

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
March 16, 2018

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Mike Stajduhar, George Stebbins, Tracy Williamson, Grover Bishop, Stacey Donato, Attorney Jeff Stanton, Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Phil Rains was absent.

George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES - Brian Reed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JDAI GRANT - Judge Burns informed the Council the JDAI program is entering a new grant cycle and proposed an option to increase the part time field officer position to a full time position. The position is funded in partnership with Community Corrections and would propose Cass County to be included in the partnership providing full time employee benefits for the position. Judge Burns will seek Council's approval of position salary at a later date.

George Stebbins stated full time salary will need to reflect amount of \$23,500 as set in the Salary Ordinance for beginning positions, unless the individual is a current employee with the county and moves into the position.

PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD – Sheryl Pherson requested an additional appropriation for increasing public defender costs. Sheryl explained the rising number of level 6 felony cases have resulted in heavy caseloads. To stay in compliance for state reimbursement we must keep within their guideline numbers of cases per public defender.

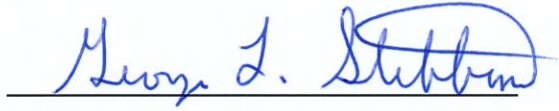
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Commissioners requested additional appropriations from CREDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$2,317.50 contracted pay increase for CCED Director. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 9103 in the amount of \$2,317.50, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Defender Board requested an additional appropriation from Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$58,180.84 state reimbursement 4th quarter 2017. Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$58,180.84, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Defender Board requested an additional appropriation from Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$24,000.00 for public defender costs. Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$24,000.00, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Brian Reed thanked Auditor Cheryl Alcorn for her efforts in recovering \$21,004.41 of unclaimed property through the Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division, Indiana Unclaimed.

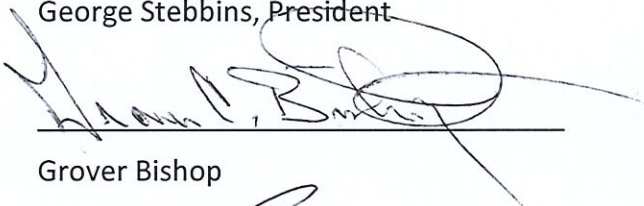
ADJOURNMENT – Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



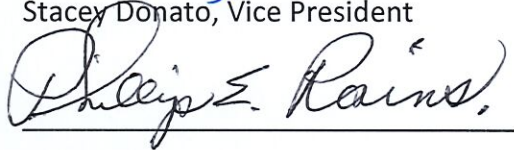
George Stebbins, President



Stacey Donato, Vice President



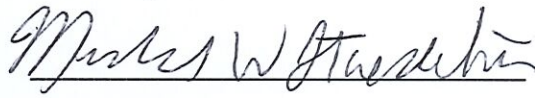
Grover Bishop



Phillip Rains



Brian Reed



Michael Stajduhar



Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:



Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor