Tuesday, February 25, 2020

The Cass County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. with all members present: Steve Baier, chair; Stephen Green, John Hartkopf, Mark O'Brien and Frank Waters. Agenda upon motion by Hartkopf, 2nd by Green was approved. Minutes of February 18, 2020 upon motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Waters were approved.
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Cass County Wellness Coordinator, and secretary of the Cass County Food Policy Council, Brigham Hoegh presented update on this new program funded by the County, YMCA, Public Health and ISU Extension which started last year. Her job is to facilitate connections and increase visibility and awareness of wellness opportunities across Cass County.

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Hartkopf stated that Crossroads accepted Zion/SWIMHC offer to purchase its building on South Olive Street, Atlantic and Zion/SWIMHC would be moving to this building. A 20 percent down payment is needed and the lending bank asked that the County 'back' the loan for seven years. Zion, the County, the County Hospital and the SWI MHDS Region are contributing to the purchase. They are in mutual agreement that it is in the best financial interest of the County to keep Zion with approximately 34 local employees in Cass County.

Motion by Green; 2nd Waters: to adopt Resolution No. 2020-005 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION, A LOAN AND A BACKING OF A LOAN. Carried unanimously.

Cass County Resolution No. 2020-005

WHEREAS, the Southwest Iowa Mental Health Center and Zion Recovery have merged to better provide mental health and disability services in southwest Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the current operating facility in Cass County will soon be unavailable; and

WHEREAS, it was determined to be in the best financial interests of the parties to purchase a property; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Supervisors believe it is in the best interests of the citizens of Cass County to keep SWIMHC/Zion Recovery in Cass County; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes maintaining operations in Cass County is a County Betterment/Development project;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

Section 1. To contribute TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($25,000) to the building purchase project from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund.

Section 2. It is hereby directed that a Loan in the amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($25,000) be advanced for the funding of the building purchase project from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. The Loan shall be repaid to the Local Option Sales Tax Fund, without interest, out of future revenues received by SWIMHC/Zion Recovery.

Section 3. It is hereby directed that Cass County back the Bank Loan(s) for the remaining purchase price (FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($400,000) for the term of seven (7) years.

Section 4. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the office of the County Auditor of Cass County to evidence the County Loan and backing of Bank Loan(s). Resolution adopted this 25th day of February, 2020

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County Engineer's assistant Rich Hansen reviewed current road projects.

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Board considered appointment of a Cass County Engineer. Green stated first supervisor district residents who spoke with him preferred the Cass County engineer become a Cass County resident. Other discussion included how a decision was reached to employ someone who would commute from another county and terms of the contract. After due discussion:

Motion by Hartkopf, 2nd by O'Brien: to enter into an employment agreement with Trent Wolken, PE for the period March 23, 2020 thru June 30, 2022 (starting annual salary rate $110,000). Roll call: Aye: O'Brien, Hartkopf, Waters and Baier. Nay: Green. Motion carried.

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MH / GA Coordinator Deb Schuler presented report on activity for the month of January.

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Meeting adjourned. Next meeting March 3, 2020.

/s/-Steve Baier, Chair   Attest: /s/-Dale Sunderman, Auditor