

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
July 16, 2021

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

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

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

RECOGNITION – Pioneer High School girl teams were recognized for receiving State Champion Titles in Softball, Volleyball, Basketball. Lady panthers made history in winning three State Championships in one school year. The following students were introduced and recognized; Madison Blickenstaff – volleyball, Haley Gotshall – softball, Mackenzie Walker-softball.

Pioneer High School student, Ezra Lewellen was introduced and recognized for receiving State Title in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 10.665.

RES. 21-04 GARY MILLER DRAIN TILE RECONSTRUCTION – SIGNATURE AUTHORITY – President Reed introduced Resolution 21-04 for approval of open and tile drainage reconstruction. Drainage project involves Cass, Miami, and Fulton counties. Project largely runs through Cass County; therefore, this resolution allows Cass County to be the Surveyor of the project and to secure funding.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Resolution 21-04 Gary Miller Drain Tile Reconstruction as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 21-03 GARY MILLER DITCH RECONSTRUCTION – President Reed introduced Ordinance 21-03 a Joint Board has been properly established pledging assessments received from landowners over a five year period toward the principal and interest of the loan obtained by Cass County.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-03 Gary Miller Ditch Reconstruction as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY – Kim Felton appeared before the Council and presented a list of security equipment upgrades for the Government Building and security guards. To ensure the safety of the public and county employees the following equipment upgrades are necessary; radios with lapel mics, tasers, firearms, x-ray machine, walk through and hand-held metal detector. Additional appropriations to purchase equipment will be presented in September totaling \$70,000.

Commissioner Browning added this recommendation will be addressed at the next Commissioners meeting along with discussion of a security assessment performed throughout the entire building.

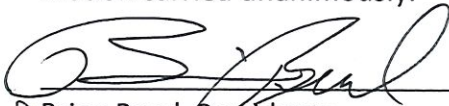
Sheriff Schroder added the county will provide the necessary firearms for building security guards.

2022 SALARY RECOMMENDATION – Commissioner Ryan Browning recommended a minimum of 5% to 7.5% salary increase for next year. Degreed or skilled positions to receive a greater increase. President Reed and Commissioners have created a budget salary plan to aid in the support of employee retention.

VISITOR’S BUREAU – Jane Horner introduced new director, Angie Lalla. Mrs. Lalla is a ten year resident excited to serve Cass County and recently attended the Cass County 4-H Fair for the first time.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None


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



Damon Foreman



Bruce Ide

ATTEST:


Cheryl Acorn, Auditor