

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

JANUARY 15, 2016

The Cass Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were George Stebbins, Tracy Williamson, Stacey Donato, Brian Reed, Phil Rains, Steve Kain, Attorney Jeff Stanton, Auditor Vaneen Ide. Absent was Grover Bishop.

George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

RE-ORGANIZATION

George Stebbins turned the meeting over to Auditor Vaneen Ide. Auditor Ide requested a motion be made for President of the Cass County Council. Phil Rains made a motion that the same slate of officers be retained, George Stebbins as President and Stacey Donato as Vice President, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Council with a request for additional funds to house female inmates out of the county. After a brief discussion, Tracy Williamson made a motion to advertise an additional appropriation from the Public Safety Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 to house out of county female inmates, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Council President George Stebbins requested that appointments be placed on the February agenda. This will give the Council adequate time to seek individuals for appointment or re-appointment.

SALARIES

Amended salary ordinances were presented to the Council. The salaries of Steven Kitts, Brian Colter and Joseph Thieke were figured using the 2.6% increase, when they should have received the \$3,000.00 increase. Brian Reed made a motion to correct the salaries to reflect the \$3,000.00 increase, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously. These will be amended salary ordinance amendments 2016-02, 2016-04 and 2016-05.

An amended salary ordinance for the pay for the Assessor's first deputy was presented to the Council. Brian Reed made a motion to allow the \$2,000.00 be given to the Assessor's office to be used as the Assessor sees fit, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This is amended salary ordinance 2016-01.

An amended salary ordinance for Superior Court I for Cindy Coe was presented. The request was to lower the pay by \$50.00. There was discussion and the \$50.00 difference was created by longevity. Brian Reed made a motion that the pay will remain as approved in the original salary ordinance and will not be lowered, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This is amended salary ordinance 2016-03.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Councilwoman Stacey Donato will soon be a grandmother. George Stebbins welcomed new county attorney Jeff Stanton. There were no other public comments.

The Cass County Council will meet again next Friday, January 22, in the Commissioner Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m. to address the cuts that must be made to the county budget.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to adjourn, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George L. Stebbins

George Stebbins, President

Stacey Donato

Stacey Donato, Vice President

Phillip E. Rains

Phillip Rains

Steven M. Kain

Steve Kain

Grover C. Bishop

Grover Bishop

Tracy Williamson

Tracy Williamson

Brian Reed

Brian Reed

ATTEST: Vaneen M. Ide

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor

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