

## Vermillion County Council

### Meeting Minutes

May, 11, 2020

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 May 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom. Due to Covid-19 no meeting was held for April, 2020.
- 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, Auditor Amy Tolbert, Deputy Auditor Annie Wickens. William Brent Bush, Randy Dreher and Donald Bonomo were connected via telephone.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** Ashley James had a correction to the minutes before the meeting and notes were corrected. A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Ronald Dunavan, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, Ashely James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, Ashley James acknowledged the receipt of the Comp Time report.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds- Reporting Only -** CASA transferring **\$1,080.20** from Copying Expenses to Recruitment.
- 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</i> | <i>\$7,000.00</i>       | <i>\$7,000.00</i>      |

This is to cover the cost for the Sheriff sale. SRI is conducting the sale for the Sheriff's office. The cost for each property, whether sold or unsold is \$200.00. It is a Bi-Monthly Sale. A Motion was made by Ronald Dunavan Jr and Seconded by John Michael Major. All in Favor, motion carried.

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| <i>County General</i> | <i>\$15,000.00</i>      | <i>\$15,000.00</i>     |

Additional Funding needed for 3<sup>rd</sup> district for a rack to hold sand boxes. A total of 3 will be needed. A Motion was made by Robert Spence and Ronald Dunavan Jr, seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

| <b>FUND/DEPT</b>     | <b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b> | <b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b> |
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| <i>Public Safety</i> | <i>\$600,000.00</i>     | <i>\$600,000.00</i>    |

Request to move funds to Cumulative Jail fund. John Michael Major discussed that maybe we shouldn't move these funds at this time due to the COVID-19 issue. Neil Costello asked if it could be moved and then moved back if needed. Council Attorney Donald Bonomo stated he didn't think it would be an issue of transferring it back if needed. Motion was made by Ronald Dunavan Jr. and seconded by Neil Costello. John Michael Major opposed. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

| <b>FUND/DEPT</b>        | <b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b> | <b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Certified Shares</i> | <i>\$900,000.00</i>     | <i>\$0</i>             |

Request to move funds to Cumulative jail was discussed by the Council. The discussion was whether or not to move the funds now or to wait for a later date due to the COVID-19 issue. Commissioner Tim Wilson rescinded the request. Commissioner to request at a later date.

| <b>FUND/DEPT</b>      | <b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b> | <b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>County General</i> | <i>\$ 2,500,000.00</i>  | <i>\$0</i>             |

Request for to move funds to Cumulative Jail. Request was rescinded by Commissioner Tim Wilson. Commissioners to request at a later date.

| <b>FUND/DEPT</b> | <b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b> | <b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b> |
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| <i>Rainy Day</i> | <i>\$2,500,000.00</i>   | <i>\$0</i>             |

Request to move funds to Cumulative Jail. Request was rescinded by Commissioner Tim Wilson. Commissioners to request at a later date.

| <b>FUND/DEPT</b>      | <b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b> | <b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b> |
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| <i>County General</i> | <i>\$229,000.00</i>     | <i>\$0</i>             |

Request for a full-time 3<sup>rd</sup> paramedic for the ambulance. Request was rescinded by Commissioner Tim Wilson. Commissioners to request at a later date.

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| <i>County General</i> | <i>\$11,835.00</i>      | <i>\$11,835.00</i>     |

Grant Match for CASA Fund. This is what the County is Matching from the grant. Motion was made by John Michael Major and Seconded by Robert Spence. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **IX. Open Issues**

##### **a. Jail Renovation/Funding**

No Update at this time.

#### **XI New Business**

##### **a. Investment Report- Treasurers Office**

Ashley James went over the Investment Report from Florinda. This report showed how the money is being invested and what the interest is that the County is getting from the investments.

##### **b. Sheriff Commissary Fund**

Sheriff Michael Phelps stated he recently learned that it is recommended that the Sheriff and County fiscal body should have an agreement/resolution in writing for use of the Sheriff's Commissary funds that are not already listed in IC 36-8-10-21(d)(9). Sheriff Phelps presented several different documents showing what

other counties have done with the agreements. A Motion was made by Neil Costello and Seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. All in favor motion carried.

- c. **Vermillion County Soil and Water Conservation District**  
Eric Shideler is requesting to add an additional employee with the grant money he has applied for. This employee would not be paid by the Tax Payers but with the funds from the grant. It would be for 13-months or for as long as the grant money is available. He is requesting to have them paid through the Auditor's office. Eric has spoken to Anita Fultz in Payroll and they have worked out the details. A Motion was made by Ronald Dunavan and seconded by Robert Spence. All in favor, motion carried.

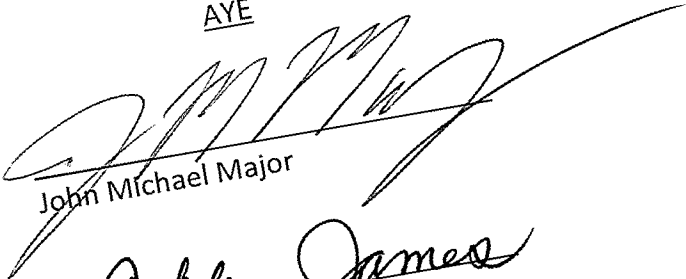
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**Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn made by John Major and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neil Costello.  
Meeting Adjourned.

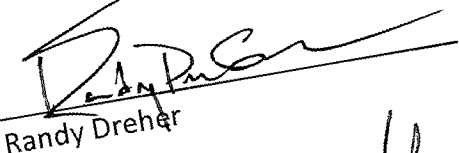
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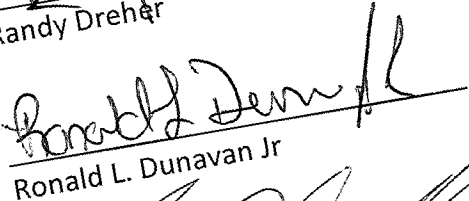
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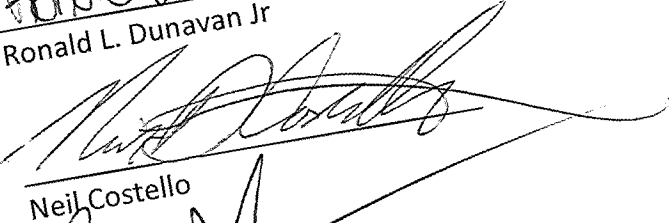
  
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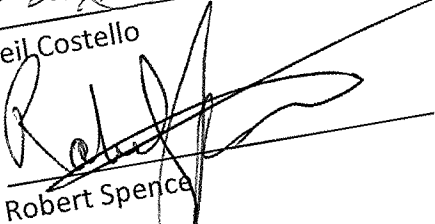
  
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William Brent Bush

  
Randy Dreher

  
Ronald L. Dunavan Jr

  
Neil Costello

  
Robert Spence

Attest:

  
Amy Tolbert, Auditor

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