

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
November 20, 2020

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

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

MEETING MINUTES – George Stebbins made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 16, 2020 as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Binding Budgets Hearing minutes of October 16, 2020 as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Commissioner Anderson presented request for additional appropriation from CEDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$1,400,000 for countywide broadband project. Anderson explained a portion of \$1,200,000 will be reimbursed by the CARES ACT Relief Grant and the remaining \$200,000 will be funded through the CEDIT Fund.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 9103 in the amount of \$1,400,000, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dana Hildebrand requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$10,765 to replenish the extra help account line for Park & Recreation budget.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1000 in the amount of \$10,765, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners requested additional appropriation from Capital Non-Reverting Fund 2502 in the amount of \$108,112 for legal fees of litigation between Redweik vs County Commissioners.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Capital Non-Reverting Fund 2502, Grover Bishop seconded.

Upon discussion Dave Redweik requested itemized invoice to review before approving appropriation. Tracy Williamson made a motion amending prior motion to include approval of appropriation upon Auditor receiving invoice, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion to amend carried 3 in favor, 2 opposed. George Stebbins and Grover Bishop opposing.

President Stajduhar asked for a vote of amended motion, motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES – Clerk requested transfer out of series in Fund 1215 from the following account:

Account Line 17004.214 to Account Line 22371.214 in the amount of \$7,000

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ord. 20-09 2021 SALARY ORDINANCE – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve 2021 Budget Ordinance as presented, George Stebbins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – President Stajduhar recommended Dave Shepler to serve the remainder of a four year term previously held by Dr. Larry Phipps to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The term will commence upon approval and expire January 1, 2022. George Stebbins made a motion to appoint Dave Shepler to serve remaining term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE PART-TIME POSITION – Richard Gundrum requested approval to establish hourly rate of \$17.00 for a temporary part time maintenance position. Commissioners previously approved the creation of the position with positive recommendation to the Council. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve request of \$17.00 per hour for temporary part time maintenance position, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

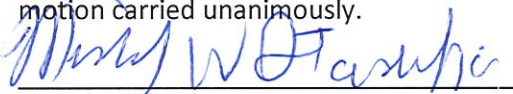
PUBLIC COMMENT - Mercedes Brugh, 1315 E Market Street, Logansport – Citizens Coalition has paid \$50,000 in legal fees compared to \$330,000 the county has paid in legal fees.

Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Concerned the Commissioners have approved payment of legal fees without seeing the bill or the service contract. Commissioners have not done their job, this is outrageous and shame on them.

Where will the broadband fiber project start? Why an urgency for this project? Fiber was one of the incentives to WSP, that's the reason for the urgency.

Are the additional environmental items to be included in the agreement with WSP a binding contract and are they legally responsible to install these items? Jeff Stanton replied items will be included and signed between county and WSP. Stanton asked Lora to direct additional concerns to him by email and he will research them further.

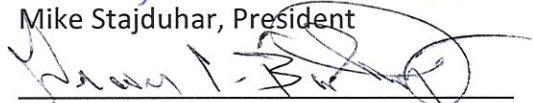
ADJOURNMENT – Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



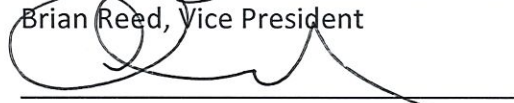
Mike Stajduhar, President



Brian Reed, Vice President



Grover Bishop



Dave Redweik



Bruce Ide



George Stebbins



Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:


Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor