

**Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes**

June 14, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on June 14, 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, Neil Costello, Kelly Summerville, Martin Brown, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Chief Deputy Auditor, Annie Wickens, and County Council Attorney, Scott Craig. Rick Weir was late to the meeting. William Brent Bush was not present.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** James acknowledge the May 10, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the May 10, 2021 meeting minutes by Dreher and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Trust Indiana report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Comp Time Report.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds-Approval by Council- None**

Transfer of Funds-No approval by Council- 1000-County General \$3,000. From Auditor to sixth Deputy. New hire Leigh Ann Smith.

- 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>County General-130</i>	<i>\$9762.00</i>	<i>\$9762.00</i>

This is to pay the bill for the software for the GIS System. Was not budgeted in Commissioner's Court. A motion was made by Dreher 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-130</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>

Purchase of second Truck. This should have not been purchased this year. It should have been for 2022. Former Commissioner Harry Crossley ordered it. A motion to approve the additional appropriation was made by Costello and seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried. It was stated we would need to make sure that we don't budget this amount for the year 2022 and make sure we budget it for 2023 and 2024.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
County General-130	\$11,115.34	\$11,115.34

This is for the computer software for LOW, Financial and Property Tax system. A motion was made by Dreher to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried. Council

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
HWY-1176	\$4644.40	\$4644.40

Move insurance money from cash page to Truck Repair for County truck that was damaged in February of this year. A motion was made by Brown 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>
HWY-1176	\$50,000	\$50,000

This is for Truck repairs. 2 estimates for truck repairs needed at HWY Garage. Was stated by Neil Costello that we might need to looking into leasing these trucks instead of purchasing. Also discussed that the current trucks have had issues and that maybe the HWY should look into another model. A motion was made by Weir to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Open Issues-

- a. **Jail Reno**-Council went over the handouts from Bakertilly Municipal Advisors- Estimated Project Costs and Funding with 3 Scenarios. See Attached. Sheriff Mike Phelps also gave a handout on the reasoning of the Jail Project. See attached. Commissioner Britton Luther stated that we need to stay on schedule or the cost could increase tremendously. Council to have a special meeting to approve financing of \$1.056 million for Jail on June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. **Abatement-Final Action on Pyrolyx Tire Recycling Person Property Tax Abatement. Resolution 2021-16 and public comment**- A motion was made by Weir to approve the abatement and seconded by Dreher. All in Favor, motion carried. Public Hearing was held but no public comment.

X.

- a. **Notice Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-30-25(b)(4)**- James acknowledges the Notice.
- b. **Amended Salary Ordinance**-Action on Proposed Salary and Wages to be paid to VC Employees Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 294, Acts 1971 for the Calendar year 2021.
 1. Peer Court 1213-108 First Deputy \$1,538.46 biweekly
A motion was made by Brown to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance and seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.
 2. E91-1222-0263 Extra help and dispatch \$15 per hour.
A motion was made by Brown to approve the amended Salary Ordinance and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.
 3. Auditor-1000-102 Sixth Deputy \$1,222.04
A motion was made by Weir to approve the amended Salary Ordinance and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

XI.

Public Comment-Penney Carpenter, requested an update on the Salary Study. James stated that they put a committee together and they are going over the numbers and will reach a decision as soon as possible. It was also stated that the monies would be retro active to 2021. Salary Study Committee is having another meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

XII. Adjourn

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

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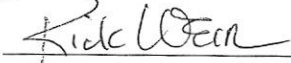
Ashley James



Randy Dreher

Absent

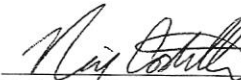
William Brent Bush



Rick Weir



Martin Brown



Neil Costello



Kelly Summerville

Attest:



Brenda Furry, Auditor