

# CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

## September 15, 2023

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

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

**MEETING MINUTES** – Tracy Williamson noted a correction to be made in Joint Executive Session Minutes, removing Tracy Williamson from the attendance list.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve minutes with the correction presented for; Regular Meeting, Budget Hearing, Public Hearing, and Joint Executive Session Minutes, Derek Pullen seconded. Motion carried unanimously with the following abstaining; Bruce Ide abstained from Public Hearing Meeting minutes due to absence, Tracy Williamson and Dave Redweik abstained from Joint Executive Session minutes due to absence.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – MODIFYING LIT CORRECTIONAL OR REHABILITATION FACILITIES RATE**

Tracy Williamson introduced two proposals; (1) reduce Local Income Tax Rate Economic Development from .2500% to .1500% and increase Local Income Tax Correctional Rate from .2000% to .3000% or (2) increase Local Income Tax Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Rate from .2000% to .3000% as provided by recent legislation IC 6-3.6-6-2.7. The increase will provide financial support for the operations of the county jail.

Council opened the floor to public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

City Councilman Dave Morris requested consideration not to decrease the Local Income Tax Economic Development rate. A portion of the tax revenue is allocated to the City. If this proposal is approved it will begin next January. City budget for next year has received first reading and would need to be adjusted in time for second reading if the tax rate is reduced. This option would place a financial hardship on the city and towns.

Economic Development Director Christy Householder added there are other units within the county besides the City of Logansport that would be affected by the reduction in Local Income Tax Economic Development rate. Those effected would be the towns of; Walton, Galveston, Royal Center, and Onward. Please consider these towns when choosing your proposal option.

**ORD. 2023-11 MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX - CORRECTIONAL OR REHABILITATION FACILITIES RATE** – Bruce Ide made a motion to retain current LIT Tax Rates and reject Ordinance 2023-11, Damon Foreman seconded. Motion carried 6 in favor to 1 opposed. Tracy Williamson opposed.

**ADJOURN** – Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn Public Hearing, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder**

- **Julian Ridlen AIM High Park – Sports Complex Study** – Due to the different time zones between Chicago and Cass County, Johnson Consulting was unable to make the meeting on time. Christy requested the presentation to be rescheduled for next Council meeting.
- **Dykeman Park** – Due to conflict of schedules member of the park renovation committee was not available. Christy gave an overview of the project and presented Resolution 23-03 Dykeman Park Contribution for approval.
- **Res. 23-03 Dykeman Park Contribution** – Christy requested approval of a \$300,000 contribution to the Dykeman Park Renovation Project to be paid over the next three years at \$100,00 per year. Contribution has received a positive recommendation from County Commissioners.

Dave Redweik requested rescheduling a member of the park renovation committee to attend upcoming Council meeting.

Bruce Ide made a motion to table Resolution 23-03 at this time, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

- Appropriation request related to Dykeman Park Renovation Project was not addressed; due to the previous motion to table the Resolution 23-03 Dykeman Park Contribution.
- Richard Brewer requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.020 in the amount of \$12,684 for Vehicle Lease for remainder of the year and purchase of truck topper and pull out tray for equipment.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.020 in the amount of \$12,684 for Weights & Measures, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Council requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.023 in the amount of \$33,000 for the creation of Comprehensive Financial Report.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.023 in the amount of \$33,000, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Sheriff Schroder requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.005 in the amount of \$97,000 for Deputy salary increase.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.005 in the amount of \$97,000, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Cj Gilsinger requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.029 in the amount of \$25,500 for telephone, program maintenance, and overtime.

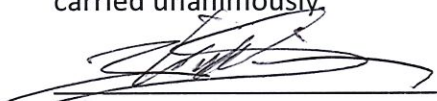
Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.029 in the amount of \$25,500, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

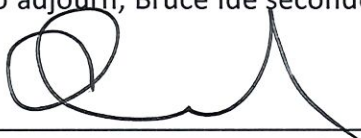
- Destry Richey requested additional appropriation from Election & Registration Fund 1215.214 in the amount of \$9,250 for poll worker training and compensation.

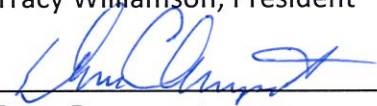
Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Election & Registration Fund 1215-214 in the amount of \$9,250, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Dean Davenport made a motion to adjourn, Bruce Ide seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

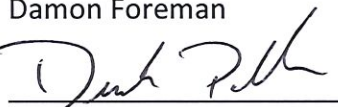
  
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 Tracy Williamson, President

  
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 Dave Redweik, Vice President

  
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 Dean Davenport

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 Damon Foreman

  
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 Bruce Ide

  
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 Derek Pullen

\_\_\_\_\_ *Absent*  
 Shawn Shoemaker

ATTEST:   
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 Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor