

**Cass County Council  
September 16, 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. Brian Reed opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**MINUTES**

Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes of the first reading of the 2012 budget, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL**

Coroner George Franklin appeared before the Council with a request for an additional \$12,000 for other supplies and autopsy. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the additional from the Host fund, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

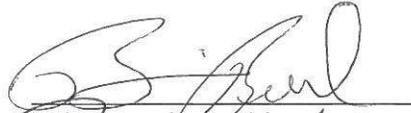
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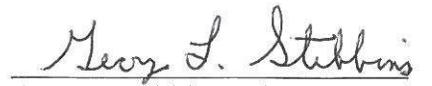
Lynda Kennedy, Cindy Howard and Dr. Bennett appeared before the Council with a request to transfer funds in order to pay incoming bills. The transfer will be from the group insurance account to other supplies in the amount of \$20,000 and to telephone in the amount of \$5,000. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the transfer of funds, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Lana Calloway appeared before the Council with a request to keep France Park open. Ms. Calloway is a permanent camper at France Park. Stan Calloway also encouraged the Council to keep France Park open. It is a wonderful place for families to come and interact together. Ralph Anderson supports the park and the reduction was only \$100,000, the park will still receive funding. The Council also supports the park and it is not their position to close France Park.

There were no other public comments. Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

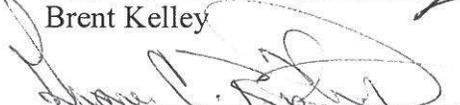
  
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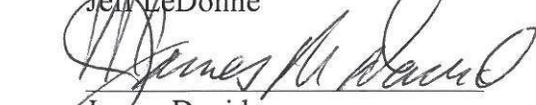
  
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George Stebbins, Vice President

  
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Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor

**Cass County Council  
September 16, 2011  
Second Reading 2012 Budget**

The Cass County Council met after their regular September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Present were Brian Reed, George Stebbins, Grover Bishop, Ralph Anderson, Jeff LeDonne, James David, Brent Kelley, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide.

The first item was the Park Department, the original Park Department budget was restored and the following cuts were made:

- 11026 Per Diem reduced from \$1350 to \$0
- 12005 Board Members reduced from \$2250 to \$0
- 15240 Unemployment reduced from \$7,800 to \$3,800
- 11521 Social Security reduced from \$ 15,589 to \$11,219
- 11522 PERF reduced from \$9,131 to \$7,360
- 15230 Group Insurance reduced from \$54,960 to \$41,220
- 32410 Printing reduced from \$1,700 to \$999
- 35120 Insurance reduced from \$25,000 to \$17,000
- 33251 Repair Building & Structure reduced from \$15,000 to \$8,600
- 35700 Dues/Subscriptions reduced from \$300 to \$0
- 18001 Part-time reduced from \$78,240 to \$43,240
- 17005 Security reduced from \$43,565 to \$21,445

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the reductions to Park Department budget as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Health Department, Health Maint., Public Health Coordinator and Tobacco Education original budgets were restored and the following changes were made:

**Health Department**

- 11521 Social Security reduced from \$18,021 to \$14,164
- 11522 PERF reduced from \$18,021 to \$14,164
- 13001 Deputy reduced from \$41,874 to \$20,937
- 15230 Group Insurance reduced from \$90,180 to \$68,700
- 22360 Office Supplies reduced from \$2,512 to \$1,000
- 23100 Fuel reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500
- 23200 Garage & Motor reduced from \$3,100 to \$700
- 23300 Uniforms increase budget from \$0 to \$100
- 32140 Telephone reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,115
- 32531 Rebinding Records reduced from \$50 to \$25
- 35700 Dues & Subscriptions reduced from \$750 to \$450

**Health Maintenance**

- 11024 Parttime Translator increase from \$0 to \$5980
- 11521 Social Security increase from \$1,644 to \$1,758
- 12022 Data Processor reduced from \$2,408 to \$0
- 11036 Part time Educator reduced from \$2,409 to \$0
- 15013 Nurse increase from \$0 to \$5379
- 16009 Sanitaricians increase from \$0 to \$7,790

18001 Extra Help reduced from \$16,661 to \$3,822  
22361 Environmental Supplies reduced from \$4,500 to \$2,000  
22371 Other Supplies increased from \$2,000 to \$2,200  
32110 Freight & Express increased from \$50 to \$243  
32662 Training Fund increased from \$0 to \$2,500

**Public Health Coordinator**

11521 Social Security increase from \$72 to \$366  
18001 Extra Help increase from \$929 to \$4,748  
22370 Sanitation Supplies increase from \$0 to \$3,825  
22371 Other Supplies reduced from \$8,999 to \$325  
23100 Fuel increase from \$0 to \$100  
23200 Garage & Motor increase from \$0 to \$500  
32662 Training Fund increase from \$0 to \$100

**Tobacco Education**

11521 Social Security increase from \$1,256 to \$1,427  
18001 Extra Help increase from \$4,000 to \$6,232  
22371 Other Supplies reduced from \$4,000 to \$2,988

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the changes to the budgets of Health, Health Maintenance, Public Health Coordinator and Tobacco Education, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to reduce the levy for Health and Park and Recreation \$100,000 from each department and that sum to be applied to County General, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Superior Court II**

Judge Richard Maughmer appeared before the Council and requested that his line item 47310 Superior Court Law books be restored to the requested amount. A contract is in place for the original amount budgeted. Ralph Anderson made a motion to restore 47310 from \$25,000 to \$27,000, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to remove the Sheriff's line item 47245 Vehicles in the amount of \$25,000 from the Cumulative Capitol budget and move it to Public Safety budget, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Circuit Court**

Judge Burns has requested a reduction in his Circuit Court staff. The position will be removed from the Circuit Court budget and placed in fund 234. The salary amount is \$22,578, social security is \$1,727.22 and the PERF amount is \$1,821. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve as presented, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian Reed reiterated seasonal and part-time salaries that passed on the first reading of the 2012 budget. Seasonal and interns will receive \$8.40 per hour. Regular part-time may receive \$8.40 and up to \$10.00 per hour at the officeholder/department heads discretion with the funds appropriated for 2012. Brian went on to state that additional appropriations for 2012 would be very limited and only approved in worst-case scenarios.

Ralph Anderson made an omnibus motion to approve all changes made to the 2012 budget today and at 1<sup>st</sup> reading, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **BINDING BUDGETS**

Ralph Anderson made a motion to table the approval of the binding budget for Fire District 1, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Fire District 1 budget will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the binding budget of Solid Waste as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the binding budget of the Airport Authority as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to make the Walton Town Library a binding budget. Decreasing their county general from \$138,269 to \$131,273 and the lease remains the same, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

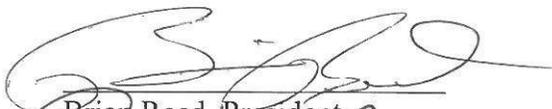
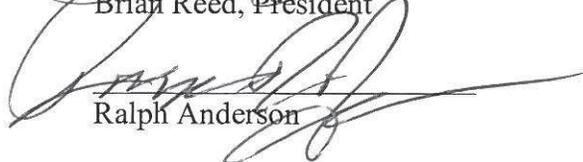
Ralph Anderson made a motion to make the Logansport Public Library a binding budget. Decreasing their county general from \$1,506,624 to \$1,432,229, improvements to building remain as submitted, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

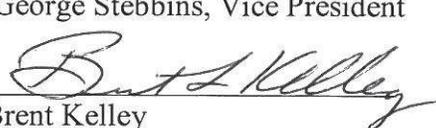
### **NON-BINDING BUDGETS**

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the remaining non-binding budgets as submitted to the Council, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Brian Reed thanked Ralph Anderson and George Stebbins for their help with this budget. Brian has a new appreciation for all that Ralph has done in the past for budgets. Brian Reed also thanked all of the Department heads and Commissioners for making this budget process easier. George Stebbins made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Brian Reed, President  
  
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