

**RE: Prosecutor-part-time/full-time status
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Minutes-Vermillion County Council Jan 8, 2007

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

President Mike Costello led in the pledge to the flag.

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

Minutes from the December meeting. Daniels made a motion to accept, seconded by Dreher.

Nina Alexander was present to inform the council that she has to file at the beginning of every term her work status, part-time or full-time. She said she will be filing full-time and needs consent signed by the council. Mattick made a motion to allow, seconded by Daniels.

Additional Appropriations. Area Plan asked for a \$2,000.00 additional at the last meeting to pay Larry Thomas but it was tabled due to the fact that they were requesting it from the wrong fund number. The additional is to go into 100-124-4328 Legal Services. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Transfer of Funds. The Division of Family and Children are requesting that \$56,000.00 be moved from 32510 Care of Wards in Therapeutic Foster Homes to 32500 Care of Wards in Foster Homes. This transfer is per instruction from the State. Cheseewright made a motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Mileage Reimbursement. Costello asked Koma if everyone has paid back the mileage that was overpaid from last year. She provided a list to the council that showed everyone had paid with the exception of 3 part-time summer workers and Larry Beard. Costello suggested she send the part-time summer help another letter requesting they pay the mileage back. There was some discussion as to what to do with Larry Beard's unpaid balance. Costello and other council members suggested deducting it from his pay or from future mileage claims. Attorney Darnell advised against it. He suggested they take him to small claims court. Costello advised Koma to send Beard one more notice and to advise him that they will seek legal action if not paid.

Highway Superintendant Bill Clark submitted a letter asking the Council to consider him for appointment to the Solid Waste Board. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Costello asked Koma if Larry Beard had submitted a letter to her requesting that his pay be lowered, as he has done in the past. Koma said he did submit the letter sometime in December. No one on the Council recalled seeing the letter. There was some discussion as to what was on the Salary Ordinance for Beard. Koma stated that when the Salary Ordinance was approved, Beards salary was for the full amount, after she got the letter; she lowered his pay on the ordinance. Costello said she couldn't do that without Council consent. They have not seen the letter and until they do they Salary is to be put in at the full original rate.

Yoho questioned Darnell about Economic Developments procedures regarding the claims that printed in the Newspaper. Yoho stated that when they submit a claim, the newspapers only print the name and the amount of the claim, it does not stated who it is to and what it is for. Darnell said there has to be a legitimate expense before checks can be written. Koma asked Yoho if he was talking in particular about the land for the Ethanol Plant and he said basically yes. Koma said that when they get the claim all it states is land option. The claim does not say whom the money goes to. Costello thought that maybe, legally, they were unable to put the names on the claim or in the newspapers. Yoho said that is what he wants Darnell to research. Yoho said he feels the taxpayers should know where their money is going and to who it is going to. Darnell agreed to look into it.

There was some discussion about the 911 director and the Technology Coordinator. Some ideas have been brought about, including making this one position for one person, that the 911 director could also be the Technology Coordinator when time allows. J. Hawkins disagreed with this. He feels that the Tech Coordinator should be a person that works a set number of hours and a set hourly rate. Commissioner Wilson said he talked to the State Board and the 911 salary cannot carry the salary of a Tech Coordinator. There has to be two separate salaries. The Council agreed that the first thing they need to do is hire a 911 Coordinator then they can work on the Technology Coordinator position.

Council Elections. Cheesewright made a motion to appoint John Yoho as Council President, seconded by Dreher. All were in favor.
Daniels made a motion to appoint Jerry Hawkins as Council Vice President., seconded by Cheesewright. All were in favor.

Yoho asked Koma if Purdue has reimbursed the County from when Todd Hutson had quit. Koma said that Purdue had paid his salary. Yoho said the County pays Purdue and the County should be reimbursed for the 8months when Hutson was no longer working. Koma said she would look into it.

Cheesewright said that he received a letter in the mail from the State stating some non-compliance issues that need resolved. The State is going to withhold the property tax replacement credit if these issues are not resolved. The letter listed the Assessor and the Auditor as being not compliant. Koma said the issues are being dealt with. The problem mainly stems from Manatron and the Sales Disclosure forms. Yoho stated that as much money as we pay Manatron, they should be able to get this taken care of. Koma said they have sent in corrections and are waiting to hear from the State. Koma said the Assessors Office is having problems matching the amount of disclosures to the amount of money taken in at the Auditor's office. She said that the amount was very small but the State is not satisfied. Koma said they are working on resolving this issue as well. It was suggested that she call Manatron and the State and get someone over to help them resolved these issues. If the PTRC is withheld, the taxpayers will not be happy.

Sheriff Spence asked if the Council had thought about the Inmate Medical Program that was presented to them last month. Costello said he has not thought about it much and was curious to as how much was paid out in Medical last year

and how much money is budgeted. Spence said he did not have those figures in front of him but would find out. The council suggested he bring them figures from the last three years. Hawkins said there was \$35,000.00 budgeted and the program would cost around \$68,000.00 so they would have to ask for an additional. The contract itself would have to be brought before the Commissioners not the Council.

Mattick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hawkins.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 12th day of February 2007.

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 Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor