

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
January 15, 2021

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Grover Bishop, Dave Redweik, Tracy Williamson, Dean Davenport, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Bruce Ide was absent and one vacancy to be caucused.

Brian Reed opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence following.

RE-ORGANIZATION – Brian Reed turned the meeting over to Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Auditor Alcorn requested nominations for council president and vice president. Grover Bishop made a motion to appoint Brian Reed as President and Tracy Williamson as Vice President. The motion carried 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Dave Redweik opposed.

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MEETING MINUTES – Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Sheriff Schroder requested additional appropriation from Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$67,500 for housing of inmates. Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$67,500, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Reed presented request for additional appropriation from Capital Non-Reverting Fund 2502 in the amount of \$23,653 for legal fees of litigation Redweik vs County Council. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2502 in the amount of \$23,653, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Dave Redweik opposed.

APPOINTMENTS – The following individuals were appointed for 2021:

Sick Bank	Dave Redweik
E-911 Dispatch Board	Tracy Williamson
Children’s Protection Agency	Grover Bishop
County Redevelopment Commission	Dean Davenport Grover Bishop
Solid Waste District	Dean Davenport

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve appointments as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Brian Reed invited County Attorney Jeff Stanton to inform Councilmen of the creation of new policies. Jeff Stanton informed Council two policies are being drafted addresses public comment and record requests. Stanton is working with Commissioner Baker and communicating with Public Access Counselor for informal approval.


Commissioner Ruth Baker informed the Councilmen of the retirement of Veteran's Service Officer, Larry Lowery. Commissioners will appointment a replacement next month to begin training. Additional appropriation will need to be addressed to cover the salary for training period.

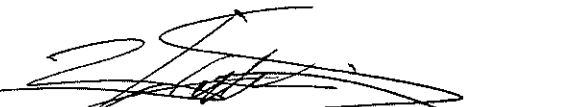
Bridget Davis, 909 S Cicott, Logansport – Concerned tax payers' money is being used to pay outside law firm to defend elected positions. Auditor Alcorn informed the legal fees are being paid with tipping fees received from the landfill. Brian Reed further clarified tipping fees are not tax payer dollars.


Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Inquired how and who to request a copy of the ICE Miller contract and engagement letter. Jeff Stanton responded a proper records request to be directed to him. How many CARES ACT Funds, what are the amounts, and requirements. Auditor Alcorn responded there are currently four funds and further information can be provided with proper records request.

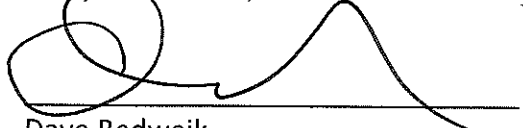
Susan Jarrell, 2405 Hastye Hyll, Logansport – Would like the council to review invoices before payment.


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



Brian Reed, President

Tracy Williamson, Vice President

Grover Bishop

Dave Redweik

Dean Davenport

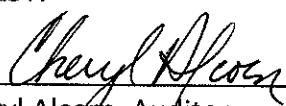
Abstain

Damon Foreman

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Bruce Ide

ATTEST:



Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor