

# CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

## April 21, 2023

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were; Shawn Shoemaker, Bruce Ide, Dean Davenport, Tracy Williamson, Damon Foreman, Dave Redweik, Derek Pullen, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn.

Tracy Williamson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence following.

**MEETING MINUTES** – Bruce Ide made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

- County Auditor requested additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan Grant Fund 8950 in the amount of \$3,000,000.00. Appropriation not used by the end of last year, to be appropriated back into line accounts.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan Grant Fund 8950 in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Jeff Smith requested additional appropriation from Highway Fund 1176 in the amount of \$39,000.00 for equipment purchase and attorney fees. Funding is related to the NIPSCO pipeline project from Liberty Landfill to Royal Center.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Highway Fund 1176 in the amount of \$39,000, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously

- Dave Wegner requested additional appropriation from In Home Detention Fund 2512 in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Community Transition Program Fund 1123 in the amount of \$20,000.00 for furniture and electronic equipment needed for building renovation project.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriations from In Home Detention Fund 2512 in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Community Transition Program Fund 1123 in the amount of \$20,000.00, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Noah Schafer requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$98,758.00 for D Felony Prosecutor salary. Initially the salary was funded through the BYRNE Grant, the grant was not awarded to Cass County this year.

Tracy Williamson explained the requested amount was advertised with two options to consider appropriation from Users Fee Fund 2529 or General Fund 1000.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from User Fee Fund 2529 in the amount of \$98,758.00, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Rocky Buffum requested additional appropriation from COVID – EMA Disaster Grant Fund 8933 in the amount of \$5,538.72 for HazMat Team development. These funds are FEMA reimbursements for COVID response expenditures that occurred during the pandemic.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from COVID – EMA Disaster Grant Fund 8933 in the amount of \$5,538.72, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES –**

Serenity Alter requested transfer out of series in Health Fund 1159 from the following line accounts for overtime pay:

Account Line 32610 to Account Line 11013 in the amount of \$2,000

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Fund 1159 transfer out of series as requested, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2024 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE** – Tracy Williamson presented for approval budget hearing schedule with option to move the budget workshop one month earlier.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Budget Hearing Schedule with amended workshop date to immediately follow the regular council meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**RES. 23-02 ELETRONIC METHOD OF PAYMENT** – Auditor Alcorn explained the State Board of Accounts requires a resolution to implement electronic pay of invoices.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Resolution 23-02 as presented, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRETRIAL CASE MANAGER POSITION** – Judge Kitts informed Council of additional Case Manager Position recently approved by Commissioners for Court & PreTrial Services Department. Funding for the position is available through Circuit Court budget resulting from a probation officer retirement earlier this year. New position will begin this July and future funding sources will be explored.

Hillary Hartoin reported the department has served 61% of total population served last year with 58% increase in assessments. To ensure public safety we need the additional position.

**JAIL ANNUAL REPORT** – Sgt. Major Kevin Pruiett and Jail Commander Mike Anderson presented the 2022 Jail Annual Report. Building expansion renovation completed in 2022 increased inmate housing capacity to 387. Average daily book-in was 4.8 inmates, for the year 1,299 male and 451 female inmates were processed. County invoiced Indiana Department of Corrections \$341,709 for housing of DOC inmates. GED education program is available for inmates and work release program is available. In partnership with Community Corrections a self-improvement course is offered on-line ‘Thinking for a Change’.

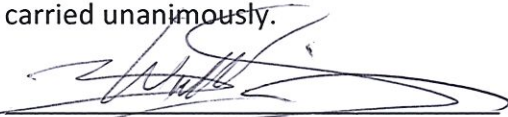
**KAYAK RENTAL PROGRAM** – Christy Householder distributed information of a prospective joint community activity program with Cass County Visitors Bureau and City of Logansport. Christy presented a promotional video demonstrating kayak storage and phone application for rental usage.

Rent.Fun, LLC provides a self-service kayak rental program consisting of two 8-unit kayak rental stations with life vests and paddles. Rental stations will be located at Riverside Park and France Park. Kayaks will become property of City and County upon purchase. Rental fee revenue will be given to Visitors Bureau for annual fee and cost of marketing campaign.

Commissioner Baker added the program potentially could increase business for the downtown restaurants and retailers. Kayaking provides another activity for our parks and community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Announced ‘Shop with a Cop’ fundraiser is today sponsored by the FOP.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Bruce Ide made a motion to adjourn, Dave Redweik seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



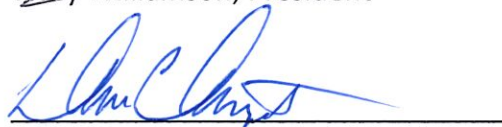
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Tracy Williamson, President



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Dave Redweik, Vice President



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Dean Davenport



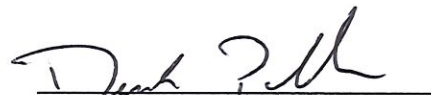
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Damon Foreman



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Bruce Ide



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Derek Pullen



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Shawn Shoemaker

ATTEST:



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Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor