

# CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

## October 20, 2023

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

Tracy Williamson 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, Bruce Ide seconded.

**JULIAN RIDLEN AIM HIGH PARK – SPORTS COMPLEX STUDY** – Park Director Deb Waggoner introduced Johnson Consultant Brandon Dowling to present sports complex study findings.

Brandon presented a power point presentation of market analysis and feasibility findings. Local and regional competition sports were explored, resulting the need for indoor fields. A three-phase plan was presented for the complex construction. Program recommendations of RV hookups and ancillary site amenities were introduced. Report included the economic impact the sports complex would bring to the local and regional areas and potential funding strategies through revenue bonds, capital development funding, and grant funding. Several taxing mechanisms were presented as another source of funding.

**DYKEMAN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**– Brad Rozzi representing the Dykeman Park improvement project committee gave a review and update of the fundraising received. Brad requested Council’s consideration to approve the county contribution recommended by County Commissioners of \$300,000.

**RES. 23-03 DYKEMAN PARK CONTRIBUTION** – Bruce Ide made a motion to approve use of CEDIT funding for \$300,000 contribution, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon further discussion Dave Redweik recommended amending the payout schedule from three year to two year at \$150,000 each year.

Dave Redweik made a motion to amend Resolution 23-03 allocation schedule to a two-year payout of \$150,000 each year, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried

**ORD. 23-13 USE OF COUNTY JAIL COMMISSARY** – County Attorney Stanton introduced ordinance providing clarification for the use of commissary funds.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-13 as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRETRIAL & COURT SERVICES – GRANT APPLICATIONS** - Hillary Hartoin presented two state grant applications for approval. Court Interpreter Grant provides funding for interpreter services in the amount of \$30,000 and Court Innovation Grant provides funding to purchase court room display and audio equipment in the amount of \$40,000. Both are one-year reimbursable grants and have been endorsed by Commissioners.

Hillary present Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant proposal for approval. Grant will provide approximately \$150,000 to be utilized to create a therapeutic program for moderate-high risk clients with the goal of reducing revocations. Grant is a five-year cycle, after the first two years grant will require matching funds. Matching funds will be provided through the Community Corrections Project Income Fund. Two additional correctional officer positions will be included in the grant budget. These positions will be dual trained for correctional and therapeutic duties.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the grant applications as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**EMA – GRANT APPLICATION** – Rocky Buffum presented for approval Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant application. Grant will provide \$16,085 for HAZMAT Technician certification course and Train Derailment safety course. No matching funds are required for this reimbursable grant.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve grant application as presented, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

- Treasurer requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.003 in the amount of \$2,500 for extra help.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000.003 in the amount of \$2,500, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Tracy Williamson entertained a motion to approve additional appropriation from Rainy Day Fund 1186 in the amount of \$46,208 to replenish Fire District #1 levy shortfall as a result of penalty issued by DLGF due to technical problems when submitting budget last year.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Rainy Day Fund 1186.033 in the amount of \$46,208 for Fire District #1, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Highway Superintendent requested additional appropriation from Highway Fund 1176 in the amount of \$734,200 for bituminous materials to repair county roads damaged by INDOT detour. Cost of repairs will be 100% reimbursed to the County from INDOT.

Derek Pullen made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Highway Fund 1176 in the amount of \$734,200, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**WALTON & TIPTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY** – Library Director Kristi Hileman presented for approval additional appropriation of \$3,840.95 from the Library Rainy Day Fund. Additional is required to be compliant of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum salary for Library Director Position. Salary increase was approved by Library Board at September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Library Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$3,840.95 for Director salary increase, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES –**

- Treasurer requested transfer out of series in General Fund 1000 from the following line accounts for extra help pay:

Account Line 47233 to Account Line 18001 in the amount of \$2,010  
Account Line 32620 to Account Line 18001 in the amount of \$2,200

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Fund 1000 transfer out of series as requested, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- EMA requested transfer out of series in LIT Public Safety Fund 1170 from the following line accounts for supplies:

Account Line 32140 to Account Line 22371 in the amount of \$3,000

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Fund 1170 transfer out of series as requested, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Coroner requested transfer out of series in General Fund 1000 from the following line accounts for autopsy fees:

Account Line 22371 to Account Line 32642 in the amount of \$3,200

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Fund 1000 transfer out of series as requested, Derek Pullen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

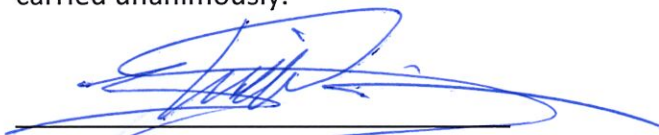
- County Extension Office requested transfer out of series in General Fund 1000 from the following line accounts for supplies:

Account Line 32120 to Account Line 22360 in the amount of \$250

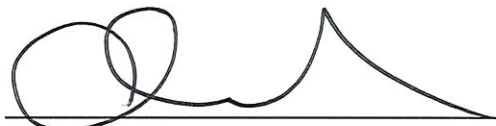
Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Fund 1000 transfer out of series as requested, Derek Pullen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

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



Tracy Williamson, President



Dave Redweik, Vice President



Dean Davenport

*absent*

Damon Foreman

*absent*

Bruce Ide




Derek Pullen

*absent*

Shawn Shoemaker

ATTEST:



Cheryl Acorn, Auditor