

## Vermillion County Council

### Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

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 March 8, 2021 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 Randy Dreher, Neil Costello, Rick Weir, Kelly Summerville, Martin Brown, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Chief Deputy Auditor, Annie Wickens, and County Council Attorney, Scott Craig. William Brent Bush came to the meeting at 6:55 p.m. due to a fire call.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** James acknowledge the February 8, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the February 8, 2021 meeting minutes by Weir and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and a Financial Fund report for the county. No Comment.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Comp Time Report.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds- Report only-** Circuit Court-Opioid Grant- Judge Wesch requested that \$1,000 be transferred from (35100) Training Conferences to (30580) Outreach-Intense Probation & \$5,276 be transferred from (30578) Sim Director to (32602) Facilitator & \$22,000 be transferred from (30578) Sim Director to (30586) DMHA Treatment & \$2,000 from (30578) and (35100) \$1,000 be transferred to (30587) SASSI Tools. These new account numbers are new numbers and she is just transferring the funds within the same line numbers. No approval needed.

#### **Transfer of Funds-Approval by Council-**

1149 ECO Development- (21900) Uniforms transferring to (32900) Office cleaning in the amount of \$150. This was requested to be encumbered into (21900) Uniforms when actually should have been into (32900) Office Cleaning. A motion was made to approve the transfer by Costello and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

8128 Circuit Court-(30578) Sim Director transferring to (2000) Supplies in the amount of \$3,000. This is for the Opioid grant and is just moving monies to correct accounts. A motion was made by Dreher to approve the transfer and was seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

4899 Highway/Commissioners- (20216) Bituminous transferring to (31106) Dist #1, (31107) Dist #2 and (31108) Dist #3 in the amount of \$213,000. This was the budget for this fund but should have been broken out into districts instead of being put into the Bituminous account. A motion was made by Dreher to approve the transfer and seconded by Brown. 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 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:

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>County Health 1159</i>	<i>\$8,000.00</i>	<i>\$8000.00</i>

This is to purchase 6 new computers/l pad's and 1 printer for the Covid-19 vaccine site. Funds will be taken out of the Health Department Cash Balance. A motion was made to approve the additional appropriations by Weir and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>County Health 8111</i>	<i>\$35,570.03</i>	<i>\$35,570.03</i>

This is to set up the PHER Grant for grant period ending June 30, 2021. A motion was by Weir to approve the additional appropriations and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>County Health 8133</i>	<i>\$75,247.44</i>	<i>\$75,247.44</i>

This is to set up Community Testing Grant Health Dept/ grant period from September 2020 to June 30, 2021. A motion as made to approve the additional appropriation by Weir and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>HWY 1135</i>	<i>\$155,416</i>	<i>\$155,416</i>

This is for the bridge located at 1450 N. Commissioner Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. had spoken previously to the Council on the bridge and has requested the appropriation. A motion was made by Dreher to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>Cum Jail 1142</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>

Jail Project 17-700-078-2 Addition & renovation. This was already voted on but missed the newspaper deadline by 1 day. This was published on January 2, 2021 and should have been on January 1, 2021. DLGF requested that we re-advertise and have it reapproved. A motion was made by Summerville to approve the additional appropriation and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>HWY 1000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>

Asking to move the monies back into the Sheriff's other garage repair (21800). This was used to pay the deductible for an accident that happen in September 2020. The Sheriff's office paid the deductible to move the process along quicker. A check for the deductible was received and in the Auditor's office and receipted in. A motion was made by Costello to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>Allocation 4912</i>	<i>\$86,050</i>	<i>\$86,050</i>

This is for the Bond Payments for HB White Investments for the entire year. TIF money borrowed. A motion was made by Brown to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County Gen 1000-106</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>\$700</i>

Surveyor requesting monies to purchase office supplies. Office already purchased (2) two printer cables (1) Zoom camera for meetings and required trainings, (1) one KJ Printer Cartridge, (1) coat tree from approved 2021 budget, which was only \$300.00 of which now estimated to be about \$50 left. A motion was made by Brown to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>HWY 1176</i>	<i>\$451,028</i>	<i>\$451,028</i>

This appropriation is to fix the Hwy budget. The state cut the budget and so did the Council and was never properly put into the system for the HWY's budget. This is to appropriate it to the correct accounts with the monies the Council approved at budget hearings. A motion was made by Costello to approve the additional appropriation and was seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County Gen 1000-106</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>

Surveyor requesting monies to hire professional Surveyor services. This is required to Gleen through 100 years + of documents to establish reliable cornerstone monument locations. Dreher requested this to come from the Surveyor's Perpetuation fund instead of County General, and to have it tabled to next meeting and request it from the other fund. Council also stated that during budget hearings in 2021 for 2022 to set a budget for the Surveyor. Mack stated he would put the request in for the next meeting. Dreher also stated it would be nice if we could use local people for the excavating that will be required. Mack stated it would be bid out. Appropriation tabled to next meeting to use the Surveyor's perpetuation fund instead of general fund.

**IX. Open Issues**

- a. Amended Salary Ordinance-  
Action on Proposed Salary and Wages to be paid to Vermillion County Employees Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 294, Acts 1971 for the Calendar Year 2021.

County Health Dept-Public Nurse-1159-0249-11506 \$32,250  
Hourly \$30 p/hr.

A motion was made by Dreher to approve the Amended Salary for the County Health Department Nurse and seconded by Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

Auditor-Solid Waste Administrator-1000-0102-11015 \$2,000  
\$76.92 Biweekly

A motion was made by Summerville to approve the Amended Salary for the Solid Waste Admin and seconded by Weir. All in favor, motion carried.

Auditor-Solid Waste Controller-1000-0102-11014 \$2000  
\$76.92 bi-weekly

A motion was made by Weir to approve the Amended Salary for the Solid Waste Controller and seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

Jail-Cook-1000-132-11205 \$1292.12 Bi-weekly

A motion was made by Bush to approve the Amended Salary for the Cook at the Jail and seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

**X. New Business**

- a. Certificate of Appointment Public Library Board-Clinton- The Director of the Clinton Library, Becky Edington sent a letter stating in that the board's president (William Webber) had passed away and was needing to appoint a replacement. The board has approved Shelly Amerman and requested the council accept their recommendation. A motion was made by Dreher to appoint Shelly Amerman to the Public Library Board-Clinton and was seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Board Appointment-EDC- Top 10 Employers in VC- 3-year appointment-There were 3 applicants for this board. George Schmalz from Rockville IN, Albert Mayes from Hillsdale IN, and Nick Kilgore from Cayuga, IN. It was stated that the appointment should be from Vermillion County. A motion was made by Dreher to appoint Nick Kilgore for the board and was seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Attorney Scott Craig proposed a resolution for the First Deputy to the Economic Development Director to temporarily perform duties normally and customarily performed by the Executive Director in the day to day operations of the office. Please see Resolution 2021-07 for details. A motion was made by Brown to approve the Resolution and seconded by Dreher. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. The council also discussed the hiring of the new Economic Development director. There have been 4 applicants and the ECO Development board would like to move forward on the hiring process for the new director. Council discussed the best practice on who is to do the interviewing and hiring of new director. After discussion it was agreed that the ECO Development Board would do the interviews and come to the County Council with a recommendation. It was also discussed that the Salary for the new director was set in the budget hearings back in 2020 for the 2021 year and that if the ECO Development Board would want to have the salary changed they would have to come to the County Council for any adjustments. It was agreed that the ECO Development Board would start the process and get back with the County Council with recommendations and any Salary changes. A motion was made by Summerville to allow the ECO Development board to move forward with the hiring of the new director and seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried.

**XI. Public Comment-None**

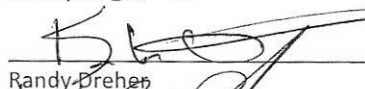
**XII. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn made by Dreher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. All in favor.  
Meeting Adjourned.

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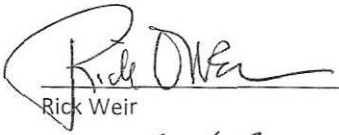
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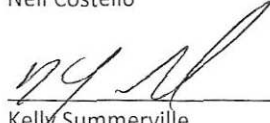
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Attest:   
Brenda Furry, Auditor