

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on January 11 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, Rick Weir, Kelly Summerville, William Brent Bush, Martin Brown, Auditor Brenda Furry, Deputy Auditor Annie Wickens, and County Council Attorney, Scott Craig. Randy Dreher was not present.
- IV. **Voting of President & Vice President.**
Ashely James stated that the Council needs to vote for a President and Vice President. A motion was made by William Brent Bush to appoint Ashley James as President and seconded by Rick Weir. All in Favor, motion carried. A motion was made to appoint Randy Dreher as Vice President by William Brent Bush and seconded by Martin Brown. All in Favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Minutes.** Neil Costello had a correction to the minutes. Minutes will be corrected before February 8, 2021 meeting. January Meeting Minutes to be approved at the February meeting.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report.** President, Ashely James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VII. **Comp Time Report.** No Comp Time Report available.
- VIII. **Transfer of Funds- Reporting Only – Council went over the Transfers.**
- IX. **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 2021, 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>\$40,000.00</i>	<i>\$40,000.00</i>

This is for the Jail Addition and Renovation, Schematic Designs. This is for invoice on work that was completed already from HWC. Scott Craig stated it might make better sense to just move the money that has been approved for the Jail project instead of the Commissioners having to come in and request an additional appropriation every time a bill comes through. Discussion was had and the Council agreed to have the Commissioners get a number for the Council to approve to put the monies into the account. Tim Yocum informed the Council they would discuss this and get back with the Council. A Motion was made by Kelly Summerville and Seconded by Neil Costello. All in Favor, motion carried.

X. New Business

a. COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics-Wendy Farley & Penny Reely.

Health Dept Wendy Farley went over what the Health Department will be doing for the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. At this time the Health Dept has 100 doses on hand. The Health Department will be requesting additional money from the Council for the extra help they will need with the testing & vaccine clinics. The County has \$400,000 left over from the CARES act that could be used for the Clinics. Council agrees that we need to do as much as we can for Health Department at this point. Wendy Farley stated that what ever money is left over they will return to the County.

b. Park Board- salary notification

Wayne Bush from the Parks Department spoke to the Council about the Pay for the Park Board, stating that when the Council changed the pay for the Boards that the Park board was not notified about the change in pay from \$80 to \$60 for the Park Board. That the budget was approved for the board to get paid \$80. Wayne Bush also stated that the Park board does a lot more than just meetings that they are at the Park making sure they are clean and restrooms are in working order. Council discussed on what needs to be done to rectify the situation. Council would also like to look at this issue at budget time for all boards. Scott Craig stated that a Salary Ordinance would be a good idea going forward. Anita Fultz, Payroll Clerk to get the ordinance together for Council. A motion was made to Retro the pay for 2020 to \$80 by Rick Weir and seconded by Martin Brown. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to pay the Park board \$80 for 2021 by Neil Costello and seconded by Kelly Summerville, with William Brent Bush voting no, motion carried.

c. Board Appointments

Alcohol Beverage- 1-year term.

A motion was made to appoint Cynthia Myers by Neil Costello and seconded by Kelly Summerville. William Brent Bush abstained from the vote. All rest were in favor, motion passed.

E911-1-year term.

A motion was made to appoint Paulina Young by William Brent Bush and seconded by Rick Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

EOC Council- 3-year term.

A motion was made to appoint Bill Hartman to serve as a financial industry appointment by William Brent Bush and seconded by Rick Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

Appointment for the largest employer in the county is vacant and the Council is requesting clarification from Dylan Rikken. Auditor to contact Dylan Rikken

PTABOA-1-year appointment

A motion was made to appoint Pat Richey by Rick Weir and seconded by Neil Costello. All in favor, motion carried.

Vermillion County Newport Library Board-4-year term.

A motion was made to appoint Amy Tolbert by Neil Costello and seconded by William Brent Bush.

Solid Waste Management Board-2-year term

A motion was made to appoint Ashley James by William Brent Bush and seconded by Martin Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

West Central Indiana Economic Development – 2-year term

A motion was made to elect Randy Dreher by William Brent Bush and seconded by Rick Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

d. Community Crossings Grant.

President Ashley James stated we need to have a special meeting to discuss the appropriations for the Community Crossing Grant. Special Meeting set for January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

e. Funding on bridge replacement 1450 N

Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. spoke to the Council about needing an additional appropriation for the bridge on 1450 N. Council to discuss at Special Meeting on January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

f. Salary Ordinance for Longevity Pay- Payroll Deputy Anita Fultz states that a amended salary ordinance needs to be approved for the Probation Dept, Prosecutor's office and Soil and Water. A motion was made by William Brent Bush and seconded by Martin Brown. All in favor Motion carried.

XI. Public Comment

XII. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Rick Weir and 2nd by Martin Brown. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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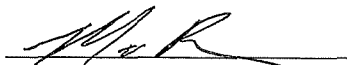
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Ashley James

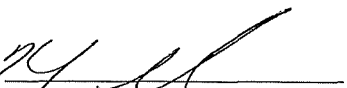
Randy Dreher


William Brent Bush

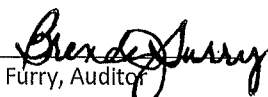

Rick Weir


Martin Brown


Neil Costello


Kelly Summerville

Attest:


Brenda Furry, Auditor

RESOLUTION 2021- 3
Vermillion County Council

AMENDING THE 2021 SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE LONGEVITY PAY

WHEREAS, the County Council previously adopted a compensation schedule for 2020 that has been previously amended; and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to further amend the compensation schedule to add longevity pay for employees based on years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED the 2021 compensation schedule is amended as follows:

1. Employees shall receive additional compensation (longevity pay) based upon their consecutive years of service with the County, as of January 1, 2021, upon the following scale:
 - At least 5 years of service equals an additional 1.5%
 - At least 10 years of service equals an additional 2.0%
 - At least 15 years of service equals an additional 2.5%
 - At least 20 years of service equals an additional 3.0%
 - For employees with over 20 years of service, the employee shall receive an additional .5% for each year over 20 years of service, but not to exceed an additional 2.5%
2. This amendment applies to elected officials but excludes Vermillion County Commissioners and members of the Vermillion County Council. In addition, employees who left employment with the County between January 1, 2020 and the date of this amendment are also excluded.
3. Determinations of an employee's years of service shall be established in accordance with the policies adopted by the Vermillion County Board of Commissioners.

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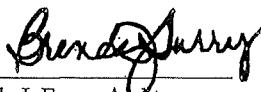
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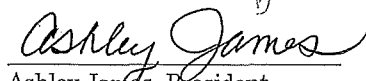
TRANSFERRING UNENCUMBERED FUNDS
TO THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT FUND AND THE COVID 19 GRANT FUND

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it had unencumbered funds within its General Fund and Certified Shares Fund available to be transferred to fund local match portions for two grants.

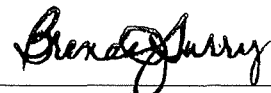
NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that:

1. The Council hereby approves the transfer of \$100,000 of unencumbered funds from the General Fund (Fund 1000) to the COVID 19 Grant Fund (Fund 8134).
2. The Council hereby approves the transfer of \$333,000 of unencumbered funds from the Certified Share Fund (Fund 9103) to the Community Crossing Grant Fund (Fund 9102).

Passed and adopted this 8th day of February, 2021.


Ashley James, President
Vermillion County Council

Attest:


Brenda Furry, Auditor



VERMILLION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Michael R. Phelps, Sheriff
1888 S State Rd 63, PO Box 130
Newport, IN 47966-0130
(765) 492-3838 - (765) 492-5012 - Fax

To: Vermillion County Council Board
Courthouse
Newport, IN. 47966

RE: Sheriff's Commissary Fund

The Vermillion County Sheriff's Office Commissary Fund is used to purchase commissary items; equipment; equipment leases/maintenance agreements; training seminars and other non budgeted items.

Receipts/Disbursements into and from this fund:

Beg. Balance	\$ 16,309.16
Deposits 01/2020 thru 06/2020	\$ 55,549.72 (Jan.- June)
Deposits 07/19 thru 12/19	\$ 50,569.27 (July - December)
Total of Bal. Ending Bal.	\$122,428.15 (January through December)
Disbursements Total	\$ 49,926.56 01/2020 thru 06/2020 (Jan. - June)
	\$ 55,162.63 07/2020 thru 12/2020 (Jul. - Dec)
Total Disbursements:	\$105,089.19 (January through December)

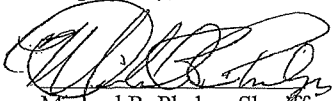
Balance as of 12/31/2020 \$ 17,338.96

****DOES NOT INCLUDE OUTSTANDING INVOICES NOR PURCHASE ORDERS****

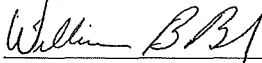
SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND:

The sheriff's commissary fund, under IC 36-8-10-21, had new language added stating what the money may be used for. Specifically under IC 36-8-10-21(d)(8), the law allows commissary funds to be used for any other purpose that benefits the sheriff's department that is mutually agreed upon by the county fiscal body and the county sheriff. Our audit position is that this mutually agreed upon disbursement can be done by a vote of the board and included in the minutes of the fiscal body. A formal resolution or ordinance is not required.

Respectively,

 01/05/2021
Michael R. Phelps, Sheriff
Vermillion County

County Council Members:

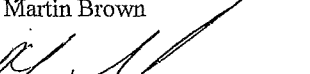

William Brent Bush

Randy Dreher

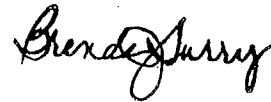

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