

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

JUNE 18, 2010

The Cass County Council met June 18th in the Commissioners Hearing Room. In attendance were Chod Gibson, Brent Kelley, Ralph Anderson, Brian Reed, Jeff LeDonne, 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

Don Shelhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the May, 21st meeting, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR

Kevin Eryearst appeared before the Council to introduce his new staff member and update the Council on the changes to his staff. Brian Colter will be taking on the duties of child support and juvenile cases. Kelly Gaumer will be moving into the misdemeanor prosecutor position. Lacey Berkshire is the summer intern and she has been very busy appearing in court with the support of prosecutor staff.

ASSESSOR

Judy Lewis appeared to explain to the Council the need for the additional \$11,000.00 for postage for her office. The State of Indiana is requiring the Assessor's office to mail form 11 and form 113 to each taxpayer. This form will be the only way for a taxpayer to appeal their tax bill. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the additional out of Hbst, Don Shelhart seconded. The vote was five in favor and one opposed, the opposed was Brian Reed.

CASS COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Council to explain the additional \$18,000.00 requested by the Adult Probation Dept. from their User Fees. The request is for the purchase of imaging equipment. This equipment will be used to image the records for probation that are in storage. When this is completed the equipment will be moved to the Adult Probation center and then they will begin imaging their files. Chod Gibson made a motion to approve the additional, Tom Keplar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IMAGING

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Council in regards to the request to transfer monies from the Commissioners imaging account to their part-time help account. The imaging vendor quoted a price of \$200.00 dollars a box to image materials. The county can do this for \$50.00 a box with a part-time employee. This will be an estimated savings of \$40,000.00 by doing this in house. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the transfer of monies, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cj gave the Council an update on offsite data storage. Fulton County and Cass County are in the process of working out an inter local agreement for emergency use of equipment. Both counties use the Low system. In the event of a disaster we would be able to retrieve our information at an off-site location and take to Fulton County and use to process payroll and pay vendors. This will meet the requirements set by SBOA.

MAINTENANCE

Pat Hann met with the Personnel Committee in regards to creating a part-time position for his department. Pat had a full time employee retire and instead of replacing with a full time person he decide to create a part-time position. The committee gave their approval. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the new position, Chod Gibson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Pat requested that a line item for part-time payroll be approved. The amount of \$7,000.00 is to be transferred from full-time to part-time. Tom Keplar made the motion to approve the transfer, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET DATES

Cass County President Ralph Anderson set the dates for budget:

August 18th budget workshop beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

1st Reading will be held July 20th after the regular Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

2nd Reading will be held September 17th after the regular Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

LOIT

The Cass County Council has been contemplating the adoption of LOIT (Local Option Income Tax). Brian Reed, Brent Kelley and Ralph Anderson have been working on what will work best for Cass County. Ralph Anderson gave an example of how the LOIT will work with a one dollar bill and two quarters. The LOIT will only affect wages subject to Social Security. John Hillis, county attorney, will work on drawing up a document for the adoption of LOIT. Chod Gibson thanked Ralph, Brent and Brian for all of their hard work and time spent on this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Keplar noted the first discussion about LOIT took place in 2004. Tom also reminded everyone of the State called meeting June 26, 2010 for all Council members. Tom also noted that the Cass Area Transit began receiving a large amount of grant money in 2003.

Penny Troutman from the Cass County Extension office introduced Tamara Ogle to the Council. Tamara is the new Ag Agent for Cass County. Tamara comes from a farm background and is a graduate of Purdue University where she obtained her Master's Degree. She is looking forward to working in and with the residents of Cass County.

Penny took this opportunity to thank the Council for their support of the Extension Office and the support given to the Cass County Fair.

Tom Keplar made a motion to adjourn, Brian Reed 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