

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 18, 2011**

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Ralph Anderson, Brent Kelley, Jeff LeDonne, George Stebbins, Grover Bishop, Brian Reed, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Jim David was absent. Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**MINUTES**

Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Bennett appeared before the Council to present the proposed increase in vaccine fees. The following increase was presented:

Vaccine Type Per dose	Current Price Health Dept charges Per Dose	Cost to Health Dept	Proposed new price
Meningitis	\$105.00	\$107.80	\$115.00
Tuberculin	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.02	\$ 5.00
Typhoid	\$ 50.00	\$ 48.11	\$ 60.00
Pneumonia	\$ 40.00	\$ 48.96	\$ 60.00
Varicella	\$ 90.00	\$ 87.12	\$ 100.00
Hepatitis B	\$ 30.00	\$ 51.75	\$ 60.00
Hepatitis A	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.35	\$ 70.00

\*The reason for the proposed change is that vaccine prices have jumped and will soon exceed the cost.

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the increase in vaccine fees, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Pryor appeared before the Council. He gave a brief report to the Council on the monthly activities of the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Pryor addressed the Council as to the importance of the

deputies receiving their raises on their anniversary date, instead of waiting until the following budget cycle. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the increase of the deputies pay per anniversary date, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion passed with five aye votes and one nay from Ralph Anderson. The motion carried.

Sheriff Pryor explained that the increase to the officer's pay is being taken out of the over-time line item in his budget, should he fall short he may have to ask for an additional appropriation later in the year. Ralph Anderson stated that this additional would come from General, Rainy Day, Host or Public Safety.

#### **ADDITIONALS**

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Council for the additional in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the Prosecutors office. This money comes from user fees generated by the Prosecutors office. Lisa gave a brief explanation as to what some of the monies would cover and why. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the additional, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Arin Shaver from the Planning Department appeared before the Council to have \$7,105.64 re-appropriated to the unsafe building fund. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the appropriation out of the Rainy Day Fund, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Terry Haney appeared before the Council in regards to the request for additional appropriations for Adult Probation. The first item was for \$4,626.00 to adjust the salary for an employee that reached her 10 year status, per the State of Indiana. This was an oversight at budget time. George Stebbins made a motion to approve the additional out of Fund 241 User Fees, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The second item is in the amount of \$9,160.00 for insurance for an employee that was not carrying insurance at budget time but has opted for insurance during open enrollment. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the additional out of Fund 241 User Fees, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The third item was a request for an additional in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the purchase of firearms. The Council tabled this issue until a County Policy has been established for the use of firearms. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to table this issue until policy is established, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cathy Collins appeared before the Council for approval of the additional appropriation for LCC. This money is collected through Cass County court cases and can only be used to fund certain education, treatment/intervention, criminal justice/law enforcement and administrative. The amount requested was \$36,326.98. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the requested amount, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **TRANSFER**

Dave Arnold appeared for a transfer of funds out of series in the Commissioners budget. Money from contractual service in the amount of \$6,000.00 is to be transferred to the payroll account. This money will be used to pay the part-time employee that images documents. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the transfer, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ABATEMENTS**

Skip Kuker appeared before the Council to recommend tax abatement for the Andersons. Phil Huffman was present to answer questions regarding the installation of new equipment. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the tax abatement, Brent Kelley seconded. The next item to approve in

regards to the Andersons tax abatement was for the number of years. Skip Kuker presented the Council with a work sheet to review. This worksheet gives values for different factors, such as wages and number of employees. Brent Kelley made a motion to allow the tax abatement for four (4) years, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

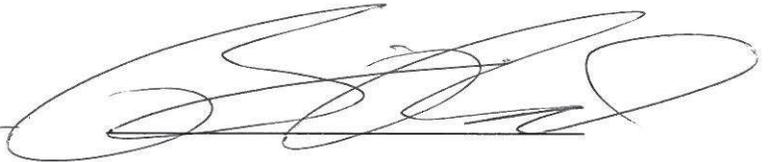
Skip Kuker presented to the Council tax abatement for EBY, INC. EBY will be a sales and service center for ag related trailers. No manufacturing, but maintenance and refurbishing of trailers will be done at this facility. Kirk Swensen is the regional sales manager and was present to answer questions. George Stebbins made a motion to approve the tax abatement, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Grover Bishop made a motion to allow the abatement for eight (8) years, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The ground breaking for EBY will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

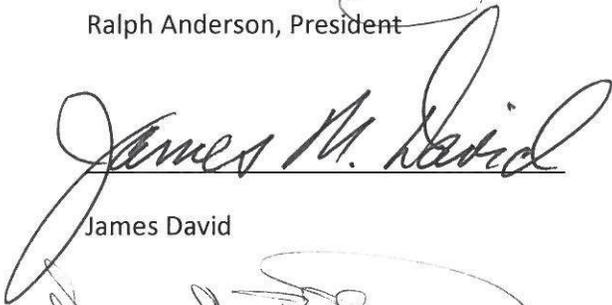
There were no public comments. Brent Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Ralph Anderson, President



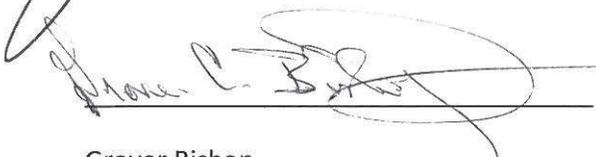
Brian Reed, Vice President



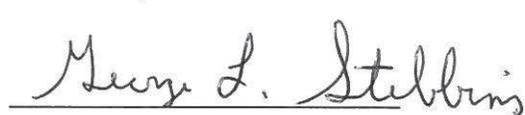
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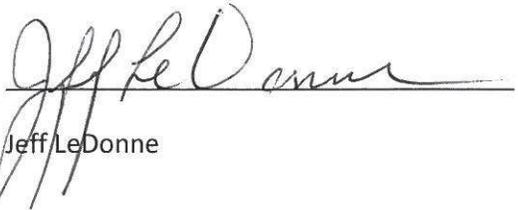
Brent Kelley



Grover Bishop



George Stebbins



Jeff LeDonne

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor