

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
October 21, 2022

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Bruce Ide, Dean Davenport, Shawn Shoemaker, Dave Redweik, Tracy Williamson, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Damon Foreman was 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 Minutes and Budget Hearing Minutes as presented, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

- Treasurer requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$2,525 for purchase of new currency counting machine.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$2,525, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Auditor requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$500,000 for Group Health Insurance cost deficient.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$500,000, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- IT Department requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$10,000 for Telephone cost deficient.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$10,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Dispatch 911 Center requested additional appropriation from Statewide Fund 1222 in the amount of \$50,685 for overtime pay.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Statewide Fund 1222 in the amount of \$50,685, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Sheriff requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$14,238 for overtime pay.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$14,238, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Brian Reed requested additional appropriation from Capital Non-Reverting Fund 2502 in the amount of \$51,603 for legal fees of Public Records Requests and litigation fee of Redweik vs County Council.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2502 in the amount of \$51,603, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried 6 in favor and 1 opposed. Dave Redweik opposed.

- Commissioners requested additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan Grant Fund 8950 in the amount of \$1,000,000 of county matching grant funds for READI Grant Broadband Project.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve additional appropriation from ARP Fund 8950 in the amount of \$1,000,000, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES –

Highway Department requested transfer out of series in Highway Fund 1176 from the following line accounts for fuel:

Account Line 32656 to Account Line 23100 in the amount of \$25,000

Account Line 32711 to Account Line 23100 in the amount of \$2,500

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve Fund 1176 transfer out of series as requested, Dean Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

READI GRANT APPLICATION – Christy Householder presented for approval READI Grant application. READI Grant is a reimbursable matching grant to be used for broadband fiber cable. It will connect approximately 2,213 residents and 57 businesses to hard fiber and make the newly installed 117 mile fiber ring redundant. Proposed cost of project is \$4,445,000.

Opening of Requests For Proposals (RFP) are scheduled for the November 7th Commissioners Meeting.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve READI Grant application as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 22-04 REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REIMBURSEMENT – Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve Resolution 22-04 reimbursement to Redevelopment Commission of litigation costs, Dean Davenport seconded.

Upon further discussion the previous motion was amended.

Bruce Ide made a motion to table the approval of Resolution 22-04 until next meeting, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS – POSITION STATUS OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – EMS Director Brady Wiles requested approval to change status of Assistant Director to an exempt salary position effective immediately. Newly created Assistant Director position is currently working a regular rotation shift and required to attend all training meetings. Exempt status changes hourly pay rate to fixed salary amount. EMS Board and Assistant Director support the recommended status change to exempt.

Human Resource Director Jeremy Hall explain in order to be considered exempt the position must hold a minimum annual salary and specific duties per state labor laws. In this situation both apply to this position. New job description will be created explaining position as exempt status. Suggested the change occur at the beginning of the next pay period.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the change in status for the EMS Assistant Director to exempt salary position beginning next pay period, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


PUBLIC COMMENT-

Jeremy Hall, 6292 CR E 600 S, Walton – Public record requests are costing the taxpayers a lot of money.


Councilman Redweik commented WSP paid over six million dollars more to the county because of the lawsuits.


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

absent
Brian Reed, President

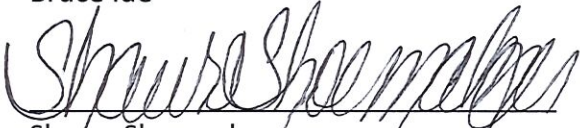

Tracy Williamson, Vice President


Dean Davenport


Dave Redweik


Bruce Ide


Damon Foreman


Shawn Shoemaker

ATTEST:

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor