

**Vermillion County Council  
Meeting Minutes**

July 10, 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**

- Costello asks to fix the 6.12.23 minutes to state Steve Axtell was the one who requested the additional appropriations for the 1127 Fund and to also fix the number of zeros on the Amount Approved for the 1149 Economic Development Fund. Ms. Brown makes a motion to approve the 6.12.23 minutes with the corrections being made. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**V. Monthly Treasurer Report / Interest**

- Council acknowledges the monthly treasurer report. No interest report was provided for June at the time of this meeting.

**VI. Transfer of Funds**

TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT:	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT:	AMOUNT TRANSFERED
1000/59700	1203/00970	\$54,874.32
1000/22001	1000/21200	\$200.00
1000/33501	1000/32400	\$500.00

- James explains that during the county audit it was found that the tax fees weren't distributed from Spring 2021 – Spring 2023 Settlement into the 1203 Tax Sale Fees Fund, they were left in the General Fund. A motion to accept the transfer to fix the error was provided by Mr. Brown and it was seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried. James explains that the courthouse is transferring \$200.00 from janitor supplies to office supplies and that probation is transferring \$500.00 from repair and maintenance to travel to cover home visits and conference travel.

**VII. Additional Appropriations**

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 <sup>ST</sup> /2 <sup>ND</sup>
1000: General	\$60,000.00	-	Tabled: MB & JB
1000: General	\$1,200.00	-	Tabled: RW & MB
1200: Supplemental Public Defender Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	RW & MB

- James explains that the Commissioner's are requesting \$60,000.00 for computer support to extend the EAS agreement that was signed for

January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. Council discusses the Commissioner's request. Mr. Brown makes a motion to table the appropriation until the next council meeting so the Commissioner's can be present to answer some questions. Bose seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. James explains that the surveyor is requesting \$1,200.00 to hire a CO-OP student in September to perform document research to find records of 8 regulated drains in the county and to also find records establishing right of ways along county properties. The council discusses the appropriation. Weir makes a motion to table the appropriation until the next council meeting. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. James states the last additional appropriations is from the West Central Indiana Public Defender's Office requesting \$10,000.00 for non-contractual attorney fees for attorneys that were appointed to represent defendants prior to the formation of the West Central Indiana Public Defender Office. James also states that the cash balance for the Supplemental Public Defender Fund is \$203,000.00. Slagle states that they had just received a bill from a state public defender that was almost \$8,000.00. He also states that once they have finished paying the previous bills that they will be asking to move any remaining money back into the Supplemental Public Defender Fund. Weir makes the motion to approve the \$10,000 additional appropriation. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. Old Business**

- N/A

**IX. New Business**

**a. County Wide Comp Hours as of 6/30/2023**

- Council acknowledges the comp hours report. James states this report is being given quarterly now instead of each month. Weir does ask if anyone had heard if EMA was called due to the storm. Sheriff Holtkamp speaks up and lets the council know about the After-Action Meeting that will be taking place at the jail. He states he will email the council and give them the meeting information via email.

**b. Verm Co Redevelopment: Elanco TIF Bonds**

- i. Resolution 2023-Amending Council Resolution 2021-24
- ii. Ordinance 2023-4 Amending Council Ordinance 2021-17
- James explains that the council had originally approved the Elanco bonds interest rates were different. The interest rates max is currently set at 6% however our financial advisors now believes the bonds will likely sell for close to 6% but could possibly sell for more, they are requesting we increase the interest rate to a maximum of 8%. Attorney Craig goes into a little detail of the purpose to raising the interest rate and the anticipated TIF revenues. James explains that is normally takes two readings of an ordinance before it can be voted on however if the council agrees, they can waive that second reading and vote to pass the ordinance tonight. Mr. Brown makes a motion to suspend the rules to allow the adoption of the ordinance. It is seconded by Mr. Bose. All in favor, motion carried. Summerville makes a motion to approve the 2023-04 Ordinance for the issuance of the Vermillion County Indiana taxable Economic Development revenue bonds with a maximum interest rate of 8%. Ms. Brown seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Brown makes the motion to approve the 2023-09 Resolution amending council resolution 2021-24, relating to the insurance of the Vermillion County, Indiana taxable economic development revenue bonds that states the interest rates maximum is being increased to 8%. Mr. Weir seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**c. Sheriff's Commissary Report January 2023 to June 2023**

- Council acknowledges the Sheriff's Commissary Report.

**X. Public Comment**

- James states that Costello created the application for the Fire Department LIT Funding. The council acknowledges the form. If anyone has any questions about the form, they can direct them to Costello. The Auditor's Office will get it sent out as soon as possible to the fire departments.
- Doug Hess speaks about Annie Wickens resigned from Economic Development. He asked the council if it is alright to have her come in a couple hours during the week to help pay bills, etc. until the open position is filled and he would like to pay her an hourly rate. The council agrees.


**XI. Adjourn**


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

AYE:

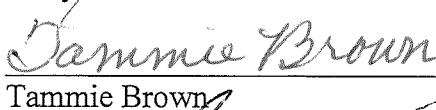
NAY:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ashley James

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Weir

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Neil Costello

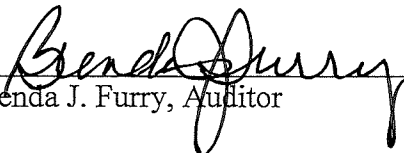
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Summerville

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tammie Brown

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Bose

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Martin Brown

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda J. Furry, Auditor

8/14/23  
Date