

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
May 17, 2019

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Stacey Donato, Mike Stajduhar, Dave Redweik, Tracy Williamson, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Grover Bishop was absent.

Mike Stajduhar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

MEETING MINUTES – Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERIOR COURT II – Honorable Judge Maughmer informed Council of an upcoming vacancy in Superior Court II. Senior Court Reporter will be retiring after 33 years of service. Maughmer requested council's thoughts on rate of paid to reflex current salary, not by salary ordinance rate for beginning position. Legislation allows courts to make determination of salaries to be paid and counties are to pay it.

Discussion included the following opinions; clerk reporters currently receive an additional \$2,000 stipend, state needs to take over the staffing of the courts, salary increase for court reporters will make it impossible to give increases to county employees that are already under paid, an increased salary for a beginning employee is not fair to the employee that worked over 30 years to obtain. If the position was filled with a current county employee that salary would be a lateral move plus the \$2,000 stipend.

Judge Maughmer acknowledges the operations of the county are the council's fiscal responsibility; judges' obligations are the operations of the court. Maughmer wishes the county could pay county employees more, but his concerns are only about the court employees. Maughmer thanked the council for their time and understood their position on the matter.

ORD. 19-03 ESTABLISHING NON-REVERTING UNSAFE BUILDING FUND – Arin Shaver presented for approval Ordinance 19-03 establishing the use of collected fees and to be in compliance with state law for operating use of the unsafe building fund.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-03 Establishing Non-Reverting Unsafe Building Fund as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 19-04 AMEND NON-REVERTING PLANNING DEPARTMENT FUND – Arin Shaver presented for approval Ordinance 19-04 amending the current non-reverting Planning Department fund allowing the use of fund for unsafe building issues.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-04 Amend Non-Reverting Planning Department Fund as presented, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Commissioners requested an additional appropriation from Rainy Day Fund 1186 in the amount of \$460,000 for contractual services of jail conversion renovation costs.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1186 in the amount of \$460,000, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff requested an additional appropriation from Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$42,800 for replacement of two vehicles.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$42,800, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFERS OUT OF SERIES – Prosecutor requested transfers out of series from the following line accounts:

Account Line 47203 to Account Line 32620 in the amount of \$7,500

Account Line 47240 to Account Line 32620 in the amount of \$1,300

Account Line 47281 to Account Line 32620 in the amount of \$5,000

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

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

Account Line 11023 to Account Line 32620 in the amount of \$485.25

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

RES. 19-04 KESSLER TILE DRAIN CONSTRUCTION – Ralph Anderson presented for approval Resolution 19-04 authorizing the Drainage Board to obtain a five year financial loan in the amount of \$225,000 for phase one of the Kessler tile drain reconstruction project.

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve Resolution 19-04 Kessler Tile Drain Construction as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 19-05 AMEND USE OF FUND 2051 CARE OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS – Ralph Anderson explained the fund was established seventeen years ago, the purpose of use has expired. This amendment allows the use of fund for equivalent purposes.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve Resolution 19-05 Amend Use Of Fund 2051 Care of Juvenile Offenders as presented, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LOGAN'S LANDING – Becki Harris appeared before the Commissioners with summary update report. Logansport received annual national accreditation through the Main Street Program. Main Street accreditation is a valuable tool when applying for grants.

Logansport is in the top twenty-five of the Main Street Contest to advance to the top 10 finalists for a chance to receive \$25,000 for downtown revitalization. This is an on-line contest; Becki encouraged

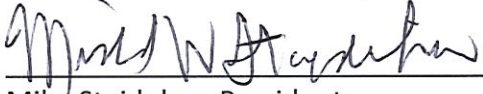
everyone to place their votes on-line with a maximum of 25 votes per day per IP address. Voting ends May 26th at Main Street Contest.com.

14th Annual Taste of Cass County will be held on August 10th, due to the Melbourne Ave. construction project the event has been moved to the Heritage Park /Farmer's Market Lot area extending to the Depot on Fourth and Market Streets.


Celebrate Logansport Strawberry Shortcake Day will be held on June 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the downtown Farmer's Market. This is a fundraiser for Logan's Landing, strawberry shortcake tickets can be purchased for \$5.00.


PUBLIC COMMENT- Sheriff Schroder informed Council of requests received from Pioneer and Lewis Cass High Schools for full time School Resource Officers. This will be an additional two (2) officers for the department and two additional vehicles. County will approve the personnel and schools will provide the funding through grants for the positions. Council suggested creating a budget for School Resource Officer Program starting next year.

ADJOURNMENT – George Stebbins made a motion to adjourn, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

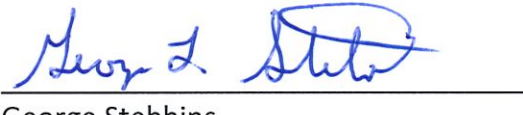

Mike Stajduhar, President


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ATTEST:

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor