

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
December 10, 2021

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLESEED SOLAR, LLC

Christy Householder introduced Resolution 21-07 Tax Abatement for Appleseed Solar, LLC. Estimated solar generation project value of \$232,400,000 proposed abatement of 100% for 10 years. Project locations in various parcels of Tipton and Washington Townships.

Rick Hall explained Resolution 21-07 is supplementary to any prior resolutions and provides the final intentions of Appleseed, LLC to construct a solar project. Resolution approves an economic development agreement providing \$9,325,000 to the county in five equal installments of \$1,865,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Reed open the hearing to public comment.

Stephanie Wells with Hoosiers for Renewables distributed a graph chart showing Cass County assessed value from 2017 to 2022. Assessed values are extremely important to the growth of the county.

NextEra Energy, Matt Johnson added the project boundary include 1200 acres with 400 acres of solar panels in fence, ground coverage ratio of approximately 35%.

Lora Redweik, Twelve Mile – is the equipment depreciation figured in the depreciation of the land? BakerTilly Financial, Jason Semler replied the equipment depreciation was taken into consideration at 3%.

Lora asked Rick Hall to explain the definition of an ERA and how this farm land qualifies as undesirable, impossible of normal development. Rick Hall confirmed this project area qualifies as an Economic Revitalization Area, ERA.

President Reed presented letters of support from local land owners.

President Reed entertain a motion for Resolution 21-07 Tax Abatement – Appleseed Solar.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Resolution 21-07 Tax Abatement- Appleseed Solar, Damon Foreman seconded. Motion carried 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Dave Redweik opposed.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING – Dave Redweik made a motion to adjourn public hearing, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMCUMBRANCES – Dave Redweik made a motion to approve 2021 Encumbrances of \$1,833,055.31 for Highway Department, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES –

Treasurer requested transfer out of series in Fund 1000 from the following line accounts:

Account Line 35700.003 to Account Line 22360.003 in the amount of \$150
Account Line 32521.003 to Account Line 22360.003 in the amount of \$200
Account Line 32410.003 to Account Line 22360.003 in the amount of \$300
Account Line 32410.003 to Account Line 47203.003 in the amount of \$500

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

Sheriff requested transfer out of series in Fund 1000 from the following line accounts:

Account Line 32420.025 to Account Line 223741.025 in the amount of \$500
Account Line 32620.025 to Account Line 223741.025 in the amount of \$9,162

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

Sheriff requested transfer out of series in Fund 1000 from the following line accounts:

Account Line 32120.005 to Account Line 22371.005 in the amount of \$473
Account Line 32430.005 to Account Line 22371.005 in the amount of \$2786
Account Line 32420.005 to Account Line 22371.005 in the amount of \$500
Account Line 32673.005 to Account Line 22371.005 in the amount of \$2,000
Account Line 32620.005 to Account Line 22371.005 in the amount of \$42,000

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

Auditor, Cheryl Alcorn requested approval to make necessary transfer out of series to balance end of the year. Dave Redweik made a motion to approve transfer out of series no more than \$2,500 per transaction through the end of the year, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

- Noah Schafer requested additional appropriation from Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 2529 in the amount of \$40,000.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2529 in the amount of \$40,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Coroner requested additional appropriations from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$5,000 to replenish Deputy salary line account.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriations as presented from Fund 1000 in the amount of \$5,000, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Tamara Derrick requested additional appropriation from General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$2,000 to replenish deficit of personnel line account result of retirement pay out of past office director.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation as presented from Fund 1000 in the amount of \$2,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mikel Fort requested additional appropriation from ARPA Grant Fund 8950 in the amount of \$75,000 to purchase ambulance.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve additional appropriation as presented from ARPA Grant in the amount of \$75,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 BUDGET REDUCTIONS – 2021 BUDGET REDUCTION – Budget notice was received from Department of Legal Finance with the following budget reductions:

- General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$1,421,126. Bruce Ide made a motion to reduce General Fund 1000.15230.213 in the amount of \$1,421,126, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Health Fund 1159 in the amount of \$351,393. Dave Redweik made a motion to reduce Health Fund 1159 from the 1000 Series in the amount of \$351,393, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Reassessment Fund 1224 in the amount of \$139,758. Dave Redweik made a motion to reduce Reassessment Fund 1224.32620.255 in the amount of \$139,758, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 21-10 ESTABLISH EMS NON-REVERTING FUND -

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve the creation of a non-reverting fund for the Emergency Management Service, Dave Redweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIFE INSURANCE PENSION BENEFIT – Sheriff Schroder requested approval to increase life insurance benefit plan from \$25,000 to \$50,000, effective January 1, 2022.

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

APPOINTMENTS –The following individuals were appointed for 2022:

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| Airport Authority | Bruce Ide | | By Virtue of Office |
| Alcoholic Beverage Board | Tony Wilson | 1 yr | 1-1-22 to 12-31-22 |
| Sick Bank | Dave Redweik | | By Virtue of Office |
| E-911 Dispatch Governing Board | Tracy Williamson | | By Virtue of Office |
| Cass County Council Attorney | Jeff Stanton | 1 yr | 1-1-22 to 12-31-22 |
| Children’s Protection Agency | Dave Redweik | | By Virtue of Office |
| Redevelopment Commission | Dean Davenport | | By Virtue of Office |
| | Bruce Ide | | By Virtue of Office |
| EMA Advisory Council | Tracy Williamson | | By Virtue of Office |
| PTABOA Board | Judy Lewis, Level II | 1 yr | 1-1-22 to 12-31-22 |
| | Joan Davis, Level II | 1 yr | 1-1-22 to 12-31-22 |
| Solid Waste District | Dean Davenport | | By Virtue of Office |
| North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council | | | |
| | Damon Foreman | | By Virtue of Office |
| Cass County Economic Development Commission | | | |
| | Dave Redweik | | By Virtue of Office |
| Cass County Plan Commission | Brian Reed | | By Virtue of Office |
| Board of Zoning Appeals | Dave Shepler | 4 yrs | 1-1-22 to 12-31-25 |
| Industrial Park Board | Randy Cole | 1 yr | 1-1-22 to 12-31-22 |
| | Brian Reed | 3 yr | 1-1-22 to 12-31-24 |
| EMS Board | Brian Reed | | By Virtue of Office |

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the appointments as read, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IOCS COURT REFORM GRANT APPLICATION – Hillary Hartoin presented IOCS Grant proposal providing court house security improvements and wayfinding system with the use of technology. Hillary requested approval to apply for IOCS Court Reform Grant funding of \$61,800.

Dave Redweik made a motion to approve the IOCS Grant Application as presented, Bruce Ide seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Dave Redweik recognized Sheriff Schroder for his quick response in the delivery of a newborn baby.

Tracy Williamson recognized the anniversary date of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th and appreciation to all past, present, and future veterans that help to keep our great nation free.

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

absent
Brian Reed, President

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Tracy Williamson, Vice President

absent
Grover Bishop

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Dave Redweik

abstain
Dean Davenport

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Damon Foreman

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Bruce Ide

ATTEST:

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Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor