

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting on November 12, 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, Neil Costello, Ronald Lee Dunavan, Robert Spence, William Brent Bush, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and Council attorney Donald Bonomo. Randy Dreher was absent.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** Costello requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that he did not vote on the motion to leave the Jail Renovation/Expansion on the agenda. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the minutes with the correction and seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** Major acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** No comments.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds.**
 - Reporting only. Extension Office requesting to transfer \$1200.00 from Postage to Travel.
 - Reporting only. Extension Office requesting to transfer \$428.56 from Home Economic Teaching to Office Supplies.
 - Reporting only. Treasurer's Office requesting to transfer \$250.00 from Training and Conference to Dues and Subscriptions.
 - Reporting only. Commissioners requesting to transfer \$756.00 from Legal Notice to Training and Conference.
 - Reporting only. Commissioners Court requesting to transfer \$100.00 from Electricity and Natural Gas to Water and Sewage.
 - Reporting only. Commissioners Court requesting to transfer \$3000.00 from Electricity and Natural Gas to Repairs and Maintenance and \$4300.00 from Telephone to Repairs and Maintenance.
 - Reporting only. Circuit Court requesting to transfer \$250.00 from Interpreter to Office Supplies.
 - Reporting only. CASA requesting to transfer \$160.87 from Copying Expense to Training.
 - Reporting only. Jail requesting to transfer \$3000.00 from Jail Maintenance to Meals.
 - Reporting only. Jail requesting to transfer \$6000.00 from Septic Tank Maintenance to Meals.
 - Reporting only. CASA requesting to transfer \$793.23 from Copying Expense to Training and \$629.29 from Equipment & Maintenance Agreements to Training.
 - Reporting only. Economic Development requesting to transfer \$1000.00 from Training and Conference to Membership and Dues.
- VIII. **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:

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
General Fund	\$24,834.00	\$24,834.00

This additional is for fire detection and alarm system for the courthouse. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by Dunavan to approve the additional. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Open Issues

a. Jail Renovation/Expansion. No comments.

X. New Business

- a. CASA – Assistant Director / Grants.** CASA Director Sarah Tellacea asked the Council to approve the hiring of Caitlyn Wells as assistant director, and to approve \$11,835.00 in matching funds for a grant match. The matching funds were not included in the 2020 budget, so it will need to be formally requested in January. Judge Jill Wesch said they have worked really hard to get the program going in Vermillion County and without the grant the program would not exist. The Court appointed special advocate is the voice for the children, they make recommendations for the best interest of the children to the court. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by Spence to support the CASA program grants and matching funds. All in favor, motion carried. It was stated that the appropriation would be approved in January.
- b. West Central Indiana Economic Development District – Introduction of New Executive Director Ryan Keller.** Keller was not present to be introduced as the new executive director for West Central Indiana Economic Development District.
- c. Ambulance.** Illiana EMS Director Eric Shaughnessy provided information to the Council on response time. Shaughnessy said that the Commissioners had requested a proposal for a third ambulance to be located at Vermillion Rise to help reduce response times in the central part of the county. Bush said he felt there would be more benefit to stationing an additional ambulance in Cayuga. He said response times would not be much quicker for those who live west of Vermillion Rise. Shaughnessy said he still felt a central location would be better, even if it was at the jail rather than Vermillion Rise. Bush disagreed. Shaughnessy said he had heard that the cost of adding the third ambulance was astronomical, and said that it is less than the competing proposal that was submitted when his original contract was awarded. He also stated that the contract required the second ambulance that is located in Clinton to be manned 8-4 Monday through Friday, but it is currently being manned 24-7 due to need. Dunavan asked if there was extra cost for this, and Shaughnessy said no, he saw a need and staffed it. Costello asked if there was a 20-year history of runs. Commissioner Tim Wilson said there was not, but there had been discussion back in the 1970s about locating ambulances in Clinton, Cayuga and Dana, but nothing ever came of it. Wilson asked Shaughnessy for the number of runs west of Vermillion Rise, and Shaughnessy said he would get back to him with the number. There was some discussion about building a road through Vermillion Rise, and Wilson said it has been talked about, but the bridge needs replaced, and the road is overgrown, so it would cost a lot to make that happen. O’Heir said there are a lot of deer, so it would not save much driving time because the deer are so bad.

d. Public Comment

Meredith Addison gave the Council a handout about Health Assessments.

XI. Adjourn

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

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NAY



John Michael Major



Ashley James



William Brent Bush



Randy Dreher



Ronald L. Dunavan Jr.



Neil Costello



Robert Spence

ATTEST:



Amy Tolbert, Auditor