

**Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes**

April 15, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
 - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes for 03.11.24
 - Weir makes the motion to approve the 03.11.24 minutes. Summerville seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Monthly Treasurer Report
 - Council acknowledges the monthly treasurer report.

VI. Transfer of Funds

| TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT | TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT | AMOUNT TRANSFERRED | 1ST/2ND |
|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1000/34200/121 Polling Places | 1000/21180/121 Janitor & Election Supplies | \$2,600.00 | Weir/Bose |
| 1000/34300/103 Dues & Subscriptions | 1000/21200/103 Office Supplies | \$255.00 | Weir/Ms. Brown |
| 1161/21300/124 Operating Supplies | 1161/30575/124 Recycling Event | \$700.00 | Mr. Brown/Bose |
| 1000/33500/33600/30260 Equipment & Main Agreements/Printing & 1000/41100/41400 Office Equipment | 1000/33500/130 Equipment & Maint. Agreement | \$9,782.96 | Bose/Mr. Brown |

- James explains that the clerk's office is wanting to transfer \$2,600.00 from polling places and put it in the janitor & election supplies line item to pay for extra assistance with delivering and setting the new machines up for election day so the polls workers don't have to do any lifting. Weir makes the motion to approve the \$2,600.00 transfer. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- James explains that the treasurer's office is wanting to transfer money from dues & subscription to office supplies to purchase additional office supplies as needed when they are on sale. Weir makes the motion to approve the \$255.00 transfer. Ms. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- James explains that the health department is wanting to move \$700.00 from operating supplies to the recycling event line item to help fund the tire recycling program. Mr. Brown makes the motion to approve the \$700.00 transfer. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- James explains that these monies are being moved from multiple general fund budgets and placed into commissioner courts budget to pay for the new Toshiba printers. The amount of money being moved from all the different accounts and locations is \$9,782.00. Bose makes the motion to

approve the multiple transfers in the amount of \$9,782.96. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- The council acknowledges the other transfers, which don't require votes due to them being in the same line item series.

VII. Additional Appropriations

| ACCOUNT/DEPT | AMOUNT REQUESTED | AMOUNT APPROVED | 1ST/2ND |
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| ADDITIONALS FOR 1000 GENERAL FUND | | | |
| Department: Clerk 33500 Equipment & Maintenance Agreements | \$5,400.00 | \$4,000.00 | Brown/Weir |
| <p>James explains that the clerk's office has received a bill from CSI which wasn't budgeted for because this system is no longer in use, however in order for CSI to keep our old files and we have access to the files we have to pay them. Lowry does state that she is hoping after this payment we won't need to have access to those files anymore. She will let them know more at budget hearings. The other money wasn't needed anymore because we did the transfer for the copiers. Brown makes the motion to approve the \$4,000.00 additional for the clerk's office. Weir seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.</p> | | | |
| Department: Sheriff 42200 Sheriff's Marked Car & Light Bar | \$36,650.00 | \$36,650.00 | Bose/Mr. Brown |
| <p>James explains that the sheriff's office had two vehicles that were totaled and we have received money back from the insurance company. They would like to purchase a replacement vehicle with the money received. Bose makes the motion to approve the \$36,650.00 additional for the replacement vehicle. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.</p> | | | |
| Department: Purdue Extension 11400 Office Manager 12300 Social Security 12301 Medicare 12900 PERF | \$4,850.00 \$301.00 \$71.00 \$544.00 | \$5,766.00 | Weir/Ms. Brown |
| <p>James explains that Warner from Purdue Extension has retired and they paid out for unused vacation and flex time. This money needs to be approved to be put back into the budget for the new office manager who was hired. Weir makes the motion to approve the \$5,766.00 additional for Purdue extension office manager position. Ms. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.</p> | | | |

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| Department: Commissioner's Court 36000 Freight & Express | \$3,411.83 | \$3,411.83 | Weir/Mr. Brown |
| James explains we had received money from Toshiba to pay for the return cost of the old printers. This additional is to pay the return invoices for the machines. Weir makes the motion to approve the \$3,411.83 additional. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. | | | |
| Department: Surveyor 30570 Professional Services | \$6,140.63 | \$6,140.63 | Weir/Bose TABLED |
| James explains that the drainage board is asking for a \$6,140.63 additional. Mack comes to talk about what the money will be used for. He explains that the drainage board has put together a drainage ordinance to present to the APC which was a combination of the Clinton County draft and Vigo Counties ordinance. However, as they have been working on things and with the help of the engineer they are running into some things in Fountain county where the ordinance isn't tight enough. The engineer has offered to look at the one they have drafted and make it better. The engineer is also willing to look at the flood plane ordinance draft that was presented to the commissioners many years ago but it was never acted upon and make it better as well. Mack also states that the engineer has also offered to look at the storm water management ordinance draft and help with that as well. He states that they did take this to the APC board for their input and asked them if they were interested if they would want the drainage board to take this task on. The APC board agreed. Luther explains that this hasn't been brought to the Commissioners however he believes this should have been brought to the Commissioners by the APC first. Weir makes a motion to table this additional until more information can be brought to the council. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. | | | |
| ADDITIONALS FOR 9104 PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS | | | |
| Department: Sheriff 33507 Public Safety | \$45,000.00 | \$45,000.00 | Summerville/ Mr. Brown |
| James explains that this additional is for the Sheriff's Office Axon contract for the rest of the quarterly payments for 2024 which totals \$45,000.00. The first payment was paid out using grant money. The money was already approved at the December council meeting, it just wasn't advertised in the 2024 budget. Summerville makes the motion to approve the \$45,000.00 additional. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. | | | |

VIII. Old Business

- a. Letter from County Historian Requesting a Letter of Support: George Sanquenetti
- Sanquenetti explains that Hargrave is currently working on the Chunn Ford Cemetery marker application. Jill Simmons who is the staff historian at the Indiana historical bureau is working on getting primary

sources for this application. Hargrave has found many second-hand sources but they really want primary sources. These applications are due on July 18th, he would like to have them done by next month. They will review all the applications that were turned in and only selected some of them. We won't know if we get the markers until September. He also states that there is no guarantee on us getting these markers. He states that they are needing letters of support for each marker application. It is going to cost \$3,300.00 a piece for each marker for a total of \$12,600.00. Summerville makes the motion. Ms. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. New Business

- a. Get the Lead Out Program: Commissioner Yocum
 - Yocum comes to talk the Get the Lead Out Program. It would be a joint program between the Health Department, Soil & Water, and commissioners. The goal of this program would be to help bring notice to lead & copper in the water pipes located in the homes due to the water sitting in the pipes all night. Water companies don't have anything to do with this, it is due to the water sitting over night in the pipes. Soil & Water is going to be giving \$15,000.00 and the Health Department is giving \$17,500.00 towards this program. Yocum explains that he is wanting to put in \$50,000.00 towards this program. He doesn't believe it will take that much, but he is just wanting to give the council a heads up on the program. The main goal of this program is to make the water safer and to make testing available for free for anyone who wants it done.
- b. Ambulance: Commissioner Yocum
 - Yocum explains his proposal for the ambulance issues. Yocum explains that he has been talking to Parke County Commissioner, Jim Meece and they working on a proposal to possibly take over the ambulance service in Vermillion County. If this were to happen, the \$45,800.00 that is currently budgeted monthly would be given to Parke County to take care of our ambulance needs. Currently one of the verbal agreements with Parke County is that in order for them to take on our county's ambulances, we would have to provide them with an ambulance. James explains that Parke County wouldn't be responding from Parke County, they would still be responding from Vermillion. Parke has agreed to hire on the current staff and the payment that we as a county make to Illiana would be going to Parke County instead. This is why we have to have a backup ambulance because we can't be taking all the back up Parke County have. Yocum does state that we are going to have to purchase another ambulance down the road, however right now just one is needed at the time a contract can be signed. Yocum also explains that another stipulation to the contract with Parke is that we have places to house the workers and ambulances. He makes the recommendation to buy the current ambulance facility in Cayuga. Costello explains that the county needs to make sure that we have a place for the ambulances to sit. Yocum explains the main goal right now is to purchase an ambulance. Luther explains that one remount is available now. It could be sold at any time. James explains that what can be done right now is to use the money budgeted this year and buy an ambulance and then next month an additional can be advertised to replace the money in the line item for the ambulance service. Luther does also state that come Covered Bridge Festival time, Parke is going to want their additional ambulance back and we are going to have to have another ambulance to cover our county. Summerville makes a motion to allow the commissioners to spend \$275,000.00 to purchase an ambulance. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Annex Completion:
 - Commissioner Yocum also states the annex is completely done. It cost approximately \$200,000.00 to renovate the building. Soil & Water and the Public Defender are working on getting moved in. The open house for the annex will be on April 27th at 1:00 PM. Soil & Water is having

signage placed over by their entrance to the building. The Soil & Water entrance will be on the back of the building and the public defender's entrance will be at the front of the building.

- X. Public Comment
 - NONE
- XI. Adjourn
 - Weir makes the motion to adjourn. Ms. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

AYE:

NAY:

Ashley James
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Rick Weir
Rick Weir

Neil Costello
Neil Costello

Kelly Summerville
Kelly Summerville

Tammie Brown
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Jeff Bose
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Martin Brown
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ATTEST:

Brenda J. Furry
Brenda J. Furry Auditor

5/13/2024
Date