

## CASS COUNTY COUNCIL November 16, 2018

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Phil Rains, Mike Stajduhar, George Stebbins, Tracy Williamson, Grover Bishop, Stacey Donato, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** – Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF THE BINDING BUDGETS MINUTES** – Brian Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from 2nd reading of 2019 Binding Budgets, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES** – Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting, October 29, 2018, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried 6 to 1, Stacey Donato abstaining.

**ORD. 2018-10 SALARY ORDINANCE 2019** – Brian Reed made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-10 Salary Ordinance 2019, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

Cathy Isaacs requested an additional appropriation from CEDIT Fund 9103 or Rainy Day Fund 1186 for Reassessment Contractual Services \$20,000.

Phil Rains made a motion to approve the appropriation for \$20,000 from Rainy Day Fund, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Coe requested an additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 for Superior Court 1 Furniture & Fixtures \$5,000.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the General Fund appropriation for \$5,000, Phil Rains seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheryl Pherson requested an additional appropriation from Public Safety Fund 1170 for Public Defender Contractual Services \$53,000.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Public Safety Fund appropriation for \$53,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 3, opposing George Stebbins, Stacey Donato, and Brian Reed.

Prosecutor's Office requested an additional appropriation from Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 2529 for the following accounts: Personal Services \$17,000.00, Supplies \$5,000, Contractual Services \$15,000.00 and Capital Outlays \$1,000.00.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the Prosecutor's Pre Trial Diversion Fund appropriation for \$38,000.00, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners requested an additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 for Insurance \$275,000.00.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the General Fund appropriation for \$275,000, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENT BONDS** – Airport Director Jill Van Horn, Attorney Don Tribbett, and Umbaugh Consultant Emma Adlam presented request for approval of \$950,000 issuance of general obligation bond. Description and project list of infrastructure improvements were distributed to the council including financial cost of the improvement project. Ordinance 18-11 Approving Issuance of Bond for Logansport/Cass County Airport Authority was presented for approval.

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-11 Issuance of Bonds for Airport Authority, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ABATEMENT - SUS CAST PRODUCTS** – Christy Householder presented SUS Cast Products tax abatement request for new equipment totaling \$522,500. SUS currently employs 92 with salaries at \$2,835,550. 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 2018-06 was presented to the Council for their review.

Randy Martin, Financial Officer with SUS Cast Products informed the Council the project includes expansion of a new cell system providing a more efficient method of production. New cell will include new die cast machinery and furnace keeping production in one location allowing less movement of parts.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve four (4) year abatement request as presented for SUS Cast Products, Brian Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECURITY** – Phil Loos informed the Council of upcoming legislation requiring security officers to be present in each court while in session. Judicial Council proposed the court security minimum standards to include each court shall have security present.

Phil requested approval to research grants available for security equipment upgrade. The security x-ray machine located at the entrance doors is fifteen years old and is need of replacement.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve request for grant research of funding to replace security equipment, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CIRCUIT COURT** – Judge Leo Burns came before the Council with reminder of a past commitment made by council in 2009 regarding Division of Child Services funds provided by county were transition to the state resulting in \$835,000.00 given back to the county and placed in the Rainy Day Fund. Those funds were committed by Council to be used for juvenile services. Judge Burns reminded the Council of the commitment and shall be continued for incoming Judge-elect Kitts.

Ralph Anderson and Brian Reed served on county council when the transition took place. Anderson and Reed confirmed the commitment was made by council.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** – Dave Wegner request Council consideration to approve same rate of pay for correctional officer positions that the Jail correctional officers will be receiving next year.

Discussion continued of creating separate classifications establishing pay levels to match classification of Jail Correctional Officers. Wegner will take concerns to the Community Corrections Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Sheriff Pryor requested consideration to appropriate additional funds for Inmate Housing costs. Sheriff informed Council the Jail is exploring the purchase of a body scanner sometime next year, estimated cost \$138,000.


George Stebbins reminded everyone the next meeting will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and good luck to the Pioneer High School Football Team at the State Finals.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

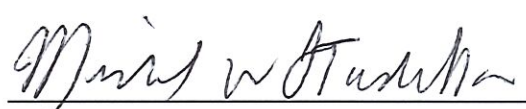
  
George Stebbins, President

  
Stacey Donato, Vice President

  
Grover Bishop

  
Phillip Rains

  
Brian Reed

  
Michael Stajduhar

  
Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:  
  
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor