

Vermillion County Council

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a Regular Meeting on September 15, 2022 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, William Rennels, Rick Weir, Kelly Summerville, William Brent Bush, Martin Brown, Randy Dreher, Auditor Brenda Furry and Deputy Auditor Annie Wickens.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made to approve the minutes from August 8, 2022 by Brown and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report-Acknowledged**
- VI. **Comp Time Report- Acknowledged.** Dreher questioned LeighAnn Smith's 89 hours of Comp time. Auditor Furry states that Smith was helping her with budgets. Dreher also questioned Lane Grants in the Courts office (35 hours) Furry to find out what the increase was. Dreher asked Milssa Carty about the Highway workers comp time. Milissa Carty stated that the highway guys are using theirs up now. Working on getting them down.
- VII. **Transfers-Non Reporting**
 - a. Hwy Department- 1176-33508 to 1176-37300 in the amount \$10,000, for the large increase of propane for heating 2 garages.

Reporting
 - b. Cum Bridge 1135-38000 \$25,000 and 1135-63601 \$30,000 to 1135-46000 for a total of \$55,000 for a portion of a timber bridge collapse. This bridge is in District 3. Discussion: Dreher stated we have other bridges that we definitely need to get done. Dreher questioned about the bridge to Tree Springs and stated that bridge needs to be a priority. Carty stated that we have the materials and they are being stored at White's Construction. A motion was made to approve the transfer by Weir and seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. **Additional Appropriations**
 - a. 1000 County General-\$216,843.70 this is to Purchase Lucas CPR devices from Styker. A motion was made by Bush to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$216,843.70 for 10 devices and was seconded by Dreher. Discussion: Dreher stated that this is not tax payer monies. James states that we received ARP money from the Government for Covid, and that the monies will be transferred to the General Fund and will be used for the Lucas CPR devices. Weir stated that this is one for each fire station. Mark O'Heir states that there is 2 for Helt, one for each fire department, one for the jail and one for EMS. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. 1149 Economic Development - \$31,000. \$29,000 for 30570 Professional Services and \$2,00 for Office Rent 34000. This is for RJL Solutions for \$4800 monthly and for retaining an attorney that bills as needed. The outdoor maintenance costs and heating bills have gone up this year for rent expense. James states this is the

Economic Development monies and they do have enough to cover these charges. A motion was made by Weir to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$31,000 and was seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

- c. 1175 Misdemeanant - \$100,000 for 316202 for Inmate Relocation while the Jail is being constructed. James stated we didn't allocate enough for the Inmate relocation, thinking it would cost less, but unfortunately it hasn't. Dreher stated this might not get us to the end of the year. James stated possibly not. Depends on how many people get arrested. Dreher asked Mike Phelps on how the Jail progress is coming along. Dreher asked if there were any dates for completion on the Jail. Phelps stated the hopes for the completion is the first or second week in January. Construction process is on time at the moment. Phelps gave an update on jail construction process. A motion was made by Dreher for the appropriation and seconded by Bush. Phelps stated this is DOC money not County General money. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. 1176 Highway-Motor Vehicle-\$40,000 for the increase of cost for gas and fuel. No bids were accepted for fuel this year and the County is paying market price. Dreher stated to Milssa Carty that it was weird that we didn't bid this out. Carty stated that it was very odd. Dreher stated we didn't get a locked price on it. Carty stated we are paying market price for the fuel. James questioned when the bids go in for the fuel to the commissioners. Carty stated usually in November and awarded at the Commissioners last meeting in December. James stated they should be working on that soon. Carty stated yes. A motion was made by Bush to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 and was seconded by Rennels. Discussion: Rennels stated that he would have to do some research but he believes that market price now is probably lower than what it was at bid time. Rennels stated he is not sure how they adjust that with prices fluctuating. Summerville stated not with diesel fuel. Carty stated that last time they got diesel fuel it was \$5.04. Summerville stated that was a little cheaper. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. 8950 ARP-\$66,000 for Scanning project in Clerk's office. James stated that the ARP monies are longer available due to they have been transferred to County General so the appropriation would have to be re-advertised from County General. James stated we are unable to discuss it at this time because it would have to be advertised coming from County General.
- f. 8950-ARP- HWY requested \$510,000-Pulled from agenda. Per Auditor.

IX. Old Business- Amended Salary Schedule- Part-time Employees increase to \$13.00 per hour. A motion was made by Weir to approve the Amended Salary Schedule for part-time employees to \$13.00 per hour and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

X. Public Comment: Weir stated that when we say the Pledge of Allegiance we are not saying it appropriately. Weir stated that when we say One Nation, under God and he believes it should be One Nation Under God. He brings to our attention to think about how we say it.

Becky Holbert questioned with the increase of part-time pay, will the budgets be adjusted accordingly? James stated not for the remainder of this year, you would have to do an additional appropriation, but for next year, yes it will be adjusted. Auditor, Brenda Furry stated she will adjust those figures.

XI. Adjourn

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

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Nay

Ashley James
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Randy Dreher

William Brent Bush
William Brent Bush

Rick Weir
Rick Weir

Martin Brown
Martin Brown

William H. Rennels
William Rennels

Kelly Summerville
Kelly Summerville

Attest:

Brenda Furry
Brenda Furry, Auditor

Date: 10/4/20