

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
December 8, 2017

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

George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND AGENDA - George Stebbins requested Appointments to be added as item ten to the agenda. Phil Rains made a motion to amend the agenda as requested, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JDAI PROGRAM UPDATE – Judge Burns gave an update report on the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative. Cass County is one of 19 counties involved in the public safety initiative program, since 2015. The program is grant funded through the state, providing an alternative solution for juvenile low level offenders. A steering committee meets monthly, four work groups were created from the steering committee membership. The three year initiative was created to provide financial support to develop an ongoing program for low risk juvenile offenders. Cass County received second annual JDAI Grant in July 2017.

SUPERIOR COURT I & II – FULL TIME POSITIONS – Commissioner Ralph Anderson informed the council of two vacant positions in the Clerk’s Office no longer needed due to technology improvements requiring less paperwork and manpower. Ralph extended a positive recommendation from the Commissioners for the positions to be moved to the Superior Courts.

George Stebbins stated the 2018 Salary Ordinance set the starting salary for full time position at \$23,500. The new positions for Superior Court I & II will begin at base rate of \$23,500.00 with additional Court Reporter stipend of \$2,000.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the two Clerk vacant positions to Superior Courts I & II, job title to be determined by presiding judge, positions to begin January 2018, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFERS OUT OF SERIES -

Commissioners requested transfer out of series from the following line account:

Account Line 32620 to Account Line 47100 in the amount of \$240.37

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Security requested transfer out of series from the following line accounts:

Account Line 22371 to Account Line 18001 in the amount of \$1,000.00

Account Line 23300 to Account Line 18001 in the amount of \$1,093.06

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Health Department requested transfer out of series from the following line account:

Account Line 15230 to Account Line 22371 in the amount of \$6,500.00

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

EMA requested transfer out of series from the following line account:

Account Line 23300 to Account Line 14015 in the amount of \$500.00

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance/County Government Building requested transfer out of series from the following line account:

Account Line 33251 to Account Line 23300 in the amount of \$5,022.99

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

RAINY DAY FUND – George Stebbins asked for consideration of fund transfer from General Fund 1000 to Rainy Day Fund 1186 in the amount of \$416,500.00. Brian Reed made a motion to approval transfer from General Fund to Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$416,500.00, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATIONS – Public Defender Board requested additional appropriation from the Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$48,594.96 (state reimbursement) for contractual services. Brian Reed made a motion to approve additional appropriation of \$48,594.96 Public Safety Fund 1170, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Defender Board requested additional appropriation from the Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$33,000.00 (public defender costs) for contractual services. Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve additional appropriation of \$33,000.00 Public Safety Fund 1170, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheryl Pherson asked for consideration to add a half position to the Public Defender. Discussion followed for the need of an additional public defender to cover the increasing caseloads in Cass County. No action by Council was made at this time.

ENCUMBRANCES – Grover Bishop made a motion to approve 2018 Encumbrances of \$620,731.35, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 2017-12 AMEND EMPLOYEE SALARY COMPENSATION 2017 – Ordinance amendment presented for approval to include Planning Department positions for 2017 one time pay bonus for full time employees. Discussion followed to determine the positions to be considered full time or part time, salaries are currently split between county and city. Brian Reed made a motion to approve amendment as presented for Ordinance 2017-12, Stacey Donato seconded. Motion carried; 6 in favor and 1 opposed by George Stebbins.

APPOINTMENTS – The following individuals were appointed for 2018:

Airport Authority	Stacey Donato	1 yr	By Virtue of Office
Alcoholic Beverage Board	Tom Lane	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
Sick Bank	George Stebbins	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
Cass County Combined E-911 Dispatch Governing Board			
	George Stebbins	1 yr	By Virtue of Office
Cass County Council Attorney	Jeff Stanton	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
Children’s Protection Agency	Michael Stajduhar	1 yr	By Virtue of Office
County Redevelopment Commission	Brian Reed	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Grover Bishop	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
EMA Advisory Council	Stacey Donato	1 yr	By Virtue of Office
Cass County Plan Commission	George Stebbins	1 yr	By Virtue of Office
PTABOA Board	Judy Lewis, Level II	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Joan Davis, Level II	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
Solid Waste District	Phil Rains		By Virtue of Office
North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council			
	George Stebbins		By Virtue of Office
Cass County Economic Development Commission			
	George Stebbins		By Virtue of Office
Board of Zoning Appeals	Dr. Larry Phipps	4 yrs	1-1-18 to 12-31-21

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the appointments as read, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mayor Dave Kitchell introduced Rocky Shanehsaz, Ambassador of Mill Top Banquet & Conference Center, Noblesville, Indiana. Rocky informed the council of potential uses for the Memorial Home. Rocky recommends transformation of the building into a community event center with catering services. Primary those events would consist of wedding events. Renovations would include a commercial size kitchen to be located in the basement with convention hall on first floor. The kitchen currently located on first floor will be converted into a food station and bar. The top floor will be refurbished for office rental space. Discussions with Railroad Transportation Museum and US Rail to partnership events with Logansport as a transportation stop. The partnership would include office space in the Memorial Center for the Railroad Museum. The event center would potentially create fifteen to twenty jobs for the community.

ADJOURNMENT - Mike Stajduhar made a motion to adjourn, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George Stebbins, President Stacey Donato

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Stacey Donato, Vice President

Grover Bishop

Grover Bishop

Phillip Rains

Phillip Rains

Brian Reed

Brian Reed

Absent

Michael Stajduhar

Absent

Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:

Cheryl Alcorn

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor