

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2012

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

Additional appropriation for Fire District #1 is continued from the April 20<sup>th</sup> public hearing meeting. Council President George Stebbins opened with this statement. "I would like to open the meeting by making sure everybody in this room knows that the council is the financial arm of county government. We do not determine who provides the fire protection or who the district contracts with. We also have no say so in the establishing of a district or dissolving the district. We are here to make sure the people in the fire district have fire protection and the Fire District can meet its financial obligations. With that we will start with the proposed resolution before us."

The resolution would provide to the Cass County Fire District #1, \$168,000.00 from CEDIT funds. These monies shall be provided outright and absolute to the Cass County Fire District #1 with no obligation of repayment. Cass County shall loan to the Cass County Fire District #1, an additional \$200,000.00 from Cass County's CEDIT funds. These funds shall supplement the current balance of monies loaned to the Cass County Fire District #1 by Cass County in the amount of \$186,420.00.

Brent Kelley made a motion that the Ordinance Providing Financial Assistance to the Cass County Fire District #1 have item #3 read as follows:

The total funds of \$386,420.00 shall be repaid to Cass County by the Cass County Fire District #1 in semiannual installments of \$19, 321 for ten years beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. Simple interest at the rate of 0% shall accrue on the balance of funds owed by the Cass County Fire District #1 to Cass County, IN., Jeff LeDonne seconded. Ralph Anderson called for discussion.

Ralph felt that the \$168,000.00 in CEDIT funds was a tax credit to the three districts. Ralph would like the terms to be for three years not ten. After the discussion concluded, George Stebbins called for a vote, since a motion and a second were on the floor. The vote was five aye votes and one nay vote from Ralph Anderson. The motion passed.

Brent Kelley made a motion to allow the Fire District to seek an emergency loan if the DLGF does not approve the use of CEDIT monies, but they can't do both, Brian Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people were present and made public comments:

Bridget Enyeart, 3715 Price Drive, Logansport, IN.

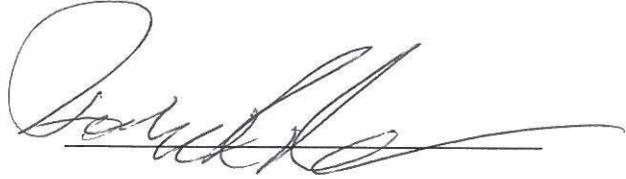
Karl Myer, 2125 N. Court Street, Logansport, IN.

Jim Stotler, 3030 Woodland Drive, Logansport, IN

Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



George Stebbins, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President

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Brian Reed

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James David



Brent Kelley

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Grover Bishop



Jeff LeDonne

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor