

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 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, Brian Reed, Steve Kain, Phil Rains, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Vaneen Ide.

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, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ABATEMENT

Christy Householder was unavailable to present the tax abatement for SUS, due to a death in the family. Randall Martin from SUS appeared before the Council and Council President George Stebbins presented the information to the Council. SUS is requesting abatement for additional equipment totaling \$500,000.00 for their facility. SUS currently employs 83 with salaries at \$2,500,000.00 This will be a standard four year abatement of 100% the first year, 75% second year, 50% third year and 25% the fourth year. Resolution 2016-2 was also presented to the Council for their review. Steve Kain made a motion to approve the four year abatement, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT

The Logansport Library board had a member, Ed Smith resign. George Stebbins presented the name of Patrick Daily to the Council for consideration. Phil Rains made a motion to approve the appointment of Patrick Daily to the Logansport Library board, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Leo Burns addressed the Council in regards to a grant he is seeking from the JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Incentive). The money will be used for a JDAI coordinator. Judge Burns realizes that when the grant money is no longer available, the position will no longer exist. The Council took no action.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Candy Heath from the Auditor's office presented to the Council a behind scenes of how a budget is developed. The Council thanked Candy for the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Tim Cowell, who resides at 6637 E. State Road 16, Twelve Mile, appeared before the Council. Tim appeared on behalf of the Twelve Mile Fire Department. Tim is requesting assistance from the Council to help fund a newer fire truck with Public Safety funds.

The Twelve Mile Fire Department will be placed on the May agenda.

Jeff Smith, Highway Superintendent, appeared and told the Council he is hoping that the monies received by the State of Indiana for road funding will be enough to take care of the 300 miles of road that need to be repaired. We currently have enough funding to repair 100 miles of road.

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

George L. Stebbins

George Stebbins, President

Stacey Donato

Stacey Donato, Vice President

Phillip E. Rains

Phillip Rains

Steve M. Kain

Steve Kain

Grover Bishop

Tracy Williamson

Tracy Williamson

Brian Reed

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ATTEST: Vaneen M. Ide

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor