stipend

Stacey Donato made a motion that the \$2,000.00 stipend allowed for certain positions would be granted to all new employees, but not for those currently employed in those positions, unless their pay was not increased at the time they took the position, then they would be eligible for the \$2,000.00, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried with 3 yeas and 3 nays. There was discussion.

Brian Reed made a motion to allow the stipend as approved in 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

Circuit, Superior I and Superior II
Court Reporters - \$2,000.00
Prosecutor

Discovery Clerk - \$2,000.00

Office Manager – \$2,000.00

Title 4-D Administrator - \$2,000.00

Misdemeanor Secretary - \$2,000.00

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried with 5 yeas and one nay from George Stebbins.

Part-Time

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the part-time pay as approved in the 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

The part-time hourly rate will be from \$8.40 to \$12.00 per hour and at the office holder/directors discretion, subject to the appropriated amount in that offices budget.

Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

In Home Detention

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the pay scale of In-Home Detention as approved in the 1st reading of the 2016 budget:

The entry level pay for In Home Detention should be the same as the entry level Jail employees, and In Home Detention would no longer receive longevity in 2016 with this change. In Home Detention will follow the incentive set by the Jail.

Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Highway budget as approved in the 1st reading of the 2016 budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Omnibus

Brian Reed made a motion to approve all the budgets as approved in the 2nd reading of the 2016 budget, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Non –Binding Budgets

Phil Rains made a motion to approve the budgets of Logansport School Corporation, Pioneer School Corporation and Southeastern School Corporation as presented to the Council, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The following non-binding budgets for Royal Center Civil Town, Noble Township, Jackson Township, Boone Township, Royal Center Public Library, Deer Creek Township were reviewed by Councilman George Stebbins.

Councilman Brian Reed reviewed the following non-binding budgets for Bethlehem Township, Logansport – Cass Public Library, Rock Creek Cass Carroll Conservancy District, Washington Township, Miami Township, Clinton Township, Harrison Township, Onward Civil Town.

Councilwoman Stacey Donato reviewed the following non-binding budgets for Eel Township, Galveston Civil Town, Walton Civil Town, Tipton Township, Walton Public Library, Adams Township, Clay Township.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the non-binding budgets as reviewed and recommendations made by the reviewing Council members, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading of the Binding Budgets

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Cass County Solid Waste Budget as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

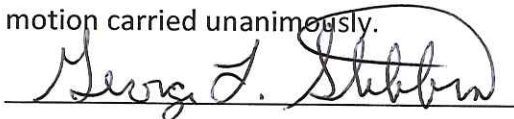
Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Fire District #1 Budget as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Ralph Anderson announced Art on the Avenue on the 19th of September and Agatha Christie play "And The There Were None" will be playing October 9,10 and 11.

Ralph Anderson also thanked the Council for their hard work on the 2016 budget.

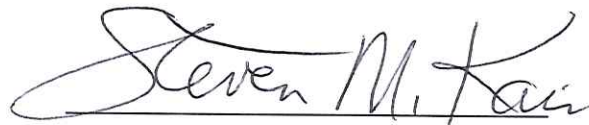
George Stebbins announced the continuation of this 2nd reading of the 2016 budget to reconvene at 8 a.m. on September 24th in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the continuation of the 2nd reading of the 2016 budget to September 24th at 8 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



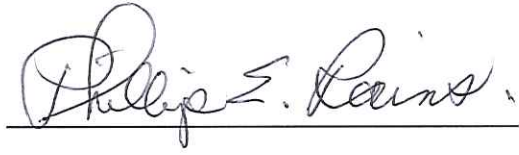
George Stebbins, President



Stacey Donato, Vice President



Phillip Rains

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Grover Bishop

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Brian Reed

Steve Kain

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Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:

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Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor