

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

MARCH 18, 2016

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

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

MINUTES

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Beth Liming, Clerk of the Courts, requested an additional appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund, 1119, for contractual services for the upkeep of record books. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the request of \$3,000.00 for the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund for the upkeep of record books, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Prosecutor's office represented by Noah Schafer and Debbie Sheets requested an additional appropriation for the Prosecutor's Pre Trial Diversion Fund, 2529, for the following accounts: Personal Services \$25,500.00, Supplies \$1,000.00, Contractual Services \$6,000.00 and Capitol Outlays \$11,000.00. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the request for the Prosecutor's Pre Trial Diversion Fund, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DITCH LOAN

The Cass County Drainage Board presented paperwork for a proposed loan for the improvements to the Charles Wilson Drain Reconstruction #1 and #2. The loan amounts are up to \$526,000.00 for Charles Wilson #1 and \$158,540.00 for Charles Wilson #2. The loan rate will be 4.14% fixed for the full term of the loan. The loan is through Logansport Savings Bank. Phil Rains made a motion to approve the loan and terms for the improvements to Charles Wilson #1 and Charles Wilson #2, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This is Resolution 2016-01.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Jeff Smith, Highway Supervisor informed the Council, that he was not sure how much money the County would receive for road repairs from the State. The county road review showed that 330 miles of road need repair, the budget right now only allows for 100 miles of road repair.

Mr. Allen Hanna who resides at 4937 N. 200 W., Logansport, IN appeared before the Council and expressed his opinion in regards to the Sheriff pension being changed from 10 years of service to 8 years of service. Mr. Hanna does not believe it should be changed.

Councilman Steve Kain responded to Mr. Hanna and gave a brief explanation of the reasons behind 10 years and the proposed 8 years.

Sheriff Randy Pryor also responded to Mr. Hanna and gave his reasons for the proposed change.

Mr. Dale Hall who resides at 2127 Capitol Avenue, Logansport, IN appeared before the Council and expresses his concern for the trash being dumped on the South River Road. Councilman Tracy Williamson addressed this concern as he has had constituents call in regards to this matter. Jeff Smith, Highway Supervisor also responded and has had his employees gather trash along the road and is working in conjunction with the Sheriff's department to locate the offenders.

Mr. Dale Hall who resides at 2127 Capitol Avenue, Logansport, IN also presented his complaint about the drainage and mosquitos and lack of concern for the area known as "White City". Mr. Hall has

been to the City and Commissioners with his concern and if nothing happens soon, he will take this to Channel 6 news.

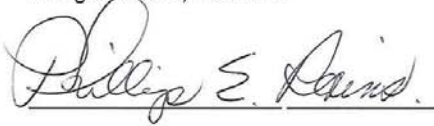
There were no additional comments. Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



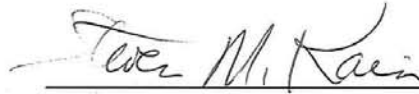
George Stebbins, President



Stacey Donato, Vice President



Phillip Rains



Steve Kain



Grover Bishop



Tracy Williamson



Brian Reed

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor