

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
December 11, 2020

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Bruce Ide, Grover Bishop, Mike Stajduhar, Dave Redweik, Tracy Williamson, 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.

MEETING MINUTES – George Stebbins made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2020 as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Prosecutor requested additional appropriation from Fund 2529 in the amount of \$12,700 for personal services. George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 2529 in the amount of \$12,700, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Defender Board requested additional appropriation from Public Safety Fund 1170 in the amount of \$51,000 for contractual services. George Stebbins made a motion to approve additional appropriation from Fund 1170 in the amount of \$51,000, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried 6 in favor, 1 opposed. George Stebbins opposing.

Judge Kitts withdrew additional appropriation request by Circuit Court for inmate care. No action by council was taken.

TRANSFER OUT OF SERIES – Sheriff Schroder requested transfer out of series in Fund 1000.005 from the following account:

Account Line 32620.05 to Account Line 22371.05 in the amount of \$15,357.00
Account Line 32130.05 to Account Line 22371.05 in the amount of \$2,729.11

George Stebbins 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. George Stebbins 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.

ENCUMBRANCES – George Stebbins made a motion to approve 2021 Encumbrances of \$1,054,972.90, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2021 BUDGET REDUCTION – Budget notice was received from Department of Legal Finance with budget reduction of \$11,482.00 from Health Fund 1159. Brian Reed made a motion to reduce Health Fund 1159.15230.213 in the amount of \$11,482.00, George Stebbins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS – The following individuals were appointed for 2020:

Airport Authority	Bruce Ide		By Virtue of Office
Alcoholic Beverage Board	Dan Kline	1 yr	1-1-21 to 12-31-21
Cass County Council Attorney	Jeff Stanton	1 yr	1-1-21 to 12-31-21
EMA Advisory Council	Gary Chambers	2 yr	1-1-21 to 12-31-22
	Tracy Williamson		By Virtue of Office
PTABOA Board	Judy Lewis, Level II	1 yr	1-1-21 to 12-31-21
	Joan Davis, Level II	1 yr	1-1-21 to 12-31-21
North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council			
	Grover Bishop		By Virtue of Office
Cass County Plan Commission	Brian Reed		By Virtue of Office
Industrial Park Board	Randy Cole	1 yr	1-1-21 to 12-31-21
Walton/Tipton Twp Library	Kathy Collins	4 yrs	1-1-21 to 12-31-24

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the appointments as read; positions not determined will be appointed next Council meeting, Dave Reweik seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IT DEPARTMENT – PHONE SYSTEM – Cj Gilsinger informed the council of the necessity to replace the current phone system. Cj presented a hosted phone system with internet function, allowing desk phones to be relocated by internet connection. This system would require purchase of new phones and fax converters with a one-time setup and install fee, as well as training fee. The initial setup cost is approximately \$35,000, large portion of this will be paid from this year’s budget. Cj informed the Council an additional appropriation request will be necessary before the end of next year to cover the difference of setup cost.

RES. 20-05 CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES – Ralph Anderson presented Resolution 20-05 Cares Act Reimbursement Procedures for approval. The resolution establishes financial procedures in receiving CARES ACT funding per requirements of the State Board of Accounts.

Bruce Ide made a motion to approve Res. 20-05 CARES ACT Reimbursement Procedures as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Councilman Stajduhar recognized Councilman Stebbins for his contribution to the Council service to the county. Stebbins was wished “Happy Trails” with a travel carry-on bag to use for future trips while he enjoys all the extra time he will now have.

Councilman Reed personally thanked Stebbins for serving nearly 10 years. Its been a privilege to serve with George and appreciated having him.

Jeff Stanton seconded Councilman Reed's sentiments, Councilman Stebbins' knowledge has been invaluable.

Bridget Davis, 909 S Cicott Street, Logansport – Concerns of harmful emissions from the WSP facility. What is it you know, that we don't know?


Richard Bowman, 9108 E 100 N, Logansport – Heard the county is going to start burning 100,000 tons of coal. Why, where is your thinking?

Jeff Smith, Highway Department Superintendent – Echoed the sentiments for Councilman Stebbins, for always being accessible and available to answer questions. Wished Councilman Stebbins the best in his future endeavors. Appreciated the council's support of the highway department and look forward to working with Councilman Stajduhar in his new position as Commissioner. Councilman Stebbins thanked Smith for the great work he does for the county.

ADJOURNMENT – George Stebbins made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



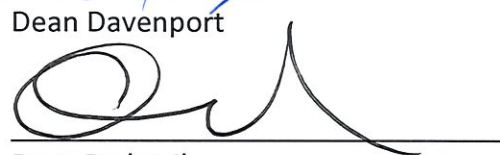
Brian Reed



Dean Davenport



Grover Bishop



Dave Redweik

Absent

Bruce Ide

Open



Tracy Williamson

ATTEST:



Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor