

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

MARCH 19, 2010

The Cass County Commissioners and the Cass County Council held a joint executive session on March 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present were Commissioners Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors and Gene Powlen. The following Council members were present Brent Kelley, Chod Gibson, Tom Keplar, Jeff LeDonne, Ralph Anderson and Don Shelhart. Attorneys John Hillis, Wayne Uhl and Sheriff Gene Isaacs. Pending litigation was discussed.

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The Cass County Council met March 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. In attendance were Brent Kelly, Jeff LeDonne, Chod Gibson, Ralph Anderson, Tom Keplar and 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

Chod Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19th meeting, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Don Shelhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5th budget reduction meeting, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dave Wegner appeared before the Council with three requests. The first to establish an account in the 363 fund for Conference and Seminars-35702. The second to hire a part-time case manager for the work release facility at \$15.30 per hour. The third to request permission to hire more part-time correctional officers. All requests will be funded through grant monies. Tom Keplar made a motion to approve the requests, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Gene Isaacs and Dale Campbell appeared and presented their proposal for restructure of pay for the jail staff. This was heard at the Commissioners meeting and given a positive recommendation. This information was also presented to the Personnel Committee and they also gave a favorable recommendation. Chod Gibson made a motion to have this proposal presented at the 2011 budget hearing. The motion died for lack of a seconded. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the restructuring, Tom Keplar seconded. The motion passed with a vote of five in favor and one opposed vote from Ralph Anderson. This will be presented as an amended salary ordinance at the next Council meeting April 16th and will be retroactive from today's date of March 19th 2010.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Ein Shaver from the Planning Department appeared before the Council in regards to the advertised additional appropriation of \$9,989.00 that was requested. President Ralph Anderson was unsure as to why it was advertised as an additional since this was a non reverting fund. Don Shelhart made a motion to approve the additional, Tom Keplar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ein reported that this money is used to clean up properties. To date there have been eight cases, all but one has been cleaned up without the use of these funds.

Lisa Swaim Deputy Prosecutor appeared in regards to the advertised additional appropriation of \$21,500.00 for the Prosecutor's office Chod Gibson made a motion to approve the additional as presented, Don Shelhart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No one was present to represent the LCC in their request for the advertised additional appropriation of \$28,000.00 Chod Gibson made a motion to approve the request, Brent Kelley second the motion carried unanimously.

Dan McDonald and Sandy Ford appeared for E-911 dispatch in regards to the request for additional of \$170,000.00 for the dispatch center. This is money requested that was omitted from the Commissioners budget. These are funds that are part of the inter local agreement between the city and the county and used to offset operating costs. The city budgeted \$100,000.00 and Council President Ralph Anderson presented an option of the county also providing \$100,000.00 at this time instead of the advertised amount of \$170,000.00. Chod Gibson made a motion to allow \$100,000.00 at this time, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Another motion was then made by Chod Gibson to release \$50,000.00 now and the remaining in June if needed, Tom Keplar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Grover Bishop was introduced to the Council. Mr. Bishop is running for the second district County Council seat. There were no other comments. Chod Gibson made a motion to adjourn , Don Shelhart 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