

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on November 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Ashley James, Vice President Randy Dreher, Neil Costello, Rick Weir, Kelly Summerville, Martin Brown, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Chief Deputy Auditor, Annie Wickens, and County Council Attorney, Scott Craig. William Brent Bush was not present.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** James acknowledged the October 18, 2021 and the October 28, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the October 18, 2021 meeting minutes by Weir and seconded by Summerville. A motion was made to approve October 28, 2021 minutes by Brown and seconded by Dreher. Weir abstained due to not being at meeting. Motion carried, minutes approved.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Comp Time Report. No issues.
- VII. **Open Issues**
 - a. Elanco TIF-Attorney Craig went over Resolution 2021-24-A resolution of the County Council of Vermillion County, Indiana, approving a sublease between Vermillion County Economic Development Corporation, as sublessor and the Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission, as sublessee (together with Elanco, US Inc., as Co-Sublessee), and addressing matters related thereto. A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Weir. Craig also went over Ordinance No 2021-17-An Ordinance of Vermillion County, Indiana, Authorizing the issuance of the Vermillion County Indiana, taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Elanco Project,) and the lending of the proceeds thereof to Vermillion County Economic Development Corporation, and authorizing and approving other actions in respect there to. A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Summerville.
- VIII. **New Issues**
 - a. Town of Dana-William Peebles, Steve Brock & Jeremy Burch was at the meeting to request funds from the County for the water project in Dana, using the County's ARP Grant funding. Peebles stated that the Project has been in the works for awhile and we have sourced funding from both Federal and State entities. The total for the Dana Water Project is 2.8 million. We have also supplied all the money we are able to through the Water Department and Dana ARP funds. However even with this, due to the drastic rise of project cost and materials that have recently been experienced by everyone without additional funding Dana residents will face a major raise to user fees. SRF has given a generous offer of matching anything the county would be willing to provide. This could substantially impact Dana user fees. OCRA grant total \$700,00, SRF grant total \$500,000, Dana ARP funds \$120,000 & Estimated ad Sub Award total is \$750,000. With a total of \$1.570,000.00. John Davern, Dana Council President sent a letter to the Council and Commissioners requesting funding and need for assistance from the County. (Please see letter & estimated impact of project on

residential user fees for the town of Dana) Dana is requesting funds from the ARP money that the County received to finish the project. The County was awarded 3.1 million dollars in ARP Covid-19 relief grant. It was stated that there is a time constraint issue with the funding. The Town of Dana has sought out for other grants and funding but have had no relief for funding. Attorney Craig stated that the Commissioners will have to approve doing the funding but the Council can set the amount for the funding. Council to have a special meeting November 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to make the decision to fund the project or not. Costello questioned if the ARP monies could be used for bridges that the County is having issues with. Craig stated he wasn't for sure if bridges would be allowed. Craig stated that the are stipulations for the ARP money and he will have to do some more research on how the funds can be used.

b. Annual Certification of Elected Official- All Council members present signed form for the Human Resource Department.

IX. Transfer of Funds-No approval needed

- a. Community Crossings Fund 9102- transferring funds from 31107 District 2 in the amount of \$21,027.66 to 31108 District 3 to cover the funds for the Paving project.
- b. Clerk's Office-1000-101-transferring funds from 33500 Equipment & Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$1000.00 to 32200 Postage to cover cost of mailings
- c. County Public Safety 9104-transferring funds from 43441-604 Jail Capital Projects in the amount of \$28,600.00 to 42200-604 Sheriff Marked Car & Light bar. Amount is for purchase of a new jail transport van. Request was put in twice with incorrect information but was corrected at meeting by Dreher. Sheriff Mike Phelps states that this is for a new transport van which the Commissioners approved at their November 9, 2021 meeting. James to clarify the transfer to the other Council members at the November 22, 2021 meeting.

X. **Additional Appropriations.** The Council considered additional appropriations as published. President Ashley James reviewed the appropriations from the written requests submitted by Auditor Brenda Furry. Thus, the following ordinance was adopted: WHEREAS: it has been determined it is now necessary to appropriate more money that was appropriated in the annual budget for 2021, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Vermillion County Indiana, for the expenses of said county government, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set out of the funds herein specified, subject to the law governing the same:

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>DOC Reimbursement</i>	<i>\$125,000</i>	<i>\$125,000</i>

This is to cover the inmates being transferred out of the County while the Jail is being built. A motion was made to approve the allocation of the funds by Weir and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

XI. Public Comment

Costello stated that the due date for the Fire departments request is November 30, 2021. Council to look over the requests and speak on this at the December 16, 2021 meeting. Costello has sent all requests that he has received to the Council.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Weir and 2nd by Brown. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Nay

Ashley James
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Randy Dreher

Not Present
William Brent Bush

Rick Weir
Mark
Martin Brown

Neil Costello
Kelly
Kelly Summerville

Attest:
Brenda Furry
Brenda Furry, Auditor

Date: _____