

## **CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2010**

The Cass County Council met February 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

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

### **MINUTES**

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

### **APPOINTMENT**

No action was taken as the appointment to the Park Board was done in 2009 and the term does not end until 2012.

### **HIGHWAY**

Steve Easley appeared before the Council in regards to an amended salary ordinance for one of his employees. Brian Reed made a motion adopt Ordinance 01-2010, Tom Keplar seconded. The vote was split Chad Gibson, Don Shelhart and Jeff LeDonne voting yes, Brent Kelley, Brian Reed, Tom Keplar and Ralph Anderson voting no. The motion was defeated with a 4/3 vote.

Steve also presented the Council with a transfer of appropriations for \$836.60 this was for a bill from 2009 that was not billed before the end of the year. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the additional, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Sandy Heckard appeared before the Council along with Park Board attorney Tod Groff. There was concern by the Council in regards to the handling of the trees that were removed from the Park. The company that did the work cut the tops of the trees and that was reclaimed for firewood and mulch for trails for the park. The Council was concerned about how the bids were secured. The amount of money paid to the Park for the trees was \$120,300 gross; the Park received \$78,180 net. The Council feels this process needs to be readdressed. The Council felt that the Park may have lost revenue. A county wide forester should be used to address all property owned by the county. This will be discussed at a later date. Dennis Ide a Park board member feels we must be good stewards of our lands.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Dave Wegner appeared before the Council in regards to an amended salary ordinance 02-2010. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the amended salary ordinance, Brent Kelley seconded. This would be retroactive to the beginning of 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

**BIS DIGITAL**

Mike Main appeared before the Council to see if they were still on board for video arraignment for the Court and Sheriff. The Commissioners, County Council and the Courts are all in support of the project. The big issue is funding. The decision has been tabled until the 2010 budget is in place.

**LEDF**

Skip Kuker appeared to present Ordinance 03-2010 to the Cass County Council. This ordinance is for the Economic Development Partnership Agreement Cass County, Indiana, and Logansport-Cass County Economic Development Foundation. Skip talked about the space available to individuals in the county at the LEDF office. Brent Kelley made a motion to sing the Ordinance as presented, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN**

Ralph Anderson commended the offices that reduced their budgets in order to recoup the \$200,000 reduced from the insurance budget. Sand Ford introduced herself to the council; Sandy is filling in as director of E-911 until a new director is chosen

There was no other public comment, Chod Gibson made a motion to adjourn, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Brian Reed, Vice President

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Chod Gibson

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor