

**RE: Transfer of Funds
Additional Appropriations-Jail
Soil & Water Transfer of funds
Public Health Grant
Mileage
2007 Budget Hearings**

Minutes-Vermillion County Council September 11, 2006

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

President Mike Costello led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Councilman Jerry Hawkins suggested we take a moment of silence for the 9-11 victims.

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

Councilman Yoho made a motion to approve the minutes of last months meeting, seconded by Fred Daniels.

Transfer of Funds

Commissioners Court

\$775 from 100-130-4423 Highway Garage Repair to 100-130-4221 Official Records. Councilman Dreher asked if this was out of the highways budget. Auditor Koma said it's coming out of Commissioners Court. There were some questions to whether the highway had any money in their line item and Auditor Koma said no they didn't. Councilman Dreher said he doesn't ever remember doing that type of transfer before. He thought it should have been done as an additional appropriation. He said he knew they needed the new computer but just had never seen it done this way before. The problem is that the Highway is separate in other areas and they feel this is crossing the line. Councilman Costello said that if they don't approve this, it doesn't get paid for and that it should have been approved before it was bought. Councilman Hawkins said that problem is that it looks like a revenue item for the highway that the highway doesn't have.

They don't want this to be a common practice. They feel that it's not fair for the Commissioner Court to pay for something for one person and not the next. They decided to move onto the other transfers and then come back to this one.

Vermillion County Prosecutor

\$600.00 from 100-108-4323 Travel, \$175.00 from 100-108-4335 Equipment & Maintenance, \$200.00 from 100-108-4118 Clerical Assistant (\$975.00 total) to 100-108-4212 Office Supplies.

Pre-Trial Diversion

\$1,000.00 from 244-000-4322 Postage, \$1,000.00 from 244-000-4323 Travel, \$2,000.00 from 244-000-4325 Juvenile Support (\$4,000.00 total) to 244-000-4414 Capital Improvement.

\$1,000.00 from 244-000-4137 Transcripts, \$2,000.00 from 244-000-4138 Witness Fees, \$3,000.00 from 244-000-4212 Office Supplies (\$6,000.00 total) to 244-000-4326 Support Staff.

Councilwoman Mattick made a motion to accept the Prosecutors Transfer of Funds, seconded by Councilman Yoho. All were in favor.

Vermillion County Health Department

Public Health Coordinator Fund

\$250.00 from 437-000-4326 Advertising to 437-000-4213 Operations supplies.

\$3,000.00 from 437-000-4323 Travel to 437-000-4213 Operating supplies.

Councilman Cheesewright made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Mattick.

Councilman Costello asked everyone what they wanted to do with Commissioners Court/Highway Transfer. Councilman Cheesewright made a motion to allow it, seconded by Councilman Dreher. All were in favor. Councilman Hawkins said he agreed but said they need to make some type of notation stating that they will not continue to honor this type of intra fund transfer if they do not request it prior to purchasing it.

Additional Appropriations

Sheriff's Department County Jail 100-132-4330 Inmate Medical and 100-132-4334 Co. Jail Maintenance. No one from the Sheriffs Department was present to discuss this. Councilman Yoho made a motion to table this until the next meeting, Seconded by Councilman Daniels. All were in favor.

Raymond Columbo was not in attendance.

New Business

Les Zimmerman, Soil & Water. Mr. Zimmerman stated that there would be some money left over because they have not had an administrative assistant for almost a year. They hired someone about a month ago. He wants to transfer this money

into another line item. Auditor Koma stated that there was not enough time before the meeting to put the transfer through, so he came up to give them a heads up and to explain. He will fill out the transfer form and submit it for next month.

Melissa Buell from the Health Department was present to discuss the Public Health Grant. She said she has renewed their contract. The council said, as long as the grant money is there then everything is ok. The council decided that there is really nothing for them to vote on.

Mileage. Councilman Hawkins had questions regarding a letter that Larry Beard had sent to the council requesting the council Attorney Don Darnell to send him a written opinion on the mileage issue. Attorney Darnell said that Mr. Beard is not his client. Councilwoman Mattick stated that Mr. Beard did send the letter to the council and thought they would have to act on it. Attorney Darnell said that an opinion by a lawyer is given to his client and in this incase it would be conflict of interest to comment on it. He needs to get an opinion from his own lawyer. Auditor stated that Mr. Beard got information from Attorney Jon Spurr and wanted to know where Attorney Darnell got his information, so he could compare the two. The council said that Councilman Dreher had received a letter from Bruce Hartman and it says that they rate is determined by the County Fiscal body, Indiana Code 36.2-7-5. Councilman Costello asked Auditor Koma to give them a list of names and amounts that are to be reimbursed. Auditor Koma said she gave them to the end of the year to pay it back.

It was decided to continue on through to the 2007 Budgets without adjourning.

2007 Budgets

Soil & Water Les Zimmerman (will be continued at tomorrows meeting)

Highland Twp Assessor- no changes in budget

Eugene Twp Assessor- no changes in budget

Vermillion Twp Assessor-no one present, wanted a 200 more, but the council is not giving any raises at this point. Adjusted it to make it the same as last year.

Helt Twp Assessor-no one present, no changes

Clinton Twp Assessor-no one present, again no raises are to be given at this time.

Coroner-no one present, no changes

Surveyor- no changes in budget

Drainage Board-no one present-will discuss it at tomorrows meeting

Veterans Service Officer-no one present, made changes.

Cum Bridge-it's its own tax rate, it's set. The costs go up every year; it's not out of county general, so they left it the same.

Bridge Repairs- they are all 0'd out

Public Defender Board-Attorney Darnell spoke on this matter. He said they 0'd out off expenses except salaries because they use another fund to use for travel etc. They would then have to ask for an additional to pay for travel, etc. They set up a budget so they don't have to come back next year and ask for additional appropriations.

Reimburse Court Appointed Attorney- the budget shows \$14,000.00, but the budget they turned in was \$19,350. The council said they show the \$19,350.00, so it's ok. The council approved both funds, Pauper Attorney and Reimburse Court Appointed Attorney, as submitted.

Wheel and Sur tax-not a budgeted figure

Economic Development-Economic Development-Ed Cole was present. Salaries are staying the same right now.

CSEPP-council doesn't do their budget

Auditor-Auditor Koma was present. No raises given at this time. Extra help was denied.

Vermillion County Jail-had some discussion, decided to wait until tomorrow to see if someone would be in to represent the jail.

Commissioners Court County General

Ambulance-Auditor Koma raised the budget to reflect the new contract amount.

4-H Capital Improvement, Fair Assoc. & 4-H Assoc. Councilman Costello wanted to reduce all three funds. Councilman Cheesewright was against it. They decided to wait and talk about it at tomorrow's meeting.

Sheriff's Marked Lights- They decided to cut this budget to make up for the extra money paid to the ambulance.

Highway Garage Repair-made cuts. The council thought it was a fund used some time ago, but not so much anymore.

Councilman Costello and all the other council members decided to recess for the evening

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Circuit Court-Judge Bruce Stengel. Part time help was approved. No raises at this time.

Reimburse Court Appointed Attorney-Bruce Stengel

Public Defenders Board- Stengel, it was approved last night with Attorney Darnell

Jury Pay-Judge Stengel

Welfare Office-Katie Edington. The council has nothing to do with their budget.

Prosecutor's Office-Nina Alexander

Health Department-Mary Haase

Extension Office-Linda Reynolds

Highway Department-Bill Clark

County General Voters Registration-Martha Padish

Election Supplies-Martha Padish

Clerk-Martha Padish

Recorder-Marge Hennis

4-H-Becky Holbert

Treasurer-Phyllis Orman

Salary Ordinances:

Part time help raised to \$10.00 per hour per motion made by Councilman
Cheesewright.

Salaries were raised \$750.00 across the board.

Recorder-Marge Hennis

Assessor-Kim Major

Commissioners Court

Park Board

Area Plan-John Koma

Probation-Ron Stateler

Soil & Water

Sheriff

Meeting Adjourned

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the October 11,
2006

Attest: _____

Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor