

## CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

June 16, 2017

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

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.

**2018 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE** – George Stebbins presented the proposed 2018 meeting schedule with suggestion to change December 7<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>. Brian Reed made a motion to approve 2018 Council Meeting Schedule with adjusted December 14<sup>th</sup> date, Steve Kain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE** – George Stebbins presented the proposed budget hearing schedule with suggestion to change the time from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the budget workshop. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Schedule amending the budget workshop time to 9:00 a.m., Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROPRIATIONS** – Public Defender Board requested an additional appropriation from the Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$50,058.17 for contractual services. Grover Bishop made a motion to approval additional appropriation of \$50,058.17 Public Safety Fund 1170, Steve Kain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IT Department/Data Processing requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$9,274.00 for Personal Services. Brian Reed made a motion to approve additional appropriation of \$9,274.00 General Fund 1000 for Personal Services, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk requested additional appropriation from the Clerk Perpetuation Fund 1119 in the amount of \$3,633.20 for equipment. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve additional appropriation of \$3,633.20 for the Clerk Perpetuation Fund 1119, Steve Kain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSFER** – George Stebbins asked for consideration of fund transfer from General Fund 1000 to Rainy Day Fund 1186 in the amount of \$700,000.00. Brian Reed made a motion to approve transfer \$700,000.00 from General Fund 1000 to Rainy Day Fund 1186, Steve Kain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ABATEMENTS** – Christy Householder, Economic Development Director, presented the following companies compliance documents for continued abatement 2017/payable 2018. George Stebbins

informed the Council all documents have been reviewed by Economic Development Director, County Assessor, County Auditor, Council George Stebbins and Council Stacey Donato. All companies were found to be in compliance.

B & T Grinding, LLC  
Left Bank Properties, LLC  
Maple Grove Distributing  
MH Eby, Inc.  
MT Fabricating, Inc.  
Standard Fusee/Orion Safety Products  
SUS Cast Products, Inc.  
The Anderson's Agriculture Group, LP  
The Anderson's Clymers Ethanol, LLC

Upon review, Council agreed all companies to be in compliance for continued tax abatement. Brian Reed made a motion to allow the abatements to continue for all companies presented, Steve Kain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ISETS AUDIT** – Clerk Beth Liming and Consultant Jeff Dossett gave an update of the ISETS Audit for 2015 and 2016. Beth requested approval to allow Dossett to review the ISETS Audit from April 2015 through October 2016 with the purpose to claim missed reimbursements to the county. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve request allowing Dossett Consulting to review ISETS 2015 Audit, Steve Kain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF – LEGAL COUNCIL REPLACEMENT** – Sheriff Randy Pryor informed the Council of the passing of Howard Williams creating a vacancy for legal council position. This position is paid with Commissary Funds. Randy requested approval to fill the vacant position. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request to fill vacant legal council position to be paid from Commissary Funds, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor informed the Council the influx number of inmates has created a housing problem for the jail. Inmate housing will need to be provided in other counties where available. The average cost for inmate housing is \$35.00 per day. Sheriff Pryor requested Council consideration to appropriate \$30,000 to cover the cost of inmate housing. Brian Reed made a motion to advertise the appropriation of \$30,000.00 General Fund 1000/Public Safety Fund 1170 to be approved at next council meeting, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor introduced new hire Deputy Chris Jones. Deputy Jones informed the Council he will leave on June 26<sup>th</sup> for Law Enforcement Academy and graduate on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PROSECUTOR** – Lisa Swaim appeared before the Council requesting permission to hire a new position for the Adult Protection Services (APS). The full time case manager position will be funded through the APS Grant, with county benefits. Also, requested approval to purchase two vehicles with APS Grant Funds.

Prosecutor Swaim requested approval to fill a full time victim advocacy position that will soon be left vacant by retiring employee, Mary Fox. The request included the approval to hire a part-time person to train for the position. Budget has available funds for training hours in extra help account.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve requests presented by Prosecutor Swaim, Brian Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2017-03 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION** – Resolution will be addressed at next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Ralph Anderson announced the upcoming Civic Players production of the musical Mame at the McHale Auditorium, June 16, 17 & 23, 24 at 7:30 p.m. and June 18 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00

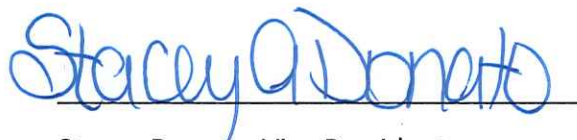
Sheriff Pryor informed Council the cost of housing fees will be increasing. An increase of \$55.00 per day is projected.

Grover Bishop encouraged everyone to participate in the Grissom Airforce Reserve Base Survey. Survey will provide information necessary for the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The JLUS will identify means of promoting land use, urban growth, and economic development that is compatible with the mission of the 434th Air Refueling Wing (434 ARW) stationed at Grissom Airforce Reserve Base. Survey can be found on line at [www.grissom-jlus.org](http://www.grissom-jlus.org) or on Cass County website; [www.co.cass.in.us](http://www.co.cass.in.us) under Resources.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Steve Kain made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



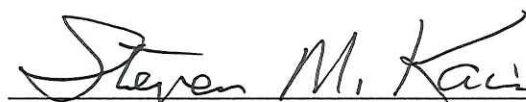
George Stebbins, President



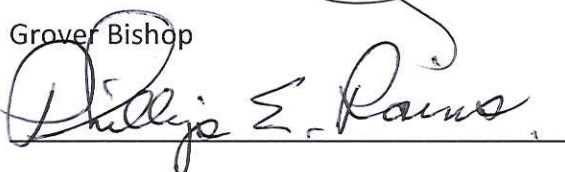
Stacey Donato, Vice President



Grover Bishop



Steve Kain




Phillip Rains



Brian Reed



Chuck LaDow

ATTEST:   
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor