

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
July 15, 2022

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Tracy Williamson, Damon Foreman, Dave Redweik, Shawn Shoemaker, Bruce Ide, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Dean Davenport was absent.

Brian Reed opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

MEETING MINUTES – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the regular meeting, special meeting, and executive session minutes as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES –

Superior Court I requested transfer out of series in Fund 1000 from the following line account:

Account Line 11024 to Account Line 22731 in the amount of \$1,000

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Fund 1000 transfer out of series as requested, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Prosecutor requested transfer out of series in Fund 2529 from the following line accounts:

Account Line 23200 to Account Line 47230 in the amount of \$3,956.00

Account Line 32130 to Account Line 47230 in the amount of \$6,274.48

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Fund 2529 transfer out of series as requested, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 SALARY RECOMMENDATION – On behalf of the County Commissioners, Commissioner Ruth Baker recommended a 5% employee salary increase for next year. For the reason of increasing cost of living expenses and rising cost of gasoline and groceries. Increasing pay rate 5% will aid in employee retention.

ORD. 22-06 AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE – President Reed presented Ordinance 22-06 providing the 911 Dispatch Center the ability to retain the current hourly wage of trained dispatch employees from full time to part time extra help position.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-06 Amend Salary Ordinance – 911 Dispatch, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL PLAN – Bakertilly Advisor, Jason Semler distributed copies of a three-year comprehensive financial plan. Jason summarized the estimated cash flow revenues and maximum levy growth factors for the next three years. Plan includes suggested percentages

for allocation of the maximum levy. Comparison of actual and projected operation receipts and disbursement are provided for each tax driven fund. Suggested a minimum of two months of operating costs in the bank at all times.

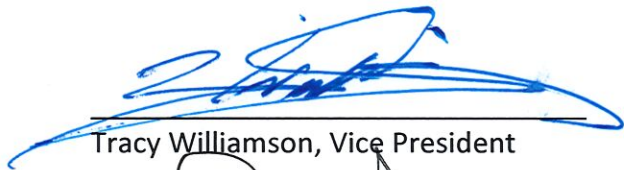
PUBLIC COMMENT- Lora Redweik, 5524 N 600 East, Twelve Mile – The 5-year revenue for the Next Era economic development of approximately \$10 million is that incorporated into the budget? Economic development payments do not constitute as automatic pay raises for county employees and is not a sustainable way to do wages.

President Reed replied the projected budget for next year does not include the economic development revenue. When those revenues become available, they should not factor into salary increases. It would not be a sustainable revenue for payroll.

ADJOURNMENT – Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn, Bruce Ide seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



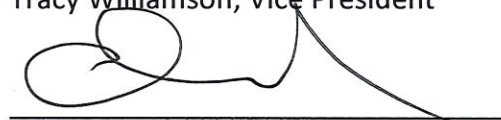
Brian Reed, President



Tracy Williamson, Vice President



Bruce Ide



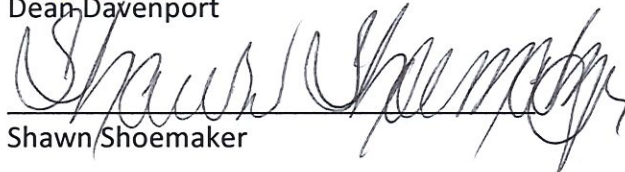
Dave Redweik



Dean Davenport



Damon Foreman



Shawn Shoemaker

ATTEST: 
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor