

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020

6:30 P.M.

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on November 9, 2020 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, William Brent Bush, Neil Costello (late 6:51), Robert Spence, Ronald L. Dunavan Jr., John Michael Major, Randy Dreher, Auditor Amy Tolbert and Council Attorney Scott Craig.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** Notes from Meeting held October 13, 2020 were not signed due to they were not included in the packets. Council to approve at the December 14, 2020 meeting.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, Ashely James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and an Account Summary of monies being invested. No Comments
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, Ashley James acknowledged the receipt of the Comp Time report. No Comments.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds. Reporting Only**
  - MVH Restricted. 1173 Payroll needed Adjustments to balance account. 12600-533 to 11210-530 Total amount \$14.80
  - County Jail. 1000-132 Transfer of funds to pay outstanding invoices. 35702 & 35900 to 35000. Total amount \$2,324.85
  - Commissioner Court. 1000-130. Claim exceed appropriation-Juvenile Secure Detention. 33000 to 37600. Total \$1000.00
  - Co-Op Extension 4H. 1000-123. Replace remainder of office lighting. 32400-123 to 32501-123. Total \$6,532. Randy Dreher requested an explanation on this because the office is rented and why is new lighting being paid by the county.
- VIII. **Additional Appropriations.**

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
1000 County General	\$7,302.50	\$7,302.50

*Reimbursement from Grant back into Probation Officer 3. A motion was made by Randy Dreher and seconded by John Michael Major. All in favor, motion carried.*

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
1000 County General	\$9,120.00	\$9,120.00

*Moving Quinn's pay to reimbursable grant. A motion was made by William Brent Bush and seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. All in favor, motion carried.*

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
1000 County General	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00

*There has been an increase of Juvenile's that need to be detained at Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Facility. A motion was made by Ronald L. Dunavan and seconded by William Brent Bush. All in favor, motion carried.*

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
4203 DQC	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

*Request is to pay current invoices as well as outstanding invoices for inmate medical. Sheriff Michael Phelps stated they have had more medical bills come in from 2018 & 2019 that was not paid. A motion was made by Randy Dreher and seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.*

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
8901 Cares Act	\$502,197.00	\$502,197.00

*Cares Act funding moved to County General per ordinance. Pursuant to US Treasury Guidance dated 9/2/2020. Vermillion County has been reimbursed for Law Enforcement salaries beginning March 1, 2020 up to the total amount for the counties allowance. Randy Dreher thanked Mark O'Heir for staying on top of getting the grant money and Mark O'Heir said he had help from Auditor's office and Amy Tolbert. Ashley James thanked all who were involved. A motion was made by William Brent Bush and seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. All in favor, motion carried.*

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
1000 County General	\$75,000.00	\$0
9104 Public Safety	\$75,00.00	\$0

*Ambulance Subsidy for 2020. Loss of run volume & revenue due to Covid-19. Ashley James stated that there are two different funds that can be used to pay this. She also stated that the council could use one fund or split it between two funds. John Michael Major, asked Commissioner Tim Wilson, if the county had already approved an increase for the ambulance due to the increase of runs and to add another ambulance? Tim Wilson stated he was not sure. Ashley James stated that the \$75,000 that is being requested is for the year 2020, based on what has happened since March. John Michael Major asked if financial reports were provided to the county by Mr. Shaughnessy to show losses, and Ashley James stated the he provided numbers but not actual reports. A motion was made by John Michael Major to deny the funding and a second was made by Randy Dreher. A roll call vote was taken and John Michael Major, William Brent Bush, and Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. voted in favor of denying funding while Robert Spence voted for the funding. Neil Costello was not present for this vote, due to coming late to meeting. Following the vote, the Councilmen who voted against the request explained their positions for denying the request. Randy Dreher stated he just thinks that we need to see their finances. Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. stated that the ambulance was down 250 runs and that by the end of the year that might change. He also stated he would like to revisit the matter at a later date. Brent Bush stated, that it wasn't the County's fault that Covid-19 hit, and not our responsibility to make up for something that hit worldwide. John Michael Major stated that a lot of small businesses have lost money and we are not bailing them out.*

**IX. Open Issues**

- a. Jail Issues-

**X. New Business**

- a. Amended Salary Ordinance- Community Covid 19 Testing Grant 8123. \$20,000  
A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Robert Spence. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Amended Salary Ordinance-Opioid Grant 8128. \$10,223.50  
A motion was made by William Brent Bush and seconded by Randy Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Hamilton Center Update. Mark Collins from the Hamilton Center gave an update on the services they provide to the County. He showed the council an Annual Report for 2020. He also stated that they serve around 500 Vermillion County residents. They have 14 staff members in the Vermillion County center. The Center has been working remotely for nine months. Ashley James asked if they were having any issues with people who are not able to connect with the Hamilton Center remotely. Mark stated that yes there are some who are

not able to but that most clients like to do it remotely and that people are more likely to keep appointments if they can remotely meet with staff. Randy Dreher wanted to know the percentage of repeat offenders. Stating that the Jail is seeing repeat offenders. Mark Collins stated he did not have the numbers at this time but would get them for the Council. Robert Spence asked about the funding, stating that the price has went up a lot from \$75,000 to \$153,000 in 6 years. Mark Collins stated it is set by the State of Indiana and they have different criterias for each county. Council thanked Mr. Collins for coming.

d. PTABOA-Removed from agenda- issue was resolved.

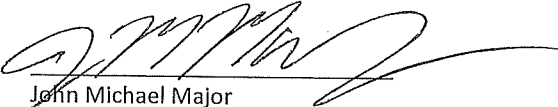
Public Comment: None

XI. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by John Michael Major and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr.  
Meeting Adjourned.

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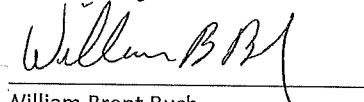
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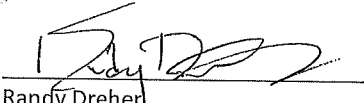
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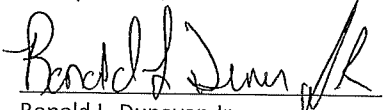
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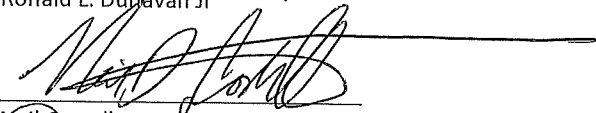
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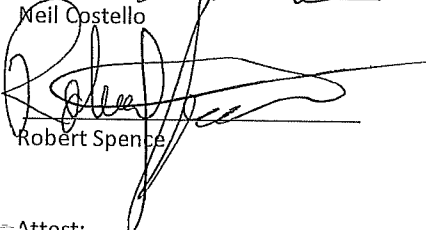
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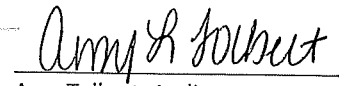
  
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Amy Tolbert, Auditor