

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

JANUARY 15, 2010

The Cass County Council met January 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

In attendance were Brian Reed, Jeff LeDonne, Brent Kelley, Ralph Anderson, Don Shelhart, Tom Keplar, Attorney John Hillis and Vaneen Ide, Auditor. Absent Chad Gibson. Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

REORGANIZATION

Ralph Anderson turned the meeting over to the Auditor for re-organization. The Auditor called for nominations for President. Ralph Andersons name was presented, there were no others. Brent Kelley made a motion to accept the nomination of Ralph Anderson for President, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Auditor called for nominations for Vice President. Brian Reeds name was presented, there were no others. Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept the nomination of Brian Reed for Vice President, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER

Ralph Anderson the new President of the Cass County Council called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

The Cass County Council made the following appointments.

John Hillis for County Attorney. Tom Keplar made a motion to accept the appointment of John Hillis as County attorney, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

LEFD Board-----Ralph Anderson
Airport Board-----Ralph Anderson
Finance Committee-----Ralph Anderson, Brent Kelley, Don Shelhart
PTOBCA-----Joan Davis

Brian Reed made a motion to accept the appointments as presented, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Steve Easley appeared before the Council in regards to the decision of the Personnel Committee. The salary for Melanee Howard was budgeted at \$21,700. The Personnel Committee gave a positive recommendation to realign that salary. Brian Reed made a motion to accept the change, Tom Keplar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve gave the Council an update on the need for additional CREDIT funds for upcoming projects on 300 S. and Chase Road. Steve will keep the Council updated as to how soon he will need those additional funds.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dave Wegner did not appear. The salary for Randy Rozzi was entered in error for the amount of \$24240 instead of \$25,250. This salary comes from the Indiana Department of corrections Grant. Brian Reed made a motion to change the salary to the correct amount, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Council congratulated Dave as the recipient of the Beacon Award.

UPCOMING DATES

Ralph wanted the Council to be aware of upcoming dates if the Council wants to change or take action. August 2nd Cumulative Bridge needs to be addressed at the July meeting or sooner. The Council is hopeful that the budget will be approved and back to the county in February. This will determine any additional action that the Council will consider. The possibility of the County taking over 6th Street Bridge and Cott Street Bridge after the Hoosier Heartland is completed is very likely and why Cumulative Bridge rate may change. The Council must also decide before October to adopt Local Option Income Tax.

Council President notes that all meetings will operate by modified Roberts Rule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Tom Keplar presented the Counsel with his findings on the Tourism/Visitors Bureau. Tom had requested records from 2004. Minutes from the meetings and budgets. The Council and Commissioners are still working on the contract with the Tourism/Visitors Bureau per request from State Board of Accounts. This entity has not submitted a budget to the Council or appeared before them with their requests. The Council feels that an itemized budget should be presented to them since they are using tax payer monies

Dave Arnold announced to the Council that Lori Forer presented the Commissioners with her resignation as E-911 Director. Dave went on to speak of Lori's twelve years of service to Cass County and the community. Lori has been offered a position with INdigital to work for them and with other dispatch centers across Indiana. The Commissioners wished her the best in her new endeavor. They will begin the search for a new director immediately. The County will announce the date of Lori's farewell party when it has been set.

Tom Keplar made a motion to adjourn, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ralph Anderson, President

Brian Reed, Vice President

Chod Gibson

Don Shelhart

Brent Kelley

Tom Keplar

Jeff LeDome

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor