

**Vermillion County Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
February 13, 2023  
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 February 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

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- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Ashley James, Vice President Rick Weir, Neil Costello, Kelly Summerville, Tammie Brown, Jeff Bose, Martin Brown, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Deputy Auditor, Leigh Ann Smith, and County Council Attorney, Scott Craig.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** James acknowledge the January 9th, 2023 meeting minutes. M. Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Weir. 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. **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:

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000/Commissioners	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

For professional services to Architura for designing/engineering new ambulance bays and EMS centers. Yocum stated plans will be "shelf ready" for grants in July. Approval of appropriation by Weir and seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000/Auditor/102	\$5,172.00	\$5,172.00

Additional funds for third deputy position that was paid out vacation and two weeks behind pay due to her retiring. Approval of appropriation by Weir and seconded by T. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000/Soil & Water/148	\$1,188.50	\$1,188.50

Grant gave William Pigg an increase of \$1,000.00 and \$188.50 to cover taxes and benefits. This grant is paid by Parke-County Soil and Water. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriation and Amended Salary Ordinance by M. Brown and seconded by Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
1000 /EOC/133	\$45,400.00	\$45,400.00

To purchase a new truck for EOC. O’Heir has secured a grant for \$20,000.00 grant which will be paid back to the general fund once we show that we have purchased the vehicle. The new truck is needed to tow the hazmat trailer. The old truck goes back to the Commissioners. A motion as made to approve the additional appropriation by Summerville and seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
1149 /Econ. Develop. /317	\$5,296.00	\$5,296.00

The \$1,000.00 increase that was not advertised in the original budget for 2023. Former Admin. Assistant retired and was paid out for unused vacation and retro pay from January and new Assistant training and retro pay. Executive Director was paid retro pay as well for \$1,000.00 that was missed in original 2023 budget. A motion as made to approve the additional appropriation by Weir seconded by M. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. Open Issues**

**a. : E 911 Board Appointments:**

A motion to approve Robert Spence to the E 911 board was made by Costello and seconded by M. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

**b. : Bruce Aukerman/ Nina Alexander-** Amend salary ordinance for Deputy Prosecutor for the Stop Grant. Alexander spoke on how funding is acquired in the Child Support office. There were two options given for the increase in Alexander’s pay. The first was a decrease in Child Support pay and an increase in Stop Grant pay. A motion was made by Weir and no one seconded motion failed. The second option was to increase the Stop Grant pay only to \$50,500.00. A motion was made by Costello and seconded by Weir. A roll call vote was made with Costello Yes, Summerville No, T. Brown No, Weir Yes, Bose Yes and M. Brown No. The vote was tied and James voted yes and motion passed.

**IX. New Business**

**a. Sheriff’s Commissary Fund**

Sheriff Holtkamp presented the Council with the annual commissary fund report. A motion was made by M. Brown to accept the report and seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

**X. Public Comment – None at this time**

**XI. Adjourn**

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

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Nay

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