

## Vermillion County Council

### Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

6:30 p.m.

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting on April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President John Michael Major, Ashley James, William Brent Bush, Robert Spence, Ronald Dunavan, Neil Costello, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and Council Attorney Donald Bonomo. Randy Dreher was absent.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Dunavan and seconded by Bush to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 regular meeting and the March 11, 2019 Joint Council / Commissioners meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurers Report.** Major acknowledged receipt of the Treasurers report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** No comments or questions at this time. Major acknowledged receipt of the Comp Time Report.
- VII. **Resolution In Support of a Casino/Gaming Destination in Terre Haute/Vigo Co.** The was a brief discussion on this resolution. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by James to approve the resolution in support of a casino/gaming destination in Terre Haute/Vigo County. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. **Transfer of Funds.**

Reporting only. Surveyor transferring \$10.00 from Road School to Dues and Subscriptions.

Economic Development requesting to transfer \$45,600.00 from Capital Outlays to Professional Services/Fees. Dylan Rikken explanation: In the summer of 2018, EDC hired RJK Solutions out of Terre Haute and started paying that year-long contract out of our capital expenditures line item. Since we knew that cost would continue to be incurred through mid-2019, I wanted to make sure it was accurately reflected in our budget we submitted last Fall. During the budget hearings in 2018, our total budget was approved. The approximately \$78,000.00 for professional services, which includes this \$45,600.00 contract for RJK, was not entered by the Auditor's Office into the right line item. We are not requesting an additional appropriation, but to transfer the money to the Professional Services line item we had originally requested. To reiterate, there is no additional money being asked for from Economic Development, merely a transfer of funds from one line item to another that already exists within our approved budget.

A motion was made by James and seconded by Dunavan to approve the transfer of \$45,600.00 from Capital Outlays to Professional Services/Fees for Economic Development. All in favor, motion carried.
- IX. **Additional Appropriations.**

The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President John Michael Major reviewed the appropriations from the written requests submitted by Auditor Amy Tolbert. Thus, the following ordinance was adopted: WHEREAS: it has been determined it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget for 2019, 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:



<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
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Cumulative Bridge	\$205,019.90	\$205,019.90
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Cumulative Bridge requesting an additional appropriation for Material for Bridge Repair for \$205,019.90. Explanation: This is the FEMA DR-4363 pending work, additional appropriation that we discussed at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. This funding will be used to complete the rest of the damage repairs for the February-March 2018 flooding.

A motion was made by Costello and seconded by Bush to approve the additional for \$205,019.90 for Material for Bridge Repair for Cumulative Bridge. All in favor, motion carried.

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CASA	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
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CASA requesting an additional \$11,000.00 for Public Relations. Explanation: \$11,000.00 in public relations grant funds being given to CASA of Vermillion County On April 1<sup>st</sup> from the State CASA office.

CASA Director Eliza Porter said this grant will be used for public relations.

A motion was made by Costello and seconded by Bush to approve the additional for CASA for public relations for \$11,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

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County General	\$25,000.00	-0-
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Commissioners Court requesting an additional for Professional Fees for a Jail

Contract with Jack Krouse. The Commissioners approved the contract pending funding from the Council. Commissioner Tim Wilson was not present to discuss the additional appropriation request. There was considerable discussion on the request. Jerry Hawkins spoke about the support for design build, he said statues are clear on how design build complete for business. He said it's a single contract as opposed to multiple, and you have someone to hold responsible. He said he shared this information with the commissioners and jail committee and was told it's too late.

Hawkins said it is exactly the right time to move forward with a design build. He spoke about three different methods. He said the design, bid, build is costly because of multiple contracts. He asked the commissioners and the council to make the most cost-effective decisions in regards to this project.

Major asked about the contract, Bonomo said he is not familiar with this contract but can get with Spurr and see if we need to get an RFP. Phelps said it is now up to 20 million and nothing has changed. Major asked Phelps if prosecutor Bruce Aukerman and Judge Jill Wesch were on the committee. Phelps said no they are not on the committee but they came to the last meeting. Major suggested adding them to the committee. Phelps said we don't have time for that. Hawkins said you need to learn all your options before making a decision, Major said he agrees and would like to see the options. Bush said it should not be up to us, we only fund it. Spence said this came in as an owner's rep, he said fact is all the decisions have nothing to do with this \$25,000 contract. Phelps said he just wants someone on our side to

advocate for us when building.

A motion was made by James and seconded by Major to table the request for professional fees for a jail contract with Jack Krouse. All in favor, motion carried.

**X. Open Issues**

- a. **County Website.** No discussion.
- b. **County Handbook.** No discussion.

**XI. New Business**

- a. **Resolution for Congressional Township School Fund.** This resolution is for transferring the Congressional Township School Funds to the Indiana State Treasurer. The County currently maintains and administers the Congressional Township School Funds and they are wanting to transfer custody of these funds to the Indiana State Treasurer to be held and administered by the Indiana State Treasurer. A motion was made by James and seconded by Spence to approve the Resolution for Congressional Township School Fund. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Resolution for Common School Fund.** This resolution is for transferring Administration of the Common School Fund to the Indiana State Treasurer. The County currently maintains and administers certain monies known as the Common School Fund and the County is wanting to transfer custody of this fund to the Indiana State Treasurer to be held and administered by the Indiana State Treasurer. A motion was made by James and seconded by Spence to approve the Resolution for Common School Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

**XII. Adjourn**

Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion was made to adjourn by Spence, seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried.

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ATTEST:

*Amy Tolbert*  
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Amy Tolbert, Auditor