

## **CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 15, 2013**

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

### **MINUTES**

Grover Bishop made a motion to amend the minutes as presented. The spelling of the word declaratory was misspelled incorrectly twice. On the second page under contractual services the difference of \$202,000.00 does not need to be advertised as an additional in Public Safety, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Auditor will make the corrections to minutes before posting to the website and record book.

### **WHEEL TAX**

Grover Bishop made a motion to keep the present rates for the wheel tax, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor, Brian Reed was opposed.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

The amount of \$434,000.00 was requested as an additional in the CAGIT certified shares budget Fund number 1110. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the additional, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLEDO**

Connie Neininger appeared before the Council with her monthly update for the Council. Next month Connie will present the first quarter report from CLEDO.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

George Stebbins recessed the regular Council meeting to conduct a public hearing in regards to the abatement for Sagamore Warehouse, LLC. George asked for any comments from the public in regards to the request for abatement from Sagamore Warehouse, LLC. There were no public comments. George Stebbins invited Connie Neininger and Jim Hedrick to address the Council and provide their information and field any questions from the Council. Connie informed the Council that the warehouse facility would be storing dry and liquid fertilizer and would employ 3 full time employees and 2 part-time employees. Sageamore Warehouse is leasing the land; the abatement is for equipment and personal property only. This is a joint venture with county and city. The Council received and reviewed this information at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting concerning the 5 year abatement.

George Stebbins closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular Council meeting.

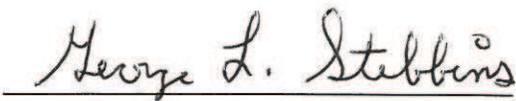
### CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION

Brent Kelley made a motion to approve the designation of an economic revitalization area for Sagamore Warehouse, LLC, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

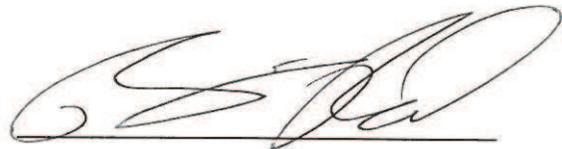
### PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Tamara Ogle from the Cass County Extension Office appeared and informed the Council that there would be another education program for local government sponsored by Purdue University. The seminars will be May 9<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>. Any Council member interested should contact the extension office.

Ralph Anderson reminded everyone of the Arts Alliance dinner and auction Saturday night March 16<sup>th</sup>. George Stebbins wished the Lady Berry Gymnasts good luck at State on Saturday. Brent Kelley made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



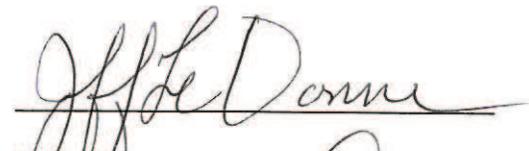
George Stebbins, President



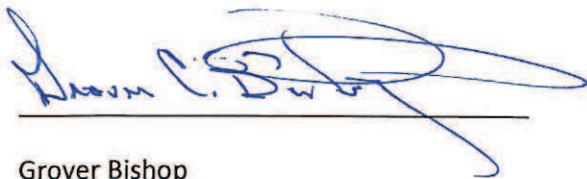
Brian Reed, Vice President



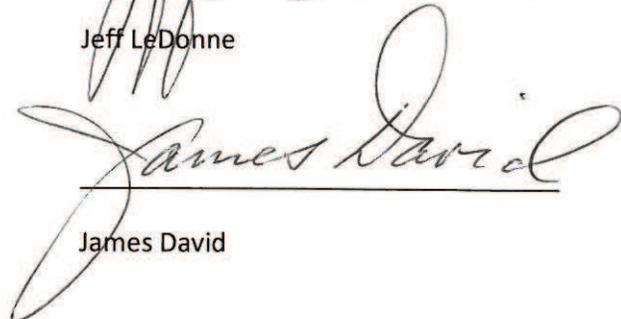
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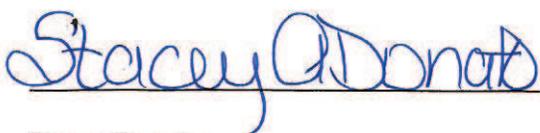
Jeff LeDonne



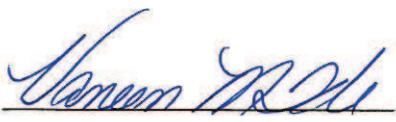
Grover Bishop



James David



Stacey Donato

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor