

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner’s Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on March 13, 2023 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, Neil Costello, Kelly Summerville, Tammie Brown, Jeff Bose, Martin Brown, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Deputy Auditor, Leigh Ann Smith, and County Council Attorney, DJ Bonomo. Rick Weir, Vice President was absent.

IV. **Approval of Minutes.** James acknowledge the February 13th, 2023 meeting minutes. T. Brown noted corrections to be made M. Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Summerville. All in favor with corrections, motion carried.

V. **Treasurer’s Report.** No Treasurer’s report was presented at this meeting.

VI. **Transfer of Funds- No transfer of funds at this time.**

VII. **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 2023, 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>
1200/ Supplement Public Def. Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

To pay for non-contractual attorney fees that are being carried over from cases previous to the formation of the WCIPDO. Approval of appropriation by M. Brown and seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
1159 /Health Dept.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

The health department received money from the state for taking a budget survey. Approval of appropriation by Costello and seconded by M. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
1159 /Health Dept.	\$132,197.23	\$132,197.23

The health department received insurance reimbursement funds from Indiana Department of Health for vaccines. Approval of appropriation by Summerville and seconded by M. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

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8111/PHPER	\$24,869.67	\$24,869.67
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To set up the Emergency Preparedness Grant for the last half of grant period ending on 06/30/2023. Approval of appropriation by M. Brown seconded by Costello. All in favor motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
8133 /Covid-19 Testing Grant	\$79,913.16	\$79,913.16

To finish the remaining funds from the Covid-19 Testing Grant. Approval of appropriation by Costello seconded by M. Brown. Summerville opposed and motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
8134 /Covid-19 Vaccine Grant	\$79,913.16	\$73,319.64

To set up the Covid-19 Vaccine Grant funding. Approval of appropriation by Bose seconded by M. Brown. Summerville opposed and motion carried.

New Business

a. Sheriff-Cleaning Service for the Jail

Sheriff Holtkamp requesting remaining funds from Part Time Secretary to have a cleaning service clean the Jail. Holtkamp stated the quotes he has received so far are a little high but he will continue to reach out to other companies. The remaining funds of \$12,850.00 will be transferred to contractual service and will be presented to the council at the April 10th meeting. Holtkamp also stated there needs to be a discussion over the body cameras. There will be a demo at the Jail on Thursday at 11am.

b. Scott Nogle-APC/BZA

Scott Nogle spoke to the council about the job opening with the Area Plan Commission. The Commission presented the council with a pay proposal for the Executive Director, \$38,000.00, Flood Plain Administrator, \$1,500.00 and Building Permit Administrator for \$3,000.00 for a total of \$42,500.00. The council received a handout with the pay proposal and job responsibilities. The Commission would like this to be a fulltime position. The would like someone to have knowledge and experience of Indiana codes. The zoning maps will need to be updated and most likely cost around \$45,000.00. A brief discussion over the Building Inspector and Building Permit Inspector duties. The commission was notified that county salary ordinance states all new hires are to start at \$3,000.00 below maximum salary. Summerville made a motion to recommend a proposal of a top tier pay of \$42,500.00, Costello seconded and motion carried. There was a brief discussion about raising the building permit fees and having a tier process for those fees, that will be a conversation with the commissioners at a later date.

Public Comment – None at this time

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Summerville and seconded by T. Brown all in favor meeting was adjourned.

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Ashley James
Ashley James

ABSENT
Rick Weir

Neil Costello
Neil Costello

Kelly Summerville
Kelly Summerville

Tammie Brown
Tammie Brown

Jeff Bose
Jeff Bose

Martin Brown
Martin Brown

Attest:

Brenda J. Furry
Brenda J. Furry, Auditor
