

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

JULY 16, 2010

The Cass County Council met July 16th in the Commissioners Hearing Room. In attendance were Ralph Anderson, Chod Gibson, Brian Reed, Tom Keplar, Brent Kelley, Don Shelhart, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide, Jeff LeDonne was absent. Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

The Council members did not receive their minutes in their information packets. They will be approved at the August 20th meeting.

PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Council to have a line item reinstated in their payroll budget (11008 Attorney) and for the approval of the additional in the amount of \$26,664.00 from fund 329. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE

The Ordinance establishing an annual sex or violent offender registration fee was presented. The Cass County Commissioners unanimously passed this Ordinance at their July 6th meeting. Brian Reed made a motion to accept the Ordinance as presented, Chod Gibson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONALS

Linda Lantz appeared on behalf of the Historical Society. The sum of \$4,468.11 was requested. The Council reduced the Historical Society's budget in 2009. The Council told them they could come back and request the funds if needed. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the additional from the Host fund, Chod Gibson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Council in regards to the additional requested for \$13,904.00. This additional is for the replacement of a wrecked vehicle. This additional is to come from Capitol. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the additional from Capitol, Don Shelhart seconded. This amount must be submitted and approved by the DLGF. The motion carried unanimously.

Stan Williams from Planning was to appear to address the additional he was requesting. He was not present. Brian Reed made a motion to table this item. Word came that Stan was in the parking lot and on his way. Brian Reed withdrew his motion.

Stan appeared and informed the Council why this money was being requested. This sum had been requested last year, but not used and could not be encumbered. The planning department needed to request the additional again. The

amount requested is \$5,556.00. This money is for the grant involving the Memorial Home. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the money from Host, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor's office had a request for an additional \$600.00 for book upkeep to be approved from fund 295. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the request, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ralph Anderson announced the dates for the budget hearings for 2011. There will be a workshop held on August 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room. August 20th at 9:00 a.m. after the regular Council meeting and the first reading of the budget will follow. September 17th at 9:00 a.m. after the regular Council meeting the final budget will be read and approved. All non-binding budgets will be approved on September 17th also.

August 2nd the Council will meet in regards to the Cumulative Bidge Fund. This will be a public hearing. The Council will vote to increase the Cumulative Bidge rate from .0247 to .0366.

Tom Keplar made the comment that in order for the County to become compliant and meet the State requirements that the Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer files talk to each other cost the County an additional \$6,000.00

Ralph Anderson also mentioned the loss of over 300 jobs at the State Hospital located in Cass County. Ralph also mentioned that this was just one negative. He cited all of the positives that have occurred lately in the community; the new IVY Tech, Tiine University and the Hoosier Heartland. Logansport has only one direction and that is up.

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 LeDome

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor