CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 2016

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were George Stebbins, Steve Kain, Stacey Donato, Tracey Williamson, Brian Reed, Grover Bishop, Phil Rains, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Vaneen Ide.

Council President George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ROYAL CENTER LIBRARY

Julie Diesman from the Royal Center Library appeared before the Council and presented paperwork for an additional appropriation for the Royal Center Library. Julie was accompanied by? And ?. The Council reviewed the paperwork. Phil Rains made a motion to approve the request for the additional appropriation, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COURT HOUSE SECURITY

Phil Loos, Security Director, appeared before the Council. Phil addressed the Council over concerns about the west doors after the remodel was complete. The Council took no action at this time.

DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES

Dave Wegner appeared before the Council and presented the budget for their approval for the Drug Free Communities Program. Steve Kain made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Sheriff submitted a request for $50,000.00 to help pay for the housing of female inmates out of county. The jail does not have sufficient room to house the influx of female inmates at this time. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request for $50,000.00 out of the Public Safety fund, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A request for $54,154.00 from the Rainy Day fund was made in order to offset budgets moved to the Rainy Day fund after budget cuts. Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the request for $54,154.00 from the Rainy Day fund, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 yeas and one nay from George Stebbins.

APPOINTMENTS

The following individuals were appointed to the Industrial Park Board:

Harry Rodkey – one year term

Allen McCloskey – three year term

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the appointments of Harry Rodkey one year term and Allen McCloskey three year term to the Industrial Park Board, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIRING FREEZE RESOLUTION

The Cass County Council has reviewed the Hiring Freeze Resolution prepared by Attorney Jeff Stanton. Brian Reed made a motion to send a positive recommendation for the Commissioners to adopt the Resolution, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Clerk, Beth Liming, requested the Council allow her to spend $3,000.00 out of her Clerk Perpetuation Fund, for the repair and upkeep of her books. This will be advertised as an additional appropriation, since it was not a budgeted item. These funds can be used by the Clerk at her discretion for the up keep of books.

George Stebbins also requested the Auditor to advertise the amount issued by the insurance company for the totaled Sheriff vehicle, so those funds could be used toward the purchase on the Sheriff Departments new vehicles.

Commissioner Ralph Anderson announced that Civic Players will be presenting "Dear Liar" at the historic State Theater on March 4th and 5th at 7: p.m. tickets are $10.00. Also, try outs for "Big City" are this weekend.

Brian Reed made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George L. Stebbins

George Stebbins, President

Stacey A Donato

Stacey Donato, Vice President

Phillip E. Rains

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Steven M. Kain

Steve Kain

Grover Bishop

Tracy Williamson

Brian Reed

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor