

**RE: Transfer of Funds
 Additional Appropriations
 County Mileage Rate
 Election Equipment
 Community Recreation Center
 Budget Committee Report
 Tax Distribution
 Jail Bond money**

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Minutes-Vermillion County Council August 14, 2006

The Vermillion County Council met in the Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana.

President, Mike Costello, called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was taken: Present were Mike Costello, John Yoho, Jerry Hawkins, John Cheesewright, Lavonna Mattick, and Fred Daniels. Randy Dreher was absent. Also present were Don Darnell, Attorney: Sherrie Koma, Auditor, Amy Tolbert, Deputy Auditor.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting was made by Councilman Yoho and seconded by Councilman Cheesewright. All were in favor.

Transfer of Funds

Vermillion County Surveyor.

\$300.00 from 100-106-4113 Head Chainman to 100-106-4412 New Survey Equipment.

\$200.00 from 100-106-4328 Road School to 100-106-4412 New Survey Equipment.

\$300.00 from 100-106-4114 Surveyor Helper to 100-106-4412 New Survey Equipment.

Vermillion County Economic Development.

\$300.00 from 317-000-4415 Capital Projects to 317-000-4126 Unemployment.

A motion to allow the transfers was made by Councilman John Cheeswright and seconded by Councilman Fred Daniels. All were in favor.

Additional Appropriations

\$8140.55 from County General to County Misdemeanant Fund 273-000-4312

\$45,000.000 for Inmate Medical & Dental 100-132-4330.

Councilman Mike Costello asked Sheriff Kim Hawkins if it was being transferred into or taken out of County Misdemeanant. Sheriff Hawkins explained that it comes out County General, gets put into the County Misdemeanant Fund and then into the Healthcare line item. Sheriff Hawkins stated that the \$8,140.55 was monies reimbursed for medical for Department of Correction Inmates in two different months, February 2006, \$2,006.97 and March 2006, \$ 6133.58 for a total of \$8,140.55. There was some discussion as to why this was not put directly into the county misdemeanor fund in the first place.

Councilman Costello asked Sheriff Hawkins if the \$45,000.00 he is asking for is going to be reimbursed. Sheriff Hawkins was not sure at this time. Councilman Lavonna Mattick asked where the money came from for the misdemeanor fund. Sheriff Hawkins stated that they get \$14,000.00 a year for housing misdemeanants. Sheriff Hawkins stated they get one check a year but break it down in to half a year. The reports are showing the \$7,000.00 for the first half of the year, but they won't receive the check until September.

There was some discussion where some of the money from Riverboat gambling went. Clerk Martha Padish said some of it went to Elections.

Councilman Jerry Hawkins asked Sheriff Hawkins if the \$45,000.00 would get him through the rest of the year, he said yes. Sheriff Hawkins said he is trying to cut costs. He gave Attorney Jon Spurr a copy of Vigo counties ordinance from the hospital. The hospital is willing to help cut costs. The jail is paying full price for services at the hospital; they do not get any breaks. The hospital agreed to give the county the same break that the employees gets, which is a 80/20. Sheriff Hawkins is unsure whether they will go back and adjust prior bills. Attorney Spurr is working on the ordinance at this time. Commissioner Tim Wilson asked if the County Ambulance Service bills the jails. Sheriff Hawkins said yes they do. Commissioner Wilson said he would speak with the Paul Lee to see if he could offer a discount to the county. Councilman Marietta asked Sheriff Hawkins if many patients get transferred from the jail by the ambulance service, he said yes. Councilman Marietta said Mr. Lee should give them a discount after the bargain Mr. Lee got from the county.

Councilman Cheeswright made a motion to split each appropriation in half. Sheriff Hawkins said that the \$8,140.55 was his money to begin with and he feels he should get the whole amount. Councilman Cheeswright then made the motion to allow the \$8,140.55 and half of the \$45,000.00, which is \$22,500.00 Councilman Yoho seconded it. All were in favor.

Councilman Costello asked if Sheriff Hawkins has submitted his new budget. Treasurer Phyllis Orman said they couldn't change the budgets at this time

because it has been advertise but they can move the money around within the budget.

Unfinished Business

Mileage. Auditor Koma said Attorney Jon Spurr was supposed to have sent and e-mail to Attorney Don Darnell. Attorney Darnell said he sent Attorney Spurr the statutes but has not heard back from him yet. Councilman Yoho asked what was being paid per mile at this time. Auditor Koma said 40 cents. Councilman Costello said mileage is 34 cents per the county's statutes. Councilman Marietta said that at the last meeting it was to stay at 34 cents and those whom were paid 40 cents were to reimburse the county for the difference. He also said they wanted names of those who were paid 40 cents. Auditor Koma thought Attorney Spurr was to discuss it with Attorney Darnell before a decision was made. Councilman Yoho said it was statute and cannot be changed. Councilman Yoho said the State had nothing to do with it, that it was a county statute and could not be changed. Councilman Costello said that they set mileage as a county and asked Attorney Darnell to confirm, he did. Councilman Yoho asked Auditor Koma to remind employees that they can't start mileage from their home. It starts from the courthouse.

New Business

Highway Superintendent Bill Clark had a handout for the Council in reference to transfer of funds. The Transfers were on time but the Council had received their packets early.

\$5,000.00 from 201-145-4110 Truck Drivers to 201-145-4140 Single Hand.
\$200.00 from 201-144-4325 Freight to 204-144-4324 Telephone.
\$20,000.00 from 201-146-4124 Unemployment, \$9,000.00 from 201-146-4122 Perf to 201-146-4123 Group Insurance.
\$4,175.00 from 201-146-4126 Liability & Casualty to 201-146-4127 Workman's Comp. Councilman Mattick made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Yoho. All were in favor.

Clerk Martha Padish stated that a representative from Election Services & Software was to be present to discuss a 3-year contract instead of a 5-year contract on the counties voting machines. Clerk Padish said she would let the council know when he is ready.

Brian McLeish with the Community Recreation Center was on the agenda but unable to make it. Bob Burkett was present to represent the Center. He said that

the Old High School building in Clinton, which is now the Community Recreation Center is need of some repairs and was told the Council could help. The Council said there was nothing they could do because the building was not county owned.

Councilman Jerry Hawkins discussed the Budget Committee Report. He showed the councilman a cash flow sheet, which shows that the county has begun to build up an operating balance.

There was some discussion on the money from the sale of the Hospital. Councilman Daniels made a motion to invest the money from the Hospital again. Councilman Cheesewright seconded it. All were in favor. Treasurer Orman stated that she puts the money into a CD for 30 days unless the Council advises otherwise. The Council also wants Treasurer Orman to look into a Sweep Fund. She said that she spoke with Parke County about this last week and will look into it more.

Budget Meeting dates are as follows. The Reading is August 21 at 7 p.m. The hearings are set for September 11 at 6 p.m. before the regular meeting and Sept 12 at 9 a.m.

Councilman Hawkins asked Auditor Koma to supply the Council with the distribution sheets so they know where the tax money goes after a collection. He feels that the Council should be supplied this information after each collection. He gave all councilmen copies and asked that the look through them.

Councilman Hawkins stated that he asked Attorney Darnell at the last meeting whether the proceeds from the jail bonds could be used to fix roads. Sheriff Hawkins said some money needs to be put into the jail. He stated that pipes would need fixed in the near future; the cells need new locks, among other things. Sheriff Hawkins said he has a list of some general upkeep items that need repaired. Sheriff Hawkins said he would turn in a list at the next Commissioners meeting. Councilman Costello said it would be a good idea for him to get it done as soon as possible.

Councilman Hawkins stated that the question was could the money be used for roads. Attorney Darnell said according a statute under infrastructure, Capital Improvements includes roads and bridges.

Mike Costello made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Cheesewright.

Adjourn: 8:35 p..m

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 11th day of
September 2006.

Attest: _____
Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor