

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on July 19, 2021 at 6:30 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, William Brent Bush, Rick Weir, Neil Costello, Kelly Summerville, Martin Brown, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Chief Deputy Auditor, Annie Wickens, and County Council Attorney, DJ Bonomo.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** James acknowledge the June 14, 2021 and June 29, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes by Weir and seconded by Brown. A motion was made to approve the June 29, 2021 minutes by Bush and seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Trust Indiana report and the Treasurer's monthly report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Comp Time Report. Costello asked if the these were monthly numbers and Auditor Brenda Furry stated that yes, they are monthly. Costello also questioned the increase in the Extensions Comp hours. Furry stated that was for the fair.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds-Approval by Council-**
1000 County General Location 130-transferring from 30270-130 Publications to 21200-000-0130 Supplies. This was inadvertently paid out of the Publications and should have been paid out of Supplies. A motion was made by Bush to approve the transfer of funds and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds-No approval by Council-
1138 Cum Cap Development Location 258 transferring from 33301 Material & Supplies to 33202 Programs in the amount of \$332.00

1176 Highway Location 531 & 533 transferring from 31601-533 Truck Repair to 31601-531 Truck Repair in the amount of \$673.19.

052 Area Plan 256 transferring from 32400 Travel to 32200 Postage in the amount of \$380.00.

1000 County General 130 transferring from 30250 Telephone to 30270 Publications, 33103 Computer Support and Courthouse internet in the amount of \$19,100.00
- VIII. **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:

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>Cum Bridge-1135</i>	<i>\$104,000</i>	<i>\$ 104,000</i>

This Bridge was hit by a drunk driver and did a considerable amount of damage to the whole structure. James stated that having these additional appropriations approved that it would deplete the Cum Bridge Fund and that the Department would need to understand this issue. There was a lengthy discussion on the bridge and culverts between Costello and Commissioner Britton Luther. A motion was made by Costello to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>Cum Bridge-1135</i>	<i>\$141,000</i>	<i>\$141,000</i>

Removal of existing culvert (washout & collapse) replacement of culvert CR 1150 South. A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Bush. All in favor motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County General-1000</i>	<i>\$1666.65</i>	<i>\$1666.65</i>

Cost increases of performing the duties of the County surveyor. A motion was made by Weir to approve the Additional Appropriation and was seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County General-1000</i>	<i>\$1500</i>	<i>\$1500</i>

Cost increases of performing the duties of the County Surveyor. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation by Weir and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County General-1000</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$ 25,000</i>

This is for the Professional services of Baker Tilly to audit the Ambulance Service and provide the Council and Commissioners with sufficient information to assess the services that are being provided for the Cost the County incurs. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation by Weir and seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried. Britton Luther stated that the contract that the County has now is not very well written and is not specific enough on the details. Contract needs rewritten.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>Covid-19 Vaccine 8134</i>	<i>\$32,028.63</i>	<i>\$32,028.63</i>

Additional funds from the Sate for the Covid-19 vaccine grant. A motion was made to approve the additional from the grant monies by Bush and seconded by Costello, Summerville opposed, motion carried. Wendy Farley from the Health Department stated that they have cut the hours of the clinics to 13 hours a week. Summerville requested that we close the clinics. Farley said the Health Department is required by the State to conduct clinics.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>Cum Jail 1142</i>	<i>\$1,252,511</i>	<i>\$1,252,511</i>

Funds to fund the jail project. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation by Weir and seconded by Summerville, Dreher was opposed, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>Rainy Day-1186</i>	<i>\$1,069,731</i>	<i>\$1,069,731</i>

Funds to fund the jail project. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation by Summerville and seconded by Brown, Dreher opposed, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>Certified Shares 9103</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>

Funds to fund Jail Project. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation by Bush and seconded by Summerville, Dreher opposed, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>Public Safety 9104</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>

Funds to fund Jail Project. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation by Summerville and seconded by Brown, Dreher opposed, motion carried.

IX. Open Issues

- a. Salary Study-James stated that the Salary Study was back and that the Council put together a committee to go over the numbers from the Salary Study. The Salary Study had several different aspects to it and the Committee was still going over the numbers and but would like to make a proposal of giving \$1000 across the board to the employees for 2021 and then implementing the new salaries in 2022. James stated that the Council had budgeted the \$1000 for 2021, and that this would be the best way to implement the Salary Study. Penney Carpenter stated that back on September 15, 2020 that the Council stated they would retro-active the pay raises to the beginning of 2020, and then again on June 14, 2021 meeting. James explained that the Council was wanting to do that but believes that this would cause a much bigger issue and would be a lot of work due to different employees get paid out of different funds and not just one. She believes that the raises that the employees will get are good raises and believes that everyone will be happy with the amounts for 2022. Bruce Aukerman stated that he would just like to see the Salary Study results. James stated that once the Committee gets the numbers finalized she doesn't have a problem giving the Salary Study out, but would like to finalized the salary amounts. A motion was made by Bush to allow the employees to get \$1000 salary stipend for year 2021 and was seconded by Brown, all in favor, motion carried. Weir wanted to know when the payment of the \$1000 would pay out and James stated that she would speak with Payroll and get it out as soon as possible. This does not include the Elected Officials. Florinda Pruitt requested that at budget hearings it possible would the Council mind letting the elected officials know what was approved from the Council. James stated she wasn't aware that the departments didn't know what their approved budget was. Several people stated they don't know what was approved until after the first of the year. Pruitt stated she would like to have the Council bring the elected Official back into hearings and tell them what is approved and what is not approved and why.

X. New Business

a. Vermillion County Sheriff Commissary Fund-James acknowledged receipt of Commissary Fund from the Sheriff.

b. Budget Contract for Cox, Zwerner, Gambill & Sullivan for 2022 budget. This contract is used every year by the County for Consulting fees for the Budgets. A motion to approve Budget Consulting Agreement was made by Dreher and seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried.

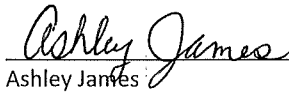
XI. Public Comment-None

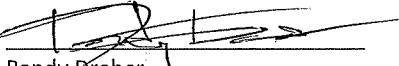
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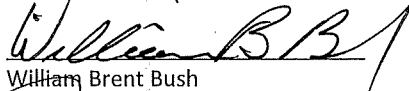
Motion to Adjourn made by Bush and seconded by Weir. All in favor.
Meeting Adjourned.

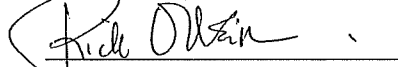
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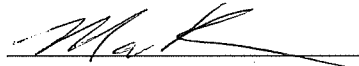
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Ashley James

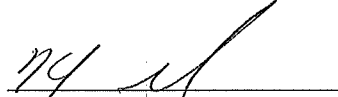

Randy Dreher

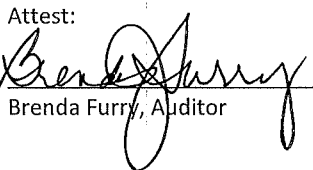

William Brent Bush


Rick Weir


Martin Brown


Neil Costello


Kelly Summerville

Attest:

Brenda Furry, Auditor

8/10/2021