

## **CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MAY 20, 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, James David, George Stebbins, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Grover Bishop was absent. Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence.

### **MINUTES**

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

### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS**

Skip Kuker appeared before the Council and presented the Compliance with Statements of Benefits Real Estate Improvements and Personal Property. This paperwork is for the Andersons Clymers Ethanol, LLC. The current facility is within the specified guidelines. George Stebbins requested that from now forward the documents be presented to the Council at least 48 hours before the meeting for them to be reviewed. George Stebbins made a motion to table until the documents could be reviewed, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5 ayes and a nay vote from Ralph Anderson. The Council has 45 days to take action.

### **ORDINANCES**

The Ordinance Establishing County Elected Officials Training Fund was presented. The fifty cents that is to be deposited into the County Election Official's Training Fund will be non-reverting and shall have its own fund number. Brent Kelley made a motion to accept the Ordinance as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Randy Pryor was present with his intern for the summer, Preston Howard. Preston is a student at Tine University in Angola; he is currently engaged in criminal studies. Preston presented the statistics for the Sheriff's department and Jail:

PRISONER BOOKINGS		175
PRISONERS RELEASED		141
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,907	
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS		13,099
OFFICER PATROL MILES		30,382
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED		117
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS		59
DWI/OWI ARRESTS		3
CRIMINAL ARRESTS		11
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	27	
PROPERTY DAMAGE		23
PERSONAL INJURY	3	
FATALITIES		1
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	172	
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,611	
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED		974

Sheriff Pryor was present to answer any questions about the Ordinance Regulating Alarm Systems and Prescribing Penalties. Brian Reed questioned the amount of the fines and told Randy that if they were not high enough and the Ordinance was not getting the job done eliminating the false alarms, Randy will need to come back to the Council and raise the fines. Ralph Anderson wants the fund to go into the General Fund. Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADDITIONALS**

Prosecutor Kevin Enyeart was present and introduced the new Misdemeanor Prosecutor Andrew Achey to the Council. Andrew will be taking over the position Kelly Gaumer held. Kevin has promoted Kelly to the position paid by the State of Indiana. Andrew thanked the Council for the opportunity to work for Cass County. Kevin reported that the staff for his office is back up to six prosecutors. Andrew will be paid out of extra help until July when the State will begin to pay Kelly's salary. Brian Reed made a motion to approve Andrew's position, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin was also present for the approval of the additional money requested for his office out of his User Fees. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the amount of \$14,000.00 requested, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor's office requested monies from the Auditor Plat Upkeep fund for repairs and upkeep of the books in the office. The request was for \$2,000.00. George Stebbins made a motion to approve the request, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Cheri Bennett appeared before the Council to present the options for the part-time administrator for the Health Department. The Commissioners and Personnel Committee have recommended option B. This is the option that the Health Department Board is also recommending. This option is for 22 hours per week at \$16.00 per hour. Brent Kelley made a motion to accept option B, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennett also presented to the Council the recommendation for Preparedness Grant. The recommendation by the District Four Coordinator is to hire a Purdue student and reward them as they reach each goal of receiving the grant. The monetary reward would be \$250.00 for each goal reached. Brian Reed made a motion to accept the recommendation, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Brent Kelley thanked Dr. Bennett for her hard work.

### **HIGHWAY**

Jeff Smith presented the pay schedule to the Council that was accepted by the Commissioners and the Personnel Committee:

Shop Foreman Position- Starting Pay \$14.05

Project Coordinator Position- Starting Pay \$14.05

Uncertified Mechanic- Starting Pay \$12.50

Certified Mechanic Position- Starting Pay \$16.50 after 90 day probation period the pay would be \$17.50.

Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the pay schedule, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN**

There were no public comments. Ralph Anderson announced that he was a grandfather again; a little girl and he turned 60 on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Ralph welcomed Mayor Fincher. George Stebbins made a motion to adjourn, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Ralph Anderson, President

Brian Reed, Vice President

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James David

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Brent Kelley

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Grover Bishop

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George Stebbins

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Jeff LeDonne

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor