

**RE: Data Sharing Ordinance
Economic Development planning committee**

Minutes-Vermillion County Council February 9, 2009

COUNCIL & COMMISSIONERS JOINT SESSION

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

Commissioners President Tim Wilson and Council president John Cheesewright called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was taken: Present were Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Kim Hawkins, Attorney Jon Spurr, Randy Padish, Randy Dreher, Lavonna Mattick, John Cheesewright, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman, and first deputy Amy Tolbert. Mike Carty, Lary Langley, and Mike Costello were absent.

The data sharing ordinance that was discussed at last week's commissioners meeting was brought before the council by Mike Phelps. This ordinance would allow WTH, which handles the county's GIS mapping, to provide information electronically to companies that request large quantities of information. The ordinance recommended by WTH would charge someone requesting the information \$750, of which the county would receive \$250, and would also spell out the restrictions, such as the fact that information provided cannot be sold or used for political purposes. Phelps said a new fund would need to be set up and the money earned would go towards WTH's annual fees. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. All were in favor.

The state is looking for shovel-ready projects that could qualify for part of the economic stimulus plan money that is currently being discussed by the federal government. Economic Development wants the council to have a representative on the committee. Economic Development said they do not have much more information to give at this time. Cheesewright said that presently everything is up in the air and the council needs more information. It was decided to wait until everyone was present to decide who would represent the council. Susie Jones with Economic Development said the state is planning several meetings across the state in March to see what kind of projects local governments have in the works. Wilson said it would be a good idea to have a committee in place quickly. He said the commissioners intend to appoint Bill Clark. Cheesewright suggested they appoint someone at the meeting on Monday and Orman said that meeting is an executive session and decisions cannot be made during a closed meeting. Nina Alexander suggested everyone attend the meetings instead of appointing one person. Mattick thought it would be a good idea to get the public's input as well.

Cheesewright then scheduled the meeting for 10am Monday, following the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26, a regular meeting followed.

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

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor