

**Vermillion County Council  
Meeting Minutes**

August 14, 2023

6:30 P.M.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
  - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - Summerville makes a motion to approve the July 10, 2023 Minutes. Weir seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Monthly Treasurer Report / June & July Interest
  - Council acknowledges the monthly treasurer's reports. Weir states for the record that the total in investments for 2023 so far is \$998,252.000.

VI. Transfer of Funds

TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT:	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT:	AMOUNT TRANSFERED
1149/35901	1149/30570	\$20,000.00
1149/35901	1149/4000	\$10,000.00
1000/22001	1000/33401	\$6,000.00
1000/33100	1000/34300	\$2,300.00

- The Redevelopment Commission wanted to transfer \$20,000.00 from Demolition to Professional Services and they also wanted to transfer \$10,000.00 from Demolition to Capital Outlays. The motion was made by Mr. Brown. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- The Courthouse wanted to transfer \$6,000.00 from Janitor Supplies to Water & Sewage. The motion was made by Weir. It was seconded by Bose. All in favor, motion carried.
- The Commissioners notified the Council that they are moving \$2,300.00 from Cell Phone to Dues & Subscriptions to cover the membership subscription of the Indiana State Festival Association book.

VII. Additional Appropriations

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 <sup>ST</sup> /2 <sup>ND</sup>
1000: General	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	Summerville/Weir
1000: General	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	Weir/Bose
2700: Drainage Fund	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	Weir/Summerville

1000: General	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Weir/Costello
1000: General	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	Weir/Bose
1000: General	\$962.00	\$962.00	Mr. Brown/Ms. Brown
1000: General	\$77,000.00	\$18,000.00	Weir/Bose
8111 Emergency Preparedness Grant (Health Dept.)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Weir/Summerville
8134 Local Health Dept. Immunization Grant	\$18,754.26	\$18,754.26	Weir/Summerville
Drug Interdiction Fund	\$6,773.50	\$6,773.50	Mr. Brown/Bose
Redevelopment Fund #2	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	Mr. Brown/Summerville

- Commissioner Yocum comes to the council to explain why they need \$60,000.00 from the general fund for Computer Support. The cost is to cover the EAS Contract for the rest of the year starting on October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>. Summerville makes the motion to approve the additional for computer support. Weir seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- The surveyor comes to the council to explain why he needs \$1,200.00 from the general fund for extra help in his office. Mack explains that he is wanting to hire a part time person to look through the Commissioner's records to find more information out about the eight regulated drains within the county. Weir makes the motion to approve the additional for extra help. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. He also asks for an additional from his 2700 Drainage Fund. He would like to have \$40,000.00 put into Professional Services for Herbicide Treatment & Varmint Trapping at the Thomas-Hood/Ernie Pyle Regulated Drain. Weir made the motion to approve the \$40,000.00 addition. Summerville seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The surveyor also comes to the council to ask for an additional \$1,000.00 for travel. He needs it to cover his mileage for inspecting the regulated drains and perpetuation section cornerstone monuments. Weir makes the

motion to approve the \$1,000.00. Costello seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Commissioner Luther comes to ask for an additional of \$30,000.00 in professional services to cover the move for the Health Department. Luther explains what the EAS quote is doing VS what the ICS quote is taking care of. Luther also explains that this move will also provide an office space for the Coroner. Weir makes the motion to approve the \$30,000.00 additional. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Per State statute the Sheriff received a raise back in July. The raise is \$962.00. Mr. Brown makes the motion to approve the additional for the Sheriff's salary. Ms. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Park's Department comes to talk about needing money for the county parks. They would like an additional of \$77,000.00 to buy trees that were destroyed during the storm, mower repairs, finish the bathrooms at some of the parks and also to put in restrooms at a couple of parks. Weir makes motion to approve \$18,000.00 to fix the mowers and to finish the two bathrooms at Blandford & Dana. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- The council reviewed the additional for the Health Department together. One additional was for setting up Fund 8111 Emergency Preparedness Grant for 2024 for \$25,000.00. The other additional was to set up Fund 8134 Local Health Dept. Immunization Grant for 2024 for \$18,754.26. These two grants operate mid-year versus regular calendar year. Weir makes a motion to approve both additional for the 8111 & 8134 Grants. Summerville seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- The Prosecutor's Office received a grant from LCC for supplies for the Drug Interdiction Program. They are asking for the money to be appropriated into the Supplies line item in the Drug Interdiction Program location. Mr. Brown makes the motion to approve the \$6,773.50 to the supplies line item for the Drug Interdiction Program. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Redevelopment Commission is wanting to hire an architect and consultants to help with possibly creating the Ernie Pyle Early Childhood Education Center project. The money being requested would be coming out of the Allocation Fund #2 4913. They are asking for a total of \$72,000.00. The \$55,000.00 is going to go towards professional services, \$5,000.00 is going to go towards other services and fees, and then \$12,000.00 would go towards property acquisition. Mr. Brown makes the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Summerville seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

- NONE

IX. New Business

a. Oriden Solar Tax Abatement

- James does the preliminary reading of the Oriden 2023-11 Resolution for the tax abatement for Vermillion Rise Solar LLC. This will be a 10-year 100% tax abatement. This abatement is contingent upon the decommission agreement and road use agreement required under the economic development agreement. The company comes to give a brief overview of the project. Weir makes the motion to approve the 2023-11 Resolution. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Soil & Water – Eric Shideler

- Eric Shideler comes to the council to introduce himself and he gives a brief overview of what Soil & Water does. He also mentions that they would like to hire an administrative assistant.

c. Commonwealth Engineers, INC: St. Bernice Water Project – Maureen Hayden

- Maureen Hayden with Commonwealth Engineers came with St. Bernice Water Corporation to discuss getting a short-term loan of \$400,000.00 to cover the cost of pre-construction services for a Water Improvements Project in St. Bernice. St. Bernice is going to be receiving funding from the Indiana Finance Authority’s State Revolving Fund. The county would receive the money back from St. Bernice when the grant project closes in the Spring of 2024. James does mention that this loan if approved would have to be something that goes through Economic Development and would have to be advertised in the paper for the September meeting.

X. Public Comment

- Wayne Bush does come to let the council know that the park board has lost two members this year. He also lets the council know that Dick Zumwalt who the council appointed has passed away. His son, Corey would like to take his place on the park board. James makes the announcement that they are now accepting applications for the park board. It will then be added to the September meetings agenda.

XI. Adjourn

- a. Weir makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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NAY:

Ashley James  
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Rick Weir  
Rick Weir

Neil Costello  
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Kelly Summerville  
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Tammie Brown  
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Jeff Bose

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Martin Brown

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Furry  
Brenda J. Furry, Auditor

9/12/23  
Date