

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

APRIL 16, 2010

The Cass County Council met April 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. In attendance were Ralph Anderson, Chod Gibson, Jeff LaDonne, Brian Reed, Brent Kelley, Don Shelhart, Tom Keplar, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Chod Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19th meeting, Tom Keplar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

E-911

Dan McDonald appeared before the Council for them to consider reinstating the frozen full time position at E-911. Dan presented information to the Council in regards to the number of calls received and which shift received the most calls. Chod Gibson made a motion to reinstate the position, Tom Keplar seconded. The vote was 6 for and Ralph Anderson opposed. The motion carried.

AMENDED SALARY ORDINACE

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared and addressed the Council in regards to the salary ordinance passed in the March 19th, 2010 meeting. He did not want it to be retroactive but to begin with the next pay period. A motion was made by Chod Gibson to amend the salary ordinance of March to not be retroactive, Tom Keplar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONALS

Commissioner Dave Arnold appeared to explain the need for an additional amount of \$75,000.00. The monies will be used for the renovation of the former Fastenal building for the Health Department. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the additional, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The CEDIT fund additional requested was for \$48,000.00. These funds will be used to pay for consultants for ongoing road work within the county. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the additional, Chod Gibson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REDUCTION OF GENERAL FUND

The reductions in the General fund were presented and reviewed. The final total of reductions was \$163,503.03. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the reductions, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Ralph Anderson addressed the Council with a request to sign two letters of praise for his twin sons Austin and Aaron of Troop 224 on receiving the status of Eagle Scout. Brent Kelley made a motion to sign the proclamation to honor Austin and Aaron Anderson, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Tom Keplar gave each of the Council members a print out the State statute in regards to compensation and set salaries.

Each member of the Council had an ice scraper set in front of their seat at the beginning of the meeting. Ralph Anderson explained to the Council the symbolism of the ice scrapers. The Indiana Constitution may change after the November election to a 1, 2, 3 property tax cap. This will limit tax dollars within the county and force the county to implement an additional tax.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cj Gilsinger from the I.T. department addressed the Council with an update on the Health Department renovation. He also informed the Council that all offices except France Park were now on the fiber optic network. The I.T. department can now correct problems within an office by remote. Chod Gibson praised Cj and his staff for their hard work.

Dave Arnold invited everyone to visit the newly renovated Health Department.

Jim David was present for today's Council meeting; Jim is running for the position held by current council member Tom Keplar.

There were no more comments, Brian Reed made a motion to adjourn, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Anderson, President

Brian Reed, Vice President

Chod Gibson

Don Shelhart

Brent Kelley

Tom Keplar

Jeff LeDonne

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor