

**Vermillion County Council  
Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse

**Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on August 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**III. Roll Call.** Members present were President Ashley James, William Brent Bush, Neil Costello, Ronald L. Dunavan Jr., John Michael Major, Randy Dreher, Robert Spence, Auditor Amy Tolbert, Deputy Auditor Annie Wickens and Council Attorney Scott Craig.

**IV. Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report.** President, Ashley James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and Account Summary of monies being invested.

**VI. Comp Time Report.** President, Ashley James acknowledged the receipt of the Comp Time report.

**VII. Transfer of Funds-Reporting Only**

Circuit Court to transfer from Conference & Legal Seminars to Equipment & Maintenance. In the amount of **\$1,500.00.**

Sheriff to transfer from Dispatch 1 to Overtime. Salary Change moving to OT. In the amount of **\$5,300.00.**

Sheriff to transfer from Photography to Sheriffs Evidence Tech. In the amount of **\$2,000.00.**

EOC to transfer from Building & Structure to Copy Machine & Maintenance. This is to cover Copier lease for 6 months. In the amount of **\$50.00**

Commissioners to transfer from Bldg & Structure to Covid Supplies. In the amount of **\$2,000.00.**

**VIII. Additional Appropriations.**

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>1000 County General</i>	\$67,071.00	<b>\$67,071.00</b>

Adding Longevity-pay to the handbook per Vermillion County Commissioners. A discussion started on who is eligible for longevity pay and when it would start. Attorney Scott Craig stated he wasn't sure if elected officials would be allowed to receive the longevity pay. Clarification was determined that elected officials were eligible for longevity pay. Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. requested that Commissioners and Council not be included in the longevity-pay. Tim Wilson agreed that Council and Commissioners not be included. Eligibility for longevity pay will be as of January 1, 2020. Council decided to discuss longevity-pay for elected officials at the next County Council meeting. A motion was made by John Michael

Major and seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. to approve the longevity- pay for employees. All in favor, motion carried.

**FUND/DEPT      AMOUNT REQUESTED      AMOUNT APPROVED**

1000 County General      \$15,000.00      \$0

Recording equipment and licensing to enable recording of remote hearings and hearings and hearings held with parties via Zoom Conferencing.

*\*Judge Jill Wesch pulled this from the agenda/meeting.*

**FUND/DEPT      AMOUNT REQUESTED      AMOUNT APPROVED**

1000 County General      \$1000.00      \$1000.00

Grant through IN Dept of Homeland Security for writing and documenting the LEPC Annual Exercise. The grant is fully executed and ready to pay to the contractor. A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Robert Spence. All in favor, motion carried.

**FUND/DEPT      AMOUNT REQUESTED      AMOUNT APPROVED**

1000 County General      \$10,000.00      \$10,000.00

Temp Screen Body Scanner for Courthouse. Tim Wilson stated that they have decided to go with the Body Scanner that has the metal detector with temperature screening. A motion was made by Robert Spence and seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. All in favor, motion carried.

**FUND/DEPT      AMOUNT REQUESTED      AMOUNT APPROVED**

1142 Cumulative Jail      \$98,717.52      \$98,717.52

Invoice for Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors for professional services related to the proposed jail project including preparing funding options and scenarios and attending various meetings. In the amount of \$16,217.52.

RQAW presented an Amendment to Professional Services agreement. The Owner and Architect amend the Agreement is as follows: The project has been revised as described below. This will require the Architect to reperform Schematic Design services.

1. Approximately 29,500 SF addition and renovation
2. New Vehicular Sally Port
3. New Admin Addition and remodel
4. Existing Housing/Control Room Remodel
5. Upgrades to Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing
6. Upgrades to security electronics systems
7. Estimated Construction cost of \$10,000,000

The Architects compensation and schedule shall be adjusted as follows  
Compensation Adjustment:  
Architects fee for additional SD services is \$82,500.

The above reference was approved by the Commissioners on July 21, 2020.

A motion was made by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. and seconded by Robert Spence to approve the Additional Appropriations in the amount of \$98,717.52. John Michael Major and Randy Dreher opposed.

**IX. New Business**

- a. Regional Development Authority. Greg Goode with the Wabash Regional Development Authority and Senator Jon Ford discussed what the organization does and how it could benefit Vermillion County. Member counties of the Wabash River RDA currently include Knox, Sullivan and Vigo

Counties. The Wabash River RDA, submitted, an application for Regional Cities funding, and while the RDA was not selected in the competitive process for the initial round of funding, a number of the RDA projects caught the attention of the IEDC that led to state support. One of these projects, Riverfront Lofts in Terre Haute, was the result of a public-private partnership that transformed an empty, dilapidated former industrial facility into a beautiful housing facility located along the magnificent natural resource that our counties share, the Wabash River. The RDA provides the mechanism to raise the profile of worthy projects while also serving as the conduit to receive state funding to be invested in these projects. To date, six projects in the three counties have been or will be completed because of IEDC support via the Wabash River RDA.

Vermillion County has been invited to join the Wabash River RDA. The decision of the county to join rests with the County Council, and when the opportunity to appoint an individual to serve on the RDA board becomes available, that appointment rests with the County Commissioners.

A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Randy Dreher to join the Wabash River RDA. All in favor, motion carried.

- b.** Energy Studies, Guaranteed Energy Contracts (Performance Contracting). Jerry Hawkins and Jim Christie gave a presentation on the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (also known as Performance Contracting) Currently Performance Services is doing an energy study at the Courthouse and Jail. Discussion was to accomplish the MEP (mechanical/electrical/plumbing portion of the jail project through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract which could also address related MEP needs in the Courthouse adding the effect of reduced energy costs offsetting some of the issues of the jail project. The legislation that allowed municipalities to install mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems through GES (Performance Contracting) was passed in 1998, and created a viable alternative to traditional plan/spec low-bid contracting which often left owners with inefficient, poorly functioning systems and little recourse, except for equipment warranties, as a primary legal avenue when projects were completed. Since 1998 GES has become a preferred method of installing HVAC system, hundreds of renovations and construction projects. Advantages of GES is the MEP could be done by an Energy Systems Company Certified and qualified as a Guaranteed Energy Provider, while all general construction, site work and maintenance-type needs can be provided by the county's A&E firm. Through this delivery model the county gets the best of two worlds, MEP systems installed, priced up-front, and guaranteed by a company specializing in MEP through GES contracting and general construction done by the county's A&E provider. Through this delivery model the county would know the cost of the MEP portions of the project before contracting with a qualified provider, and the bids for all other work would be opened, and accepted or rejected, before committing larger amounts of financing to the jail project. One of the biggest advantages would be no delay in needed mechanical renovations even if general construction encountered issues.

- c.** Declaration of Fiscal Body Clinton Public Library  
Fiscal Body Acknowledgement. Pursuant to the requirement of IC 6-1.1-17-20.6 the Vermillion County Council acknowledges it is the fiscal body responsible for binding review and approval of the library's budget under IC 6-1.1-17-20.3 and 20.4 when the conditions exist that require such binding review. A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Neil Costello to be the Fiscal Body for the Clinton Public Library. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

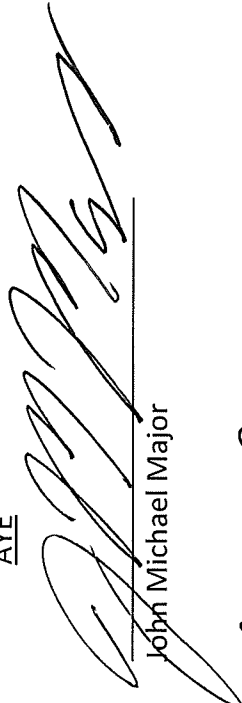
Robert Spence & Ashley James wanted to thank ROAW and Performance Contracting for speaking tonight at the meeting.

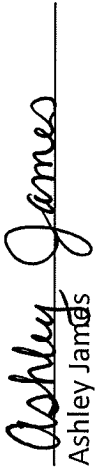
Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. also wanted to thank everyone who helped with the County clean-up days.

**XI. Adjourn**

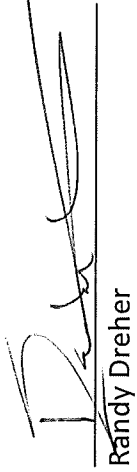
Motion to Adjourn made by John Michael Major and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr.  
Meeting Adjourned.

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor

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