

**Vermillion County Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

September 14, 2021

4:00 P.M.

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on September 14, 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, William Brent Bush, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Chief Deputy Auditor, Annie Wickens, and County Council Attorney, Scott Craig.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** James acknowledged the August 9, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the August, 9, 2021 meeting minutes by Bush and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and a Financial Fund report for the county. No Comment.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Comp Time Report.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds- Report only-** County Sheriff – Mike Phelps requested that \$5,000 be transferred from (33502) Radio Upkeep to (30576) Sheriff Evidence Tech; Commissioners \$6,724.48 be transferred from (30584) EOC Internet to (31300) Hamilton Center; MVH \$90 be transferred from (32406) Tree Trimming to (32302) Titles & Transfers; and Commissioners \$7,820.60 from (33406) Salary Study and (34000) Office Rental be transferred to (35700) Professional Services. No approval needed.

**Transfer of Funds-Approval by Council-**

1000 Verm County Drainage Board - (40001) Capital Outlays transferring to (30570) Professional Service in the amount of \$12,500. This was requested to cover engineering and application for grant cost of developing a regulated drain. A motion was made to approve the transfer by Brown and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

- 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>Area Plan Commission 052</i>	<i>\$1,221.67</i>	<i>\$1,221.67</i>

This is to pay for advertising in the newspaper. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriations by Bush and seconded by Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County Health 8133</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>

Additional funds for Community Testing Grant Health Dept/ grant period through December 2021. A motion as made to approve the additional appropriation by Bush and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County Health 8111</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>

This is to set up Emergency Preparedness Grant for grant year July 2021 to June 30, 2022. A motion as made to approve the additional appropriation by Bush and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>HWY 1176</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>

This is for road equipment repair to get the department through the end of the year. A motion was made by Weir 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>HWY 1176</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>

This is for truck repair to get the department through the end of the year. A motion was made by Weir 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>HWY 1176</i>	<i>\$38,000</i>	<i>\$38,000</i>

This is for an increase in cost of fuel, oil and lube prices over the year. A motion was made by Weir 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>Surveyor's 1202</i>	<i>\$7,200</i>	<i>\$7,200</i>

This is for historical research, database correction and officially recording of monuments whose locations require extra research & excavation. A motion was made by Brown to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. **Open Issues**

X. **New Business**

a. **Resolution of the Vermillion county Council Approving the Clinton Library**

Becky Edington the Clinton Library Director stated they were here tonight to gain approval to establish a debt service in the amount of \$995,000. There are 3 large renovations/problems that need fixed. The façade outside is dissolving and causing leaking into the building. Also, a southside emergency exit that needs fixed that is leaking into a stairwell. The front entrance as well is leaking inside the building. Scott Craig stated that they currently have a debt service levy that will be paid off in December. Ryan Fetter's with Baker Tilly, serving as the municipal advisor to the library, explained the current debt and future financing of what the bond would look like. He explained that the estimated incremental tax rate impact would be 1/3 of one penny on the tax rate. Ashley James asked about the townships impacted and was told that only the Clinton Township would be impacted. Scott Craig stated that those already at the tax cap would not be affected. Kristen McMillan from Ice Miller addressed the council stated that there is a statute that before an appointed board can issue bonds, it must

have the approval of an elected body. Ashley James stated that we should take care of our libraries, they are a vital asset to our communities. She also stated that this serves as the public hearing for the approval of the resolution and appropriation as well. Scott Craig spoke of the estimate received to get to this point in the process. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by Weir to accept the resolution for the Clinton Public Library issuance of bonds, Brown and Dreher opposed, motion carried.


XI. Public Comment-None

XII. Adjourn


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

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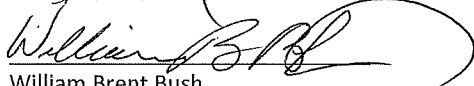
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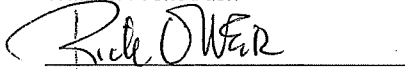
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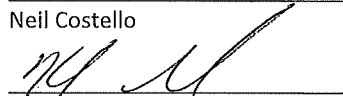
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Brenda J. Furry, Auditor