

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**February 21, 2020**

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Grover Bishop, Mike Stajduhar, Dave Redweik, Tracy Williamson, George Stebbins, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Deputy Auditor Michelle Crain. Bruce Ide and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn was absent.

Mike Stajduhar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence following.

**MEETING MINUTES** – Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS** – Sheriff Department requested an additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$40,000 for housing of inmates.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$40,000, Brian Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk requested an additional appropriation from Fund 1119 in the amount of \$10,429 for new flooring in fourth floor office.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1119 in the amount of \$10,429, Brian Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IT DEPT. PART TIME POSITION** – Cj Gilsinger requested approval for additional budget line item for extra help. Part time position received a positive recommendation at the previous Commissioners meeting. Request for additional appropriation of approximately \$20,000 will be advertised for approval at next meeting.

Grover Bishop made a motion to establish an extra help line item to the IT Budget, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES** – Bridget Enyeart, Fire District #1 Financial Officer, presented a list of transfers out of series for approval. Contract with New Waverly Fire was defaulted on December 13, 2019. As on January 1<sup>st</sup> those positions will be paid out of Fire District #1 budget. Request reflects the need to transfer contractual service line amount to cover payroll, insurance, and fuel.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the transfers out of series as presented, Brian Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECURITY** – Phil Loos appeared before the Commissioners with the 2019 Annual Security Report. Government Building Security Office staff includes one full time Director and four part time officers. Phil reported 748 weapons were intercepted, including knives, pepper spray, multi-purpose tools, and one solar-powered skateboard. Security Officers generated 35 incident reports and Director conducted 69 employment background checks. Officers were recertified in first aid, firearms, and Taser certification. Director attended the National Sheriff's Association Seminar held in Danville and three officers attended annual seminar in Indianapolis.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Christy Householder presented compliance report for Logan Stampings and LSI Metal Fabrication. Requirements of incentive agreement have been fulfilled. Employment requirements have been met and transporting of operation equipment will be finished by the second week of March.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT** – Arin Shaver informed Council of plans to remove the fire damaged motel on Highway 35. Current budget will not support the demolition costs of a structure this size. Arin will advertise for demolition bids of the structure only and report back to the council.

**RES. 20-01 AUTHORIZIING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO JAIL EXPANSION FUND** – George Stebbins made a motion to approve Resolution 20-01 as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOGAN'S LANDING** – Becki Harris appeared before the Council with summary update report. City of Logansport, along with Logan's Landing support, was awarded the Main Street Revitalization Grant of \$600,000. MSR Grant combined with local match would provide approximately \$1,000,000 for eight buildings in the downtown district.

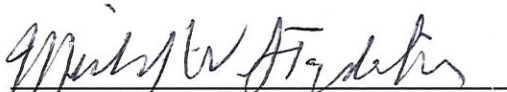
Downtown 2020, will be held at the State Theatre on April 28th. The special event will feature a presentation on current improvements and future projects in the downtown district.

Celebrate Logansport, Strawberry Shortcake Day, will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Heritage Park/Farmer's Market Lot located at the corner of Fourth Street and Market Street.

Becki expressed her gratitude to the Commissioners for the County's continued support of Logan's Landings programs and projects to improve and preserve the downtown district.


**PUBLIC COMMENT-** County Clerk, Beth Liming informed Commissioners of state statute effective 2023, requiring a paper trail system of all voting equipment. Grant monies will be available for the cost to replace equipment to be in compliance with new statute.


**ADJOURNMENT** – George Stebbins made a motion to adjourn, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


  
Mike Stajduhar, President


  
Brian Reed, Vice President

  
Grover Bishop

  
Dave Redweik

  
Bruce Ide

  
George Stebbins

  
Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Acorn, Auditor