

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2011

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

MINUTES

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, James David seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

LEDF

The Andersons filed with the LEDF for abatement for their company. This article came before the Council last month and a motion was made by George Stebbins to table until the next meeting due to lack of information. The motion was granted with a vote of five aye votes and one nay. The information was obtained and all questions were clarified. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the abatement, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONALS

Sandy Heckard appeared before the Council with a request for an additional of \$40,750.00. The break down for the request was for \$2,000.00 for Garage & Motor, \$5,000.00 Contractual, \$15,000.00 Repair Bldgs./Structures and \$18,750.00 Extra Help. James David asked Sandy if this would cover her expenses for the rest of the year. Sandy responded yes. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the additional out of the General Fund, James David seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dan McDonald appeared before the Council with a request for an additional for Fund 431 E-911. The amount requested is for payroll in the amount of \$ 18,900.00. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the additional from fund 431, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dan McDonald was asked by the Council if he thought he would need the other half of the \$100,000.00 the County gives for E-911. His answer was yes.

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thelma Conrad appeared before the Council. Thelma reported that the Historical Society had acquired the dollar match that the Council requested at the January meeting. The match amount was for \$17,500.

Ralph Anderson requested a motion for the Council to match the funds acquired by the Historical Society. Grover Bishop made the statement that he felt that this needed the Councils full support. Grover made a motion to approve the match of \$17,500.00, James David seconded. The vote was three aye votes, Ralph Anderson, Grover Bishop and James David. Brian Reed, Brent Kelley, Jeff LeDonne and George Stebbins voted nay. The vote did not pass.

Thelma stated that the five pages of people that had pledged money with the thought that the Council was going to match would be very disappointed.

FIRE DISTRICT

No one appeared from the Fire District. George Stebbins made a motion to table until the next meeting, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Pryor appeared and presented the Council with his May report:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	192
PRISONERS RELEASED	189
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,730
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	14,358
OFFICER PATROL MILES	32,941
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	149
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	184
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	5
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	44
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	44
PROPERTY DAMAGE	39
PERSONAL INJURY	5
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICERS	97.5
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,643
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	975

Sheriff Pryor told the Council that the warrant list was at around 3,000 and 150 had already been served. The count of traffic citations issued in 2010 was 189, 2011 count is at 411. The Sheriff also reported that a set of tires usually gets about 30,000 miles, depending on if it front wheel drive or not. George Stebbins praised the Sheriff for the reuse of light bars and other

equipment for the new cars. Brian Reed noted that he has seen an increase in presence of deputies out in the county. Sheriff Pryor told the Council that the need for additional funding was forthcoming. Fuel, maintenance and vests are concerns for the department.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dave Arnold appeared before the Council to report that the 520 High Street building is in need of a new roof. The lowest bid was for \$59,747.00. The Commissioners will present an additional appropriation at the next meeting.

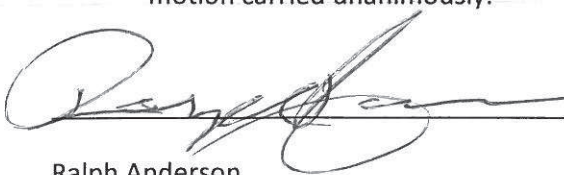
BUDGET WORKSHOP/BUDGET HEARING DATES

August 10th will be the budget workshop beginning at 9:00 a.m. August 19th. The first budget hearing will begin after the regular Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. September 16th will be the second reading of the budget after the regular Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. The non-binding reviews will be done at the September 16th meeting also.


PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Allen Hanna appeared before the Council. Allen resides at 4937 N. 200 W., Logansport. Allen questioned the amount of \$80,000.00 to tear down the Anoka Bridge. He felt it was something that the County Highway workers could do. Allen also voiced his concern for the amount charged by the Cass Area Transit. Ralph informed Mr. Hanna that the bridge was a Commissioner issue and not the Council. The Cass County Council does not set the fees for Cass Area Transit.

Ralph Anderson then addressed the Council and public. Ralph respected the vote of the Council in regards to the Historical Society. Ralph felt he could no longer lead a board that did not keep its word. He will step down as Council President; Brian Reed will take over as President at its next meeting. James David made a motion to adjourn, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

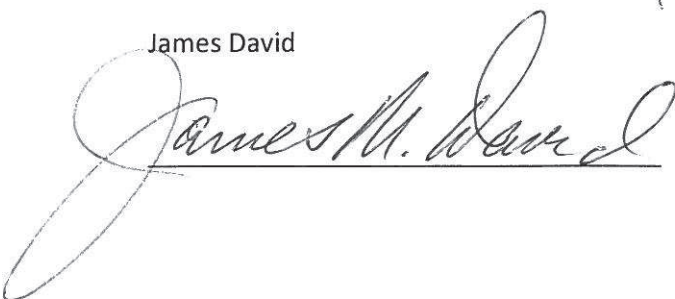


Ralph Anderson

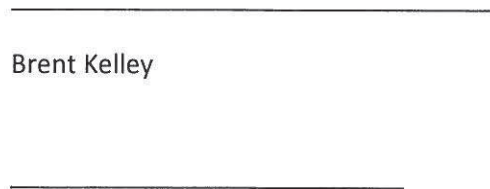


Brian Reed

James David



Brent Kelley



Grover Bishop

George L. Stebbins
George Stebbins

Jeff LeDonne

ATTEST: Vaneen M. Ide
Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor