

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

February, 10, 2020

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on February 10, 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, Vice President Robert Spence, Neil Costello, Ronald L. Dunavan Jr., John Michael Major, William Brent Bush, Randy Dreher, Auditor Amy Tolbert, Deputy Auditor Annie Wickens and Council Attorney Scott Craig.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Robert Spence, to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, Ashley James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** Councilman Neil Costello questioned the time for the Highway Dept. wanting to know if they plan to use this time in the off season. Summer is the busy time of the year. Councilman Costello stated that this wasn't a complaint he just noticed that the comp hours were increasing. Commissioner Tim Yocum stated that he would address it.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds.** None
- VIII. **Additional Appropriations.** The Council considered additional appropriations as published. President Ashley James 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 that was appropriated in the annual budget for 2020, 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>County General/CC</i>	<i>\$228, 251.00</i>	<i>\$0</i>

This is to cover the increase in cost for personnel and equipment to man an additional paramedic level ambulance in the County on a 24-7/365 basis. After a lengthy debate where and how many ambulances would be added, Robert Spence made a motion to allow and Neil Costello seconded it. Roll call vote was taken, Neil Costello, yes, Ronald Dunavan Jr., no, Robert Spence, yes, Brent Bush, no, John Michael Major, no, and Randy Dreher, no. Not Approved.

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<i>County General/CC</i>	<i>\$5055.00</i>	<i>\$5055.00</i>

Additional Funding needed for David Robinson has reached his 10-year anniversary and is to be paid more per the state. The figures for probation officer 3 were transposed. \$37, 793 was entered but should have been \$37,973 per the State. Councilman John Michael Major made the motion and Ronald Dunavan Jr, seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Open Issues

a. Jail Renovation/Expansion

No Update at this time.

b. Parke-Vermillion Humane Society Update/Parke County

Councilman John Michael Major sent a letter to Parke County requesting additional appropriations from them. Councilman Major stated we could look at this again at the next meeting.

XI New Business

a. Resolution to transfer money to Rainy Day

Ashley James went over the resolution. Maximum amount is 10%-\$787,477.00. Motion made by John Michael Major and Randy Dreher seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Community Plan-RJL Solutions

Hannah Pruitt from RJL Solutions spoke on how her company can help the county get a Community Plan together, and how having a Community Plan can benefit the County on different levels. Vittori Meyer spoke on the details of how Terre Haute has used their Community Plan. This can provide Growth Development, a Brand for the County. They have different strategies to get the community involved, including surveys and forums.

Public Comment

Dylan Rigger requested a resolution on the appointment for Economic Development Board which is currently held by Basil Ave. It is a 3-year term. Item is tabled for next meeting.

Ronald Dunavan Jr, requested a joint meeting for the Ambulance and Jail with Commissioners. Ronald Dunavan Jr, makes a motion and Brent Bush seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Hawkins requested that we have a public meeting on the jail. Scott Craig stated we did have a hearing back in November, but if the council decides to fund it, they would have to have another meeting. Mr. Hawkins also requested the new feasibility - study from November 2019. Stating that it wasn't available when he was in the office. He also wants a new feasibility study done. Ashley James stated that the Commissioners would have to do that. Jail joint meeting will be at a later date. Date for the Joint meeting over the Ambulance service is February 18, 2020 at 6:30.

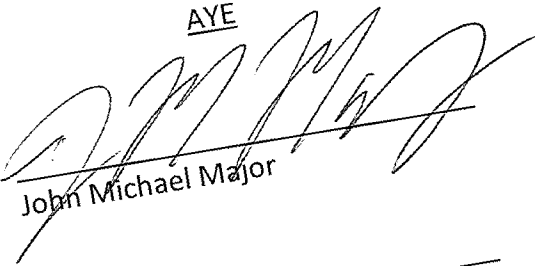
Neil Costello, spoke about how the county is in need of another ambulance. Stating that we have around 263 square miles of land to cover. That would take 8 fire departments and a couple hundred guys and 35 trucks to cover the same territory and each department provide EMS first response. The Ambulance service has a lot of miles to cover in the county and 2 ambulances are really not enough. Just something to think about before we meet again.

Tim Yocum informed the Council that he got notice from INDOT that an award letter has been received for renovating bridge 122 in Hillsdale, District 2, on old 63 for \$690,400 plus 20% match from the county. Bridge 122 is the most expensive bridge we have in the County. This will preserve and lengthen its life expectancy.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by John Major and 2nd by Robert Spence.
Meeting Adjourned.

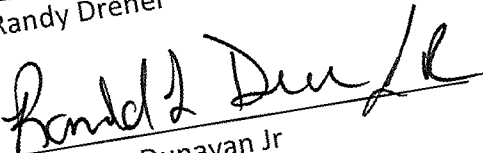
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John Michael Major

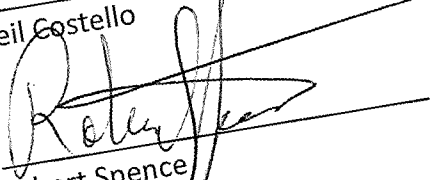
Ashley James

William Brent Bush

Randy Dreher


Ronald L. Dunavan Jr


Neil Costello


Robert Spence

Nay

Attest:


Amy Tolbert, Auditor