

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL  
October 20, 2017

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

George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES** - Brian Reed made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion passed with Stacey Donato abstaining.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2018 Cass County Budget Hearing minutes as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PENSION DROP PROGRAM** – Sheriff Randy Pryor informed council of Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Benefit Accumulation Plan Amendment. DROP Amendment, prepared by McCreedy and Keene, is necessary to comply with the requirements of the Indiana Code. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the DROP Amendment as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor requested consideration to create a Non-Reverting Fund for donations received to the Sheriff's Department. County Attorney will contact state board of accounts as to the proper steps to establish such a fund.

**INDIAN CREEK DRAINAGE DITCH PROJECT** – Ralph Anderson requested approval of Ordinance 2017- 10 Indian Creek Ditch Reconstruction. The project includes four counties; Pulaski, White, Fulton, and Cass County Surveyor will serve as the ex-officio member to the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board consisting of the following counties; Pulaski, White, Cass, Fulton, and Marshall. Tax assessments to be collected, held and distributed by Cass County on behalf of the Joint Board. Estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000.00 to be financed and owners of land to be assessed can pay installments over a five year period. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-10 Indian Creek Ditch Reconstruction, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORD. 2017-04 COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICTS** – Indiana Legislature requires County Councils to establish districts from which Council will be elected to represent the constituents from said district. Brian Reed made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-04 Council Election Districts continuing the current four established distinct districts and three at large, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORD. 17-05 EMPLOYEE SALARY COMPENSATION 2017** – Grover Bishop made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-05 providing a one-time \$500 gross pay increase for calendar year 2017 to full time employees, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES** - Security requested transfer out of series from the following account:

Account Line 18001 to Account Line 32620 in the amount of \$162.20

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer requested transfer out of series from the following account:

Account Line 22360 to Account Line 32521 in the amount of \$538

After discussion and review a suggestion to transfer funds from the following accounts were considered:

Account Line 22360 to Account Line 32521 in the amount of \$885

Account Line 18001 to Account Line 32521 in the amount of \$653

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as discussed and reviewed, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Superior Court 1 requested transfer out of series from the following account:

Account Line 11021 to Account Line 32633 in the amount of \$1462.50

Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, Phil Rains seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROPRIATIONS** – Security requested an additional appropriation from General Fund in the amount of \$1,000 for extra help. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve additional appropriation of \$1,000 for extra help, Phil Rains seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council requested an additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$142,416 for 2017 pay increase. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve additional appropriation of \$142,416 for 2017 pay increase, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Prosecutor requested for Pre Trial Diversion Fund 2529 for the following accounts: Personal Services \$27,500.00, Supplies \$3,500.00, and Capital Outlays \$6,000.00. Phil Rains made a motion to approval the Prosecutor's Pre Trial Diversion Fund appropriation for \$37,000.00, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORD. 2017-06 2018 BUDGET** - Brian Reed made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-06 2018 Budget, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2018 SALARY AMENDMENTS** – Three salary amendments were presented for approval. The salary of Sheriff was figured using the flat \$600 pay increase, said position pay is set by the state and recommended by Sheriff to reflect a 2% increase above the deputy pay. Salary Amendment Ordinance 2017-07 request additional \$420 to Sheriff Salary Line Account.

Sergeant Deputy salaries did not reflect the years of service increase, Salary Amendment Ordinance 2017-08 request additional \$3,782 to Sergeant Deputy Salary Line Account.

Deputy salaries did not reflect the years of service increase, Salary Amendment Ordinance 2017-09 request additional \$21,571 to Deputy Salary Line Account.

Stacey Donato made a motion to approval Salary Ordinance Amendment 2017-07, 2017-08, 2017-09 as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Ralph Anderson announced the upcoming Civic Players production of "Noises Off!" at McHale Performing Arts Center on October 20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. and October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. tickets are \$10. County HR Manager, Jeremy Hall, will be performing in the production.

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



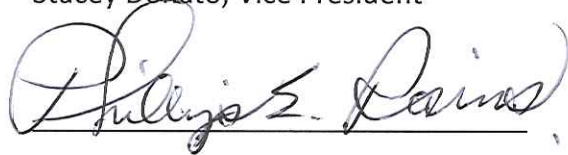
George Stebbins, President



Stacey Donato, Vice President



Grover Bishop



Phillip Rains



Brian Reed



Michael Stajduhar



Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:



Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor