

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2016**

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

Council President George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. The recording system was not recording at this time. The computer was shut down and started again, the recording system started after this procedure.

BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR COUNTY GENERAL

Steve Kain made a suggestion to move budgeted items to the Rainy Day Fund to address the reduction to County General Fund. Commissioner Ralph Anderson addressed the Council in regards to the budget cuts. There was discussion.

Brian Reed made a motion to move the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$713,904.00 and Court House Security budget in the amount of \$25,000.00, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried with 5 yea votes and one nay from George Stebbins.

The amount advertised was the amount that needed to be cut from the County General budget in the amount of \$739,501.00. Another additional appropriation will need to be advertised for the next Council meeting to cover the remaining Court House Security Budget in the amount of \$54,154.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADJOURN

There were no public comments. Brian Reed made a motion to adjourn, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George A. Stebbins

George Stebbins, President

Stacey A. Donato

Stacey Donato, Vice President

Phillip E. Rains

Phillip Rains

Steven M. Kain

Steve Kain

Grover Bishop

Tracy Williamson

Tracy Williamson

Brian Reed

Brian Reed

ATTEST:

Vaneen M. Ide

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor