

RE: Technology-Mike Phelps

Minutes-Vermillion County Council & Commissioners Joint Meeting July 9, 2007

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

Council President John Yoho called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was taken: Present were John Yoho, Randy Dreher, John Cheesewright, Mike Costello, Jerry Hawkins, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Sherrie Koma and Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert. Commissioners present were Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, and Kim Hawkins.

Phelps presented a proposal to update all computer and phone wiring in the courthouse. Phelps said the current system is antiquated and is not much better than a home network. The proposal would put everything into a central location, and Phelps said Olga Hutson’s old office would work perfectly. The proposal would include installing network drops and a projector in the Commissioners Courtroom for future presentations. Phelps said the proposal includes wireless access on the 2nd and 3rd floors for guests and people coming in to the office with laptops. Phelps said it would be cheaper to add the wireless now, rather than wait until later. He also stated the wireless would be and enhancement to the whole program. Phelps said the proposal would include updating the phone system. He said the phone system is over his head, but Steve Clark has been working with him. Clark has found a way to save the county over \$300.00 per month. Phelps said the current system is not very good and it will not do what we need it to do. He wants to add a T-1 line for the phone system. He said the Purdue T-1 line will stay put, that is the Internet and will not be messed with. Phelps said the program is more expensive than just going to staples but the company is very good, a lot of big corporations use them. Darnell’s is concerned with whether or not it needs to be bid. Hawkins agrees and questioned whether it was a new public works project or an upgrade to existing. Spurr thought it would be an upgrade because they are not building something new. Mark Cameron said this would help cut costs because everything would be in one central location, instead of separate locations on each floor. Cheesewright questioned how long this new system would last before it becomes antiquated as well. Cameron said he feels real comfortable saying it will be good well over 10 years. Costello said that if Spurr finds out it doesn’t needs a bid, then they can propose it at the next meeting. Phelps said he is also working on his budget and that will help to update things regularly instead of getting hit with several things at once.

Wilson said they receive one bid for the insurance consultant from Dirk Davis. Yoho said it is not on the agenda.

Costello made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dreher, all in favor.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 13th day of August 2007.

John Yoho

Fred Daniels

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

John Cheesewright

Mike Costello

Jerry Hawkins

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 1st day of August 2007.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor