

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
June 19, 2020

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

Mike Stajduhar 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 meeting minutes of March 20, 2020 as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Commissioners requested additional appropriations from CREDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$3,500 for costs to prepare exterior wall for Downtown Art Mural Project.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 9103 in total amount of \$3,500, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management requested additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$25,000 for COVID-19 supplies.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$25,000, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Royal Center Library requested additional appropriation from Library Improvement Fund in the amount of \$20,000 for exterior building repairs.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation for Royal Center Library in the amount of \$20,000, George Stebbins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES – Superior Court II requested transfer out of series from the following accounts:

Account Line 11021.027 to Account Line 47240.032 in the amount of \$1.88

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

ORD. 20-04 ESTABLISHING BULK DOCUMENT AND COPY FEES FOR SHERIFF DEPT. – George Stebbins made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-04 as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 20-03 FRANCE PARK LAND ACQUISITION – George Stebbins made a motion to approve Resolution 20-03 as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried 6 in favor, 1 abstain. Dave Redweik abstain from vote.

APPOINTMENT – Bruce Ide made a motion to appointment Noel Kennell to Royal Center-Boone Township Library Board for a term of four years ending June 30, 2024, George Stebbins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE – Brian Reed made a motion to approval 2021 Budget Hearing Schedule as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mike Stajduhar instructed public to state name and address and comments will be limited to 3 minutes each. Council will listen to concerns of the public without responding to questions.

Linda Wright, 216 W Clinton, Logansport – Concerns of possible lead emissions harming development of children from proposed WSP facility. There is no safe level of lead.

Maximo Gutierrez, 2716 CR 375 W, Logansport – Concerns of early morning construction sounds from WSP facility worksite disturbing the sleep of his children.

Sue Davidson, 1531 McCarty Street, Logansport – Health concerns related to the toxic emissions from WSP facility will affect generations to come.

Erika Gutierrez, 2716 CR 375 W, Logansport – WSP construction site sounds are disturbing and stressful for her family. Can the WSP guarantee no lead or mercury emissions?

Patricia Babcock, 1244 Tower Drive, Logansport – Toxic emissions from the WSP facility outweigh the economic growth for the county.

Tina Ash, 2346 N CR 50 E, Logansport – Toxic emissions from the WSP facility will infect our field crop that feed our animals.

Dawn McAllister, 2715 E Broadway, Logansport – Not in favor of the WSP project. “It’s never ok to be ok with ok”, don’t settle for this economic development investment. Keep searching for something better.

Melissa Biggs, 2117 George Street, Logansport – Concerned for the safety of her children, say no to the WSP. Doesn’t have the option to relocate, the decision of the county officials determines the future health of her family.

Shavonie Gutierrez, 2716 CR 375 W, Logansport – Don’t just listen, make the change happen.

Bob McDaniel, 2664 St Rd 25, Logansport – If the WSP project goes through, he will tear down his family’s 180-year-old home and barns, half mile from project site, and turn the land into tillable farm land.

Beth Hershberger, 404 E Terpstra Drive, Logansport – Request meeting times to accommodate those working day shifts. Cannot support WSP project that endangers the health of our citizens. This project makes it difficult to recruit medical professionals for our hospital. Don’t pass the bond for the WSP project.

Samantha Schanlaub, 7566 E CR 1000 N – WSP continues to pass false information to the community. Property values will decline and families will move away.

Kyle Burrow, 215 Wheatland Ave., Logansport – Not in favor of WSP facility, the health risks are too high. The additional 90 jobs they promise to bring to the county is not enough.

Annette Spear, 2705 Elmwood Drive, Logansport – Concerns for the community’s health related to lead emissions from WSP facility.

Bryon Stephens, 519 N CR 300 E, Logansport – WSP expert cannot use the word safe for this project, but can use the word compatible. Our community has a history of toxic manufacturing facilities that have endangered the health of our citizens. Encouraged council to choose the path of wisdom and be willing to listen.

Susan Jarrell, 2405 Hastye Hyll, Logansport – Electric arc furnace dust recycling has environment and economic problems. Residents are afraid of losing their homes and the development of their children. Use the Ag Park for agriculture business. Request a public forum for experts to speak to the citizens.

Lora Redweik, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile - Request time frame of public hearing and notifying the coalition ahead of time. Requested the financial incentives to the WSP project and the benefits it will bring to the county.

Mark Anderson, 2904 US 35, Logansport – Council serves the people, money is the enemy. Not in favor of the WSP project.

Lyndsay Lux, 201 N Illinois Street, Indianapolis – Distributed packets of information regarding the WSP project to the council. A public hearing is being scheduled.


Darci Ackerman, 7901 N Morris Street, Indianapolis; Representing WSP, employed with Heritage Green Environment. WSP has been in business over 100 years and Heritage Environmental Services for 50 years. Recycling hazardous waste into safe usable products reduces hazardous landfills and zinc mining.

Eric Hunter, 1165 N CR 550 E, Logansport – Waels Kilns are safe, regulations have improved over the years. Heritage Environmental Services would not do business with a potential health hazardous business.

George Franklin, 814 Westpoint Drive, Logansport - Concerns for loss of land usage, years from now when WSP facility is no longer in production.

Dave Price, 220 Cotswald Court, Logansport - Serve the people of Cass County not WSP.

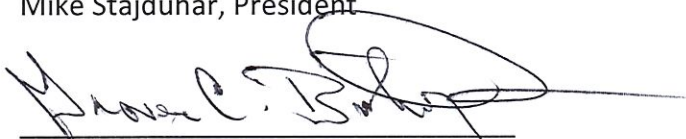
ADJOURNMENT – Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Dave Redweik seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



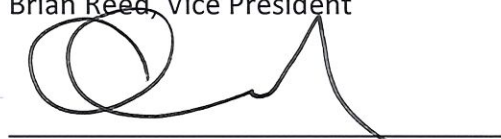
Mike Stajduhar, President




Brian Reed, Vice President



Grover Bishop



Dave Redweik



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Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:


Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor