

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
March 19, 2021

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Grover Bishop, Damon Foreman, Dave Redweik, Tracy Williamson, Dean Davenport, Bruce Ide, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn.

Brian Reed opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence following.

MEETING MINUTES – Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the regular and executive meeting minutes as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 21-01 ESTABLISHING COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Brian Reed introduce for approval Ordinance 2021-01 creating a new county department for Court and Pretrial Services.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01 as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 21-01 TRANSFER FUNDS TO JAG/BYRNE GRANT – Brian Reed introduced Resolution 2021-01 transferring county matching grant funds from General Fund to JAG/Byrne Grant Fund in the amount of \$23,882. Cheryl Alcorn explained this is directed by the State Board of Accounts transferring county matching portion to the grant fund within the financial system for auditing purposes.

Grover made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 as presented, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

Noah Schafer requested additional appropriation from JAG/Byrne Grant Fund 8110 in the amount of \$23,882 for the county's matching portion of deputy prosecutor attorney salary.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 8110 in the amount of \$23,882, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Noah Schafer requested additional appropriation from Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 2529 in the amount of \$21,100.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2529 in the amount of \$21,100, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Arin Shaver requested additional appropriation in the amount of \$31,000 for demolition costs of the Country View Motel condemned from fire damage.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Planning Non-Reverting Fund 2520 in the amount of \$31,000, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Arin Shaver requested additional appropriation from Planning Non-reverting Fund 2520 in the amount of \$5,000 for legal fees.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2520 in the amount of \$5,000 for legal fees, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

George Franklin requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$10,000 for autopsy fees. An increase in suspicious or criminal cause of deaths attribute to additional autopsies preformed.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1000 in the amount of \$10,000, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith requested additional appropriation from MVH Fund 1176 in the amount of \$250,000 and from LRS Fund 1169 in the amount of \$100,000 for bituminous material and contractual services for underground fuel tank removal.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1176 in the amount of \$250,000 and from Fund 1169 in the amount of \$100,000, Dave Reweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hillary Hartion requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$59,782 to establish budget for new department, Court & Pretrial Services.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1000 in the amount of \$59,782, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Wegner requested additional appropriation from Community Transition Program Fund 1123 in the amount of \$170,000 for purchase of Intercept Body Scanner.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1123 in the amount of \$170,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council requested additional appropriation from Capital Non-Reverting Fund 2502 in the amount of \$21,788 for litigation fee of Redweik vs County Council.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2502 in the amount of \$21,788, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried 6 in favor; 1 opposed. Dave Redweik opposed.

Commissioners requested additional appropriation from Capital Non-Reverting Fund 2502 in the amount of \$67,996 for litigation fee of Redweik vs County Commissioners.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2502 in the amount of \$67,996, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried 6 in favor; 1 opposed. Dave Redweik opposed.

RES. 21-02 SUS CAST PRODUCTS – TAX ABATEMENT – Christy Householder presented SUS Cast Products tax abatement request for new equipment totaling \$200,000. SUS currently employs 92 with salaries at \$2,916,000. This will be a four (4) year personal property abatement of 100% the first year, 75% second year, 50% third year, and 25% fourth year. Resolution 2021-02 SUS Casting Products – Tax Abatement was presented to the Council for approval.

Randy Martin, Financial Officer with SUS Cast Products describe the function and purpose of the Horizontal Turning Center. SUS will have more capabilities and attract additional business with the purchase of this new equipment.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve four (4) year abatement request as presented for SUS Cast Products, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EXTENSION OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT – Lynn Korniak distributed 2020 Impact Report booklets to Commissioners. Lynn highlighted from the report the programs offered by the Purdue Extension Office and the positive impact to Indiana residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY – Brian Reed presented and requested approval to adopt the public comment policy with revisions presented at last meeting. Jeff Stanton added this is the same policy the Commissioners established for the county as a whole and same policy that Public Access Counselor, Luke Britt approved. This policy has been tailored to reference the Council instead of Commissioners.

Dean Davenport made a motion to approve Public Comment Policy removing item #1 and remove verbage in item #2 'before the meeting commences', Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 21-03 LOGANSPOET EDC APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 recommending Damon Foreman to serve on the Logansport Economic Development Commission, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile - Did council approve the services of ICE Miller for litigation? Jeff Stanton replied the council approved the services of ICE Miller and in some situations the county attorney is allowed to secure legal representation.

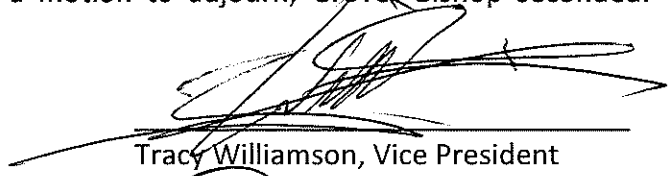
Susan Jarrell, 2405 Hastye Hyll, Logansport – Thanked the Council for revising the Public Comment Policy and suggested the Commissioners do the same for consistency.

Jane Horner, Cass County Visitors Bureau - Visitors Bureau is currently finalizing the job description for position of Director left vacant upon the recent passing of Toni Savini. Bureau hopes to have the part time position filled by May.

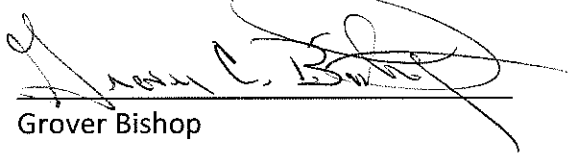
ADJOURNMENT – Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Brian Reed, President



Tracy Williamson, Vice President



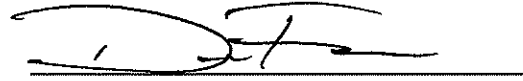
Grover Bishop



Dave Redweik

_____ *Absent*

Dean Davenport



Damon Foreman

_____ *Absent*

Bruce Ide

ATTEST:


Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor