

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
September 18, 2020

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

Mike Stajduhar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence following.

AMEND AGENDA – George Stebbins made a motion to amend the agenda moving item #7 – APEX Insurance to item #5, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES – Bruce Ide made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 21, 2020 as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the budget hearing minutes of August 21, 2020 as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Circuit Court requested additional appropriations from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$30,000 for utility costs and inmate care.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1000 in total amount of \$30,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES – Clerk requested transfer out of series in Fund 1215 from the following account:

Account Line 12013.214 to Account Line 22371.214 in the amount of \$4,000

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the transfer out of series as presented, George Stebbins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

911 Dispatch requested transfer out of series in Fund 1222 from the following account:

Account Line 12016. To Account Line 32521. In the amount of \$30,000

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

APEX INSURANCE – Bill Sylvester distributed the 2019 Medical Plan Financial Report and Medical Plan Summary Projected for 2021. Benefit Plans are expected to increase 7% next year.

WSP NEGOTIATIONS REPORT - Mike Stajduhar invited representatives from WSP and the Cass County Citizen Coalition (CCCC) to present a brief report on the status of their negotiations before

the council precedes to discuss the ordinances. Stajduhar called upon the representative from WSP to speak first.

Darcie Ackerman with Heritage Environmental representing WSP, reported the following items have been agreed upon through negotiations with the CCCC;

- Installing additional contamination control equipment, such as bag house leak detectors and opacity monitoring;
- A lead ambient air monitoring station within the Logansport City Limits;
- Pollution controls for dioxins and furans. Specifically, WSP's inherent process and planned emission controls, such as a water quench chamber, are designed to minimize any potential for dioxin emissions;
- Conducting a stack test for mercury on each kiln upon startup. IDEM will also perform an initial stack test for lead and potentially other constituents;
- Committing to the primary feed material consisting of only EAF dust and other zinc-bearing secondary materials;
- Consistent with DNR rules, WSP will correct any conditions found to adversely impact the wells of neighboring residents;
- The facility will have contractual arrangements with commercial response contractors to address spills of materials from railcars or trucks, and those emergency plans will be shared with the local Fire Department and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) under existing federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know regulations;
- As has been stated on numerous occasions, there will not be an incinerator at the Logansport facility; and, lastly,
- The establishment of maximum allowable concentration of selected heavy metals in feed, which IDEM is currently developing an air permit for.

The following were negotiated with the Redevelopment Commission:

- Reducing the TIF amount from \$23 million to \$17 million;
- Increasing the percentage of WSP's property tax payments during the TIF period that go to the County from 23% to 32%, meaning County revenue over the course of the TIF period will increase to \$8.2 million from \$6.6 million – and in a shorter amount of time; and
- Reduce the life of the TIF period to 21 years from 25 years.

Malcom Jarrell, Cass County Citizen Coalition Representative reported he has spent a couple of hours in technical discussions with WSP representatives and conducted a 3 ½ hour tour of the steel dust recycling facility in Millport, Alabama. Meetings were cordial and productive, but not complete. Jarrell reported the following additional items for negotiations:

- Multi-metal detector
- Weather station; EPA compliant
- Ground water supply; observation wells
- Measurement of dioxin emissions

County legal counsel, Lisa Lee of ICE Miller recited from Redevelopment Commission Resolution 2020-12 “Whereas, based on recent correspondence from the Coalition, it is the understanding of this Commission that the Coalition may have additional environmental requests and to the extent that the Coalition and the Company can come to agreement, the Commission recognizes that the additional items may come back to the Commission for consideration in the future”.

ORD. 20-05 ISSUANCE OF WSP TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS

Dave Redweik made a motion to table Ordinances 20-05 and 20-06 pending closing of negotiations no later than October 16th, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion failed 2 in favor to 5 opposed.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-05 as presented, Brian Reed seconded. Motion carried 5 in favor to 2 opposed. Dave Redweik and Mike Stajduhar opposed.

ORD. 20-06 ISSUANCE OF WSP CONDUIT REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2020

George Stebbins made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-06 as presented, Brian Reed seconded. Motion carried 5 in favor to 2 opposed. Dave Redweik and Mike Stajduhar opposed.

APPOINTMENT – Dave Redweik made a motion to re-appoint Jon Myers to the Logansport/Cass County Public Library Board, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES – DECLARATION OF FISCAL BODY – Logansport-Cass County Public Library, Royal Center – Boone Township Public Library, and Walton - Tipton Township Public Library request approval to declare Cass County Council as designated fiscal body. Declarations are reported to the Indiana State Library for when a financial event causes the library’s annual non-binding budget review to become a binding budget adoption.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the request of Logansport-Cass County Public Library for Declaration of Fiscal Body, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the request of Royal Center – Boone Township Public Library for Declaration of Fiscal Body, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the request of the Walton – Tipton Township Public Library for Declaration of Fiscal Body, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPROVALS:

ICJI COVID GRANT – Dave Wegner and Hillary Hartoin requested approval to receive \$84,000 in grant funding from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to supplement costs due to COVID related expenses. Laptops and devices allowing employees to work remotely from home if another COVID breakout would reoccur and funding for a part-time employee. Judge Swaim will serve as the grant administrator.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the receipt of the ICJI COVID Grant as requested, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CARES ACT – CORONAVIRUS RELIEF GRANT – Serenity Alter was unavailable to present the Health Department’s request for grant approval. Cheryl Alcorn explained the request for approval to receive \$100,000 in federal monies to provide COVID supplies and funding for a part time receptionist and part time PRN nurse. Clarifying this is not a matching grant and the part time positions are terminated at the end of the grant.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the receipt of Coronavirus Relief Grant as request, Grover Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mike Stajduhar instructed public to state their name and address and limit comment to three minutes, time will not be allowed to yield to another speaker.

The following individuals made public comment regarding the WSP Project; Jim Brugh, Dr. Herb Price, Crystal Miller, John Schwarz, Dave Price, Kenny Reese, Phillip Stevenson, John Bania, Peggy Billiard, Max Gutierrez, Bridget Davis, Duane Stewart, Lora Redweik, Laura Fred-Smith, Rick Blevins, Linda Wright, Tina Ash, Erica Gutierrez, Charlie Hastings, Eric Ott, Drew Miller, Russell Kimp.

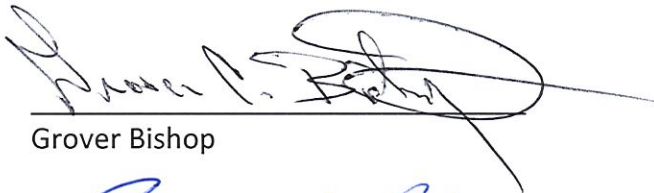
ADJOURNMENT – Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



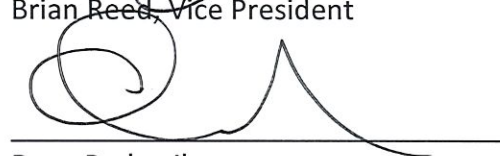
Mike Stajduhar, President



Brian Reed, Vice President



Grover Bishop



Dave Redweik



Bruce Ide



George Stebbins



Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:



Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor