

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023 6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on April 10, 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, VP- 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 acknowledged the March 13, 2023 meeting minutes. T. Brown noted corrections to be made. M. Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Bose. All in favor with corrections, Weir abstained, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** Monthly Treasurer's report and the Interest report was presented at this meeting. James acknowledged the report. No questions from the council.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** First Quarterly report for 2023. Costello asked where overtime was paid from, it is from the general account or the overtime line item in that location budget. Discussion on the maximum amount of overtime hours accrued before payout. The county has adopted the policy of 160 hours maximum, anything over that is paid out at the end of October.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds.** Transfer of remaining \$12,850.00 funds from Secretarial -part time to Professional Services to pay a cleaning service to clean the jail. M. Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Summerville. All in favor motion carried.
- 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 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>
<i>Verm. Co. Library General Fund</i>	<i>\$333,500.00</i>	<i>\$333,500.00</i>
<i>Verm Co. Library Rainy Day</i>	<i>\$50,000.00</i>	<i>\$50,000.00</i>

To pay for a drainage project at the Vermillion County Library that was not in the original budget. Misty Bishop spoke on behave on the library on the different options the library discussed to fix the drainage issues. HWC will be handling the oversight for the project. Resolution 2023-03, Costello made a motion to approve and seconded by Weir. All in favor motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>1149 /Economic Dev.</i>	<i>\$50,000.00</i>	<i>\$38,187.63</i>

The Economic Development department asked for a total of \$50,000. They asked for \$3,800 for Thrive/REDM for matching regional funding. Ann Wickens spoke from the audience and was difficult to hear on the recording, but to the best of our recollection, she then asked for a new fund number and \$34,387. 63 to operate the revolving loan fund. Approval of a new fund number and total of \$38,187.63 by Summerville and seconded by T. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1222 / E 911	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

To help pay for use of aerial photography GIS. At budget time the amount was inadvertently left off the original budget. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

IX New Business

a. Cumulative Fund Re-Establishment

Scott Craig spoke to the council concerning an optional process to increase the property tax rate for an existing cumulative fund over the prior year certified rate. Currently, the rates for cumulative bridge and cumulative capital development are under the maximum rate cap and therefore eligible for re-establishment. There has not been a rate change in at least the past 5 years. The Council made a motion to advertise the max levy of 0.1000% for the cumulative bridge fund and will decide at the May 8, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Summerville and seconded by Bose. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Account Correction Resolution

The council tabled the resolution until the May 8, 2023 meeting. A motion was Made by Weir and seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.

c. County Engineer

Tim Yocum presented to the council a recommendation for a County Engineer. Yocum stated the idea of an engineer has been talked about for at least 3 years. The county is looking into sharing an engineer and the cost with Parke County. The state offers the two counties \$40,000.00 each that will assist with a salary. Yocum has met with Jim Meece of Parke County and will they will visit a county that shares an engineer to get ideas on how to move forward. Yocum also spoke on having a county superintendent over the highway garages. The commissioners will need to bring before the council a transfer request and a revised salary ordinance for this new position. Yocum stated that this position will streamline the highway's technology and help with communication with the engineer.

d. Firearms Fund

Sheriff Holtkamp stated the in the past Sheriff Phelps had an agreement with the commissioners where deputies could purchase their backup guns for the appraised trade in price. Holtkamp asked for those monies, \$2,500.00 to be put into the firearms account. James stated the amount needed to be given to Auditor Furry for an additional appropriation.

e. Civil Process Wage Increase

Sheriff Holtkamp stated that his department is behind in serving civil process papers. Currently the pay is \$17.00 an hour and would like to increase to \$20.00 an hour. The council was also given an amended salary schedule to change the hourly rate. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

X. Amended Salary Ordinance

An amended salary resolution for Area Planning & Zoning Director to have annual salary to increase from \$36,700 to \$42,500. A motion was made by Summerville and seconded by Bose. All in favor, motion carried.

XI. Public Comment – None

XII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made Weir and seconded by Bose, by all in favor meeting was adjourned.

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Nay

Ashley James
Ashley James

Rick Weir
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

