

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Brent Kelley, George Stebbins, Grover Bishop, Jeff LeDonne, Ralph Anderson, James David, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide.

MINUTES

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA

Council President Brian Reed moved the Anderson presentation up from item six to item three.

ANDERSONS TAX ABATEMENT PRESENTATION

The abatement requested will be for personal property and real property. Tony Mazurek from the Andersons presented a brief outline of what the abatement would be used for at the facility. Rod Erny told the Council that the new storage for the company would be on CR 400 E. The product to be stored would be dry and there is no odor. The Andersons appreciate the working relationship that they have had with Cass County, and sincerely hope that this abatement is granted at the December meeting.

Brian Reed thanked them for the presentation and information given. The Cass County Council will review the information and vote on the abatement at the December meeting.

ADDITIONAL

The Cass County Council requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help fund a facilitator for a new group in Cass County. Patricia Hammons a local business owner appeared and gave a brief presentation and answered questions from the Council. The groups involved in this joint venture are the Chamber, Logan's Landing, Tourism Bureau and LEDF. The formation of this one entity will help facilitate a joint effort in projects that these groups support. A facilitator from Ball State University, Dick Heupel, CECD, has been selected.

Gene Powlen, County Commissioner came before the Council and spoke in favor of this group and what they are trying to do. Robyn McCloskey informed the Council that several business have pledged monies to help with this project.

George Stebbins made a motion to approve \$3,900.00, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The amount of \$3,900.00 is what is needed to reach the \$18,900.00 needed to fund the facilitator position. Ralph

Anderson called for discussion. After a brief discussion, Brian Reed called for a vote for the motion on the floor. There were 4 aye votes, Brian Reed, George Stebbins, Jeff LeDonne and James David, 3 nay votes, Ralph Anderson, Grover Bishop and Brent Kelley. The motion carried.

2012 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Cass County Council will meet in 2012 on the following dates at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room.

January 20, 2012

February 17, 2012

March 16, 2012

April 20, 2012

May 18, 2012

June 15, 2012

July 20, 2012

August 17, 2012

September 21, 2012

October 19, 2012

November 16, 2012

December 21, 2012

George Stebbins made a motion to approve the 2012 meeting dates, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

The Cass County Council will review the information presented to them in regards to E-911 and Local Road resolutions. The AIC is requesting these resolutions to help with the legislation of these two items. A decrease in revenue for E-911 and Local Roads is causing hardships to counties. The resolutions will be presented at the December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Ralph Anderson wanted to make everyone aware of the upcoming play December 3rd and 4th. Dr. Greg Bell will be playing the part of Charles Dickens as he narrates his own play. George Stebbins extends congratulations to all of the candidates that won in last week's election. Brent Kelley made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

After the meeting had adjourned, Sheriff Randy Pryor informed the Council that we were now housing 13 DOC inmates. Brian Reed appreciates the monthly report the Sheriff gives to the Council each month. When asked about fuel the Sheriff responded with "it looks good".



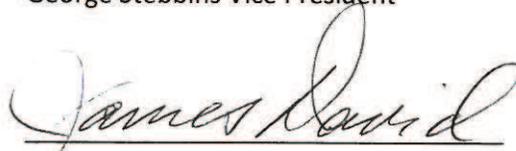
Brian Reed, President



George Stebbins Vice President



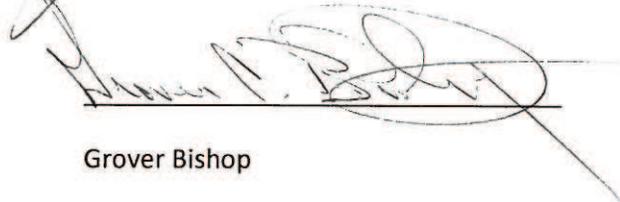
Ralph Anderson



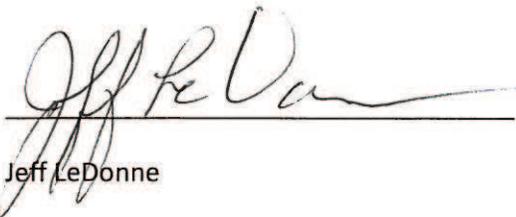
James David



Brent Kelley



Grover Bishop



Jeff LeDonne

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor