

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2016

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

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

MINUTES

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

WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Council with a request to establish a new position of Director of Programing. This position would be funded through a grant that was received in the amount of \$130,000.00. The monies received will also be used to fund Therapeutic programing. Steve Kain made a motion to approve the position as long as the grant funding was available, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK

Beth Liming appeared before the Council with a request to spend \$1,896.26 from the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund. This amount will need to be advertised as an additional appropriation and approved at the next Council meeting. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the request for \$1,896.26 to be appropriated to the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Council with a request to transfer money out of series from the following account for repairs to the salt building.

Account 11013(overtime) to account 33251(repair building) in the amount of \$36,000.00

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the transfer of funds out of series, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RECORDER

Cindy Howard appeared before the Council in regards to an Ordinance Approving Recorder's Request To Use The County Recorders Records Perpetuation Fund To Support All Operating Expenses For 2016. This ordinance falls under IC 36-2-7-10.2. This ordinance allows the Recorder to use the

Perpetuation Fund to pay the expenses of the Recorder's office and that there are sufficient funds to operate the office. Steve Kain made a motion to allow the ordinance for the use of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This is Ordinance 2016-07.

ABATEMENTS

Christy Householder, Economic Director, appeared before the Council with an Amended Resolution Approving a Statement of Benefits for Left Bank Properties, LLC. Left Bank Properties, LLC was granted an abatement for the current year. The construction for the abatement was not completed by assessment date, so the resolution grants that the abatement will begin for the following year. Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the resolution for Left Bank Properties, LLC as presented, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Christy presented the following companies for review to continue their abatements.

B & T Grinding, LLC

Tracy Williamson made a motion to allow the abatement to continue for B & T Grinding, LLC as they are in compliance for their abatement for real property, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Maple Grove Distributing

Grover Bishop made a motion to allow the abatement for Maple Grove Distributing as they are in compliance for their abatement for real property, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MH Eby, Inc.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to allow the abatement to continue for MH Eby, Inc. as they are in compliance for their abatement for real property, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MT Fabricating, Inc.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to allow the abatement to continue for MT Fabricating, Inc. as they are in compliance for their abatement for real property, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Standard Fusee/Orion Safety

Christy informed the Council that Standard Fusee/Orion Safety was not in complete compliance with the real property abatement, due to some unforeseen issues. Miami County had granted Standard Fusee one more year to reach compliancy. Council President George Stebbins felt that Cass County should be consistent and also allow Standard Fusee/Orion Safety another year to become compliant for

real property. Tracy Williamson made a motion to allow Standard Fusee/Orion Safety another year to become compliant, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to allow the abatement for personal property for Standard Fusee/Orion Safety as it was in compliance, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SUS Cast Products, Inc.

Tracy Williamson made a motion to approve the abatement for personal property for SUS Cast Products, Inc. as they are in compliance for their abatement, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Anderson's – Ag Walton

Steve Kain made a motion to approve the abatement for real property for Andersons –Ag Walton, as they are in compliance for their abatement, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Anderson's Clymer's Ethanol

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the three personal property abatements for The Anderson's Clymer's Ethanol, as they are in compliance for their abatement, Steve Kain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

An additional appropriation for \$100,000.00 from the Public Safety fund was advertised to be loaned to the Adams Township for assistance to the Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department with the purchase of a newer fire truck. Attorney Jeff Stanton presented an ordinance for the Council's consideration. The ordinance allows for a loan of \$100,000.00 to Adams Township, with zero interest and payments of \$12,500.00 for 8 years beginning in 2017 to the Public Safety Fund.

Steve Kain made a motion to approve the ordinance for the loan of \$100,000.00 to the Adams Township for assistance to the Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This becomes Ordinance 2016-08.

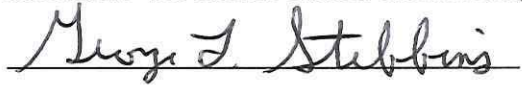
AMEND FUND FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER REIMBURSEMENTS

The monies that were being received from the State as reimbursements for the Public Defenders were being placed into County General Fund and need to be transferred and from this date forward be placed into the Public Safety Fund. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the reimbursement for the Public Defender be placed into the Public Safety Fund, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Ralph Anderson announced the opening of the production of "Big City" with county employees as part of the cast. June 17th and 18th and June 24th and 25th at 7:30 p.m. tickets are \$15.00 per seat at McHale Auditorium.

There were no further public comments. Steve Kain made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



George Stebbins, President



Stacey Donato, Vice President



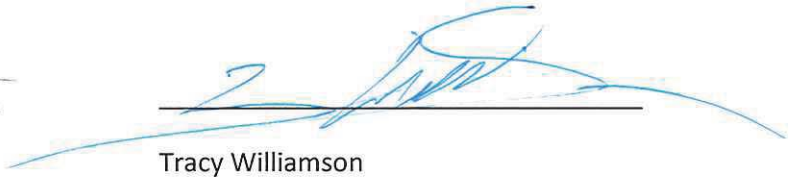
Phillip Rains



Steve Kain



Grover Bishop



Tracy Williamson



Brian Reed

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor