

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
July 21, 2023

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

Tracy Williamson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence following.

MEETING MINUTES – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve meeting minutes as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

- Christy Householder requested additional appropriation from CEDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$150,000 as incentive for childcare facility located in the county. Incentive is part of Economic Development Agreement with Landmark Daycare to provide funding for building renovations needed to open the facility. Landmark Daycare shall provide 20% discount to county employees in need of daycare, up to 20 children. Economic Development Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Landmark Daycare and will be presented at the next County Commissioners meeting for county approval. Christy noted, this property has been off the tax roll for many years, revitalizing the building will place the property back on the tax roll providing revenue for the county.

Damon Foreman made a motion to approve additional appropriation from CEDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$150,000 as presented, Derek Pullen seconded. Motion carried 4 in favor and 2 abstained. Dave Redweik and Shawn Shoemaker abstained.

JULIAN RIDLEN AIM HIGH PARK – Director Deb Waggoner presented update report of current activities and improvements made at Julian Ridlen AIM High Park. The park contains four softball fields with concession stand and club house with restrooms. Much needed improvements have been made to the park including; two sets of aluminum bleachers, ramp to sidewalk, handicap parking, field marker signs, and large playset donated by Logansport Girls Softball Group with mulch donated by McCord’s Do-It Best.

Fields were play ready in April with tournaments scheduled through first weekend of October. This season we have 21 teams with approximately 268 players. Bringing approximately 900 visitors staying at local hotels and frequenting restaurants within the county. Northern Indiana

USSSA scheduled five tournaments and a State Tournament are scheduled in October. Currently, six tournaments are scheduled for next season with anticipate that will increase due to improvements and future developments of the park. Tournament field usage fees collected will be used for improvements and upkeep of the park.

ORD. 23-07 JULIAN RIDLEN AIM HIGH PARK – Ordinance establishes a Non-Reverting Fund for the collection of park tournament fees.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-07 as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 23-08 RECORDER’S PERPETUATION FUND 2024 – Beth Liming presented for approval Ordinance 23-08 granting Recorder permit to use perpetuation fund for records management expenses for the year 2024.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-08 as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 23-09 AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE - PRETRIAL & COURT SERVICES CASE MANAGER – Hillary Hartoin introduced Ordinance 23-09 establishing salary for new case manager position. Salary for the position is mandated by state probation scale.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-09 as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 23-10 AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE – JAIL MATRON - Sheriff Schroder explained the position of Jail Matron has evolved this year to be compliant to state statute guidelines and responsibilities. State statute entitles the position to same salary as other members of the department with same rank and grade. Ordinance provides Matron salary to be comparable to the salary of Assistant Jail Commander, both positions have similar duties and responsibilities.

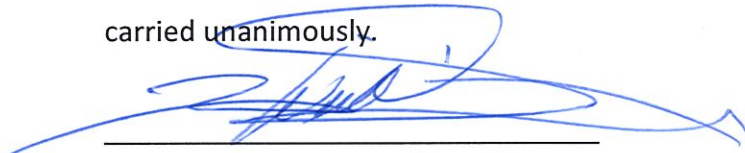
Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-10 as presented. Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 SALARY RECOMMENDATION – On behalf of the County Commissioners, Commissioner Ruth Baker recommended a 5% employee salary increase for next year, due to increasing cost of living expenses and rising cost of gasoline and groceries.

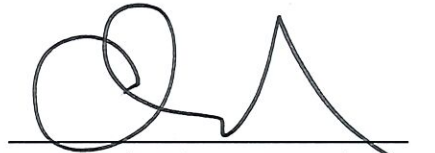
2024 MEETING SCHEDULE – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule as presented, Damon Foreman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Tracy Williamson read aloud thank you note from Shirley Bishop for the personal contributions from Council members to the Boys Scouts of America in honor and memory of Grover Bishop.

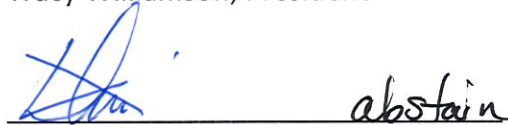
ADJOURNMENT – Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn, Bruce Ide seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Tracy Williamson, President



Dave Redweik, Vice President



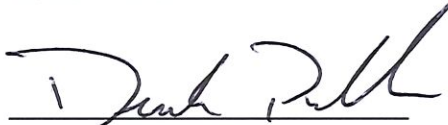
Dean Davenport




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Bruce Ide



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Shawn Shoemaker

ATTEST:



Cheryl Acorn, Auditor