

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 29, 2021**

The Cass County Council met at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room in Special Session. Present were Bruce Ide, Dean Davenport, Brian Reed, Damon Foreman, Dave Redweik, Tracy Williamson, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Grover Bishop was absent.

Brian Reed opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING – MODIFYING LIT PUBLIC SAFETY TAX RATE –**

Brian Reed introduced the proposal to modify the current Local Income Tax Public Safety Rate from .2500% to .5000%. The increase will provide the financial support to establish and maintain a County Emergency Medical Service. Public safety is a required service to be provided to residents.

**ORD. 21-06 MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX – PUBLIC SAFETY RATE** – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the modification of the LIT Public Safety Rate from .2500% to .5000%, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council opened the floor to public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

Mike Fincher, 2700 Emmet Drive, Logansport – Concerns the costs for EMS will be a financial burden on the county. Concerns county leadership did not know the ambulance service contract was coming to an end, putting the county into an emergency situation to provide ambulance service.

Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – What will be the amount received from the tax rate increase and how will be used?

**ADJOURNMENT** – Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, Damon Foreman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION** – Request for appropriation from General Fund 1000 to support newly created Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$275,000 for the remainder of 2021. Brian Reed entertained a motion of additional appropriation request as presented.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1000 in the amount of \$275,000, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORD. 21-07 AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE** – Brian Reed presented Ordinance 21-07 amending current salary ordinance reflecting hourly wages of newly created EMS positions for the

remainder of 2021. Brian Reed entertained a motion for Ordinance 21-07 Amend Salary Ordinance.

Jeremy Hall informed Council the EMS positions fall under the 40-hour work week per the Fair Labor Standards Act. Overtime hours will be paid at time an a-half rate.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-07 amending current salary ordinance as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

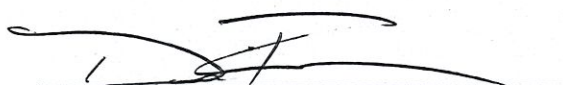
**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**


**ADJORNMENT –** Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn Special Meeting, Damon Foreman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


  
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Brian Reed, President

  
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Tracy Williamson, Vice President

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Grover Bishop *absent*

  
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Damon Foreman

  
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Bruce Ide

  
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Dave Redweik

  
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Dean Davenport

ATTEST:  
  
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Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor