

**RE: Transfer of Funds
 Additional Appropriations
 Board Members pay
 Coroner training requirements
 Poet Ethanol tax abatement**

Minutes-Vermillion County Council February 9, 2009

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

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

Roll call was taken: Present were John Cheesewright, Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, Randy Padish, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman, and First Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert.

Dreher made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, seconded by Mattick. All were in favor.

Transfer of funds. \$20,000.00 within Local Roads and Streets, from road materials to machinery to purchase a new pickup truck for the highway department. Dreher said he wished there was somewhere else from which the money could be taken, give the condition of the county roads, but he acknowledged there is a need for the vehicle. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Padish. All were in favor.

Additional Appropriations. County general \$25,000 for EOC director and 10,000 to run the office. The state will reimburse the county half. Mattick said she hated to do it with 3 members absent. Orman said it has to be done so the commissioners can hire someone. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. All were in favor.

Family and Children fund-\$40,000. Orman said they have the cash and it is not tax dollars. It is all going to revert to the state. Mattick made a motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. All were in favor.

Victims Assistance \$18,850. This is grant money. Mattick made a motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Board Members Pay- Mattick suggested tabling it until the next meeting, seconded by Dreher, all in favor.

Coroner training requirements. Cheesewright reported that Tucker has completed his required testing but had not gotten his results certified yet. He said Tucker understands that he will not be paid until the results are certified, and he will then be paid retroactively.

Mike Roth with Poet Ethanol asked the council for a 10-year tax abatement for a proposed ethanol plant north of Clinton. Roth said he had submitted the paperwork and also reported that his company was nearing the end of its due diligence process. Once the abatement is approved, along with the air permit that has been requested, the only remaining issue will be finances. He said he hoped to start construction within six months. Dreher asked if he would hire locally for the construction and Roth said his company bids both local and non-local companies as well as union and non-union. The company then selects the best bid. Roth said once construction began the plant would be up and running within 14 months. Dreher asked what percentage of the corn is bought locally and Roth said the other plants in Indiana, the corn is all bought within a 35-44 mile radius and that the same could be expected at the Clinton plant. Attorney Darnell said the next

step would be to designate the proposed plant site as an economic revitalization area and grant the abatement. Mattick made a motion to table it until next month due to 3 absent councilmen, seconded by Padish, Dreher said he agreed, there were some questions that needed answered.

Dreher made a motion to adjourn at 8:15, seconded by Mattick.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 9th day of March 2009.

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor