

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
November 17, 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, Tracy Williamson, Grover Bishop, Attorney Jeff Stanton, Auditor Cheryl Alcorn.

George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION - George Stebbins introduced new councilman Tracy Williamson. Tracy is filling vacant position left by resigning Councilman Chuck LaDow. Tracy is returning from last term as councilman at large.

MINUTES - Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion passed with Tracy Williamson abstaining.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2018 Binding Budget Hearing minutes as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion passed with Tracy Williamson abstaining.

RES. 2017-04 INDIAN CREEK JOINT DRAINAGE DITCH – SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve Commissioner Ralph Anderson as signatory on behalf of Cass County Council for any financial documentation necessary for the loan of the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Ditch Project, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES -

Superior Court I requested transfer out of series from the following accounts:

Account Line 11021 to Account Line 22371 in the amount of \$1000.00

Account Line 11021 to Account Line 32620 in the amount of \$1500.00

Account Line 32662 to Account Line 32410 in the amount of \$400.00

Account Line 32662 to Account Line 22371 in the amount of \$100.00

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

County Extension requested transfer out of series from the following accounts:

Account Line 32662 to Account Line 22360 in the amount of \$314.58

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

Treasurer requested transfer out of series from the following account:

Account Line 32521 to Account Line 22360 in the amount of \$565.00

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

Jail requested transfer out of series from the following account:

Account Line 32639 to Account Line 23310 in the amount of \$30,000.00

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, Stacy Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 2017-11 SHERIFF NON-REVERTING FUND - Grover Bishop made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-11 establishing a non-reverting fund for donations and/or monies bequest to the care of K-9 units, Phil Rains seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL – Sheriff Pryor addressed the council with concerns regarding overcrowding of inmates. The increasing number of inmates will continue to rise as result of the recent passed Indiana House Bill 1006. Sheriff Pryor requested additional funds to hire extra correctional officers to handle the increasing jail population. Staffing analysis suggest seven additional correctional officers are needed to serve the current jail population. Sheriff Pryor shared concerns regarding the low retention of officers, due to low wages compared to neighboring counties.

Commissioner Jim Sailors informed council the request for additional correctional officers will be addressed at next week’s Commissioner Meeting.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the use of funds for three additional full-time correctional officers for the remainder of 2017, contingent upon commissioners approval, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORIAL HOME – Logansport/Cass County Memorial Center Board requested matching fund support from the county to reapply for the CDBG grant for renovation of the Memorial Home. Brian Reed made a motion for approval to decline the County’s financial support of matching

funds for the CDBG grant application at this time, Stacy Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Lynn Korniak gave a report of the Purdue Extension Cass County Annual Meeting held November 9th at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Among those in attendance were County Councilman Mike Stajduhar and County Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Lynn distributed printed annual report to each council member.

Jim Sailors addressed a concern regarding the 2017 employee bonus pay for full time positions. The Planning Department staff salaries are split between County and City, and were considered as part time positions. Council recommended an ordinance amendment for consideration at next Council Meeting to include Planning Department staff to receive bonus pay.

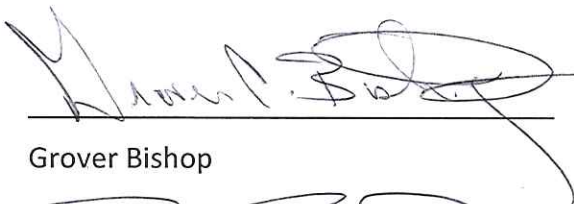
ADJOURNMENT - Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



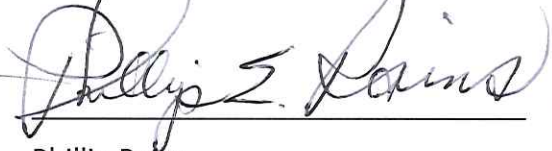
George Stebbins, President



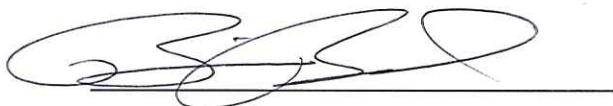
Stacey Donato, Vice President



Grover Bishop



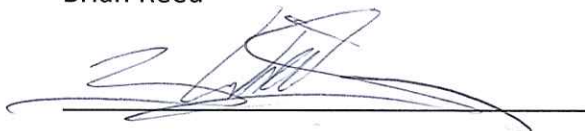
Phillip Rains



Brian Reed



Michael Stajduhar



Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:



Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor