

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**October 15, 2021**

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

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

**MEETING MINUTES** – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing Minutes as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

- Arin Shaver requested additional appropriation from CEDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$20,000 for matching grant of Panhandle Pathway Trail connection to France Park.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 9103 in the amount of \$20,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Coroner requested additional appropriations from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$20,000 for Autopsy Fees, \$10,000 for Toxicology Fees, and \$2,000 for travel.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriations as presented from Fund 1000 total amount \$32,000, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Judge Swaim requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$9,490 for software upgrade cost of Law Books.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1000 in the amount of \$9,490, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Christy Householder requested additional appropriation from CEDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$5,000 for travel.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 9103 in the amount of \$5,000, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Area Five Agency, Care Manager Alachia Sturgess requested donation of \$5,000 for the Guardianship Program. Commissioners made a positive recommendation to donate \$5,000 for the Guardianship Program.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from CEDIT Fund 9103 in the amount of \$5,000 for the Area Five Agency – Guardianship Program, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES –**

Superior Court I requested transfer out of series in Fund 1000 from the following line accounts:

- Account Line 32130.027 to Account Line 22371.027 in the amount of \$200
- Account Line 18001.027 to Account Line 23310.027 in the amount of \$100
- Account Line 18001-027 to Account Line 32633.027 in the amount of \$2,400

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

Cass County Fire District #1 requested transfer out of series in Fire General Fund from the following line accounts:

- Account Line 5A Debt Service to 1D Personal Services in the amount of \$59,000
- Account Line 4C Capital Outlays to 3A Other Services in the amount of \$15,000

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

**RES. 21-05 ANDERSON’S MARATHON HOLDINGS – TAX ABATEMENT –**

Christy Householder presented Anderson’s Marathon Holdings tax abatement request for new equipment totaling \$5,030,000. Anderson’s currently employs 60 with salaries at \$4,500,000. Upon recommendation from Baker Tilley a proposal for a seven (7) year personal property abatement of 50% the first year, 35% second year, 35% third year, 45% fourth year, 50% fifth year, 60% sixth year, and 30% seventh year. Resolution 2021-05 Anderson’s Marathon Holdings – Tax Abatement was presented to the Council for approval.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve Resolution 21-05 tax abatement for Anderson’s Marathon Holdings as presented, Damon Foreman seconded. Motion carried 3 in favor and 2 opposed. Dave Redweik and Dean Davenport opposed.

Redweik and Davenport opposed based on lack of tax abatement knowledge and understanding of the adjusted proposed schedule. Christy will schedule Baker Tilly to attend future meetings.

**COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES –**

Hillary Hartoin presented and distributed Court & Pretrial Services 3rd Quarterly Report. Cass County Court & Pretrial Services received State Provisional Certification serving over 280 clients over the past three years. Pretrial Services is currently diverting \$2,760 daily in county incarceration expenses and estimated the jail would be 64% over capacity without Pretrial Services. Currently 5 clients are participating in weekly individual counseling with Four County Doctoral Practicum intern. Four County jail Therapy Program currently has 7 participants with plans to add women’s and Hispanic groups in the near future. Court Services have received \$369,914 in grant funding with one grant pending for an additional \$65,000 to \$75,000.

Hillary requested approval to apply for IOCS Pretrial Agency Grant to fund the creation of a new Pretrial Day Reporting Program. Grant would support the purchase of a reporting kiosk, automated call-in drug screening software, and part-time public defender to cover initial hearings.


Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve request to submit grant application as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD** – Sheryl Pherson requested approval to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). Grant is potentially five years and requires annual application. The grant will provide a social worker to public defenders in Cass and White Counties. No match is required for the first two years with the intention White and Cass Counties will share required match for the remaining three years.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve request to submit grant application as presented, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

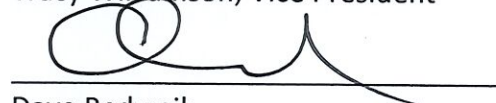
**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Concerned tax abatement schedules have not received recommendations from financial advisors in the past.


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


  
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Brian Reed, President

  
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Tracy Williamson, Vice President

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Grover Bishop

  
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Dave Redweik

  
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Dean Davenport

  
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Damon Foreman

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor