

**RE: Additional Appropriations
Transfer of Funds
Economic Development Amended Salary Ordinance
Coroners training requirements
Board members pay
EOC**

Minutes-Vermillion County Council April 13, 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, Mike Carty, Mike Costello, Randy Padish, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman, and First Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert. Randy Dreher & Lary Langely were absent.

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

Costello made a motion to approve the minutes from the prior meetings, seconded by Padish. All were in favor.

Additional Appropriations.

Sheriff Spence was present to discuss a \$120,000 appropriation that he had requested last year; it was approved by Council and State but never spent. Spence did not encumber the amount therefore he needs to re-appropriate it into 09 so that he can pay the bill that is due. The appropriation is in the Cumulative Jail fund for an upgrade to the jail security system. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. All were in favor.

Circuit Court Clerk Florinda Pruitt asked for \$8,000 to cover the cost of transferring data from the old record system to a new one and to allow some extra to pay someone to help input the old records into the new system. Mattick made a motion to allow, seconded by Carty. All were in favor.

Transfer of Funds

Park Board \$196.94 from Board members to electricity. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Economic Development \$1450 from Director to First Deputy. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Padish. All were in favor except Costello.

Economic Development \$20,857.72 from Secretary to First Deputy. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Padish. All were in favor except Costello.

Amended Salary Ordinance

The salary ordinance was amended due to Economic Development Secretary being promoted from Secretary to First Deputy. Her pay increased from \$27,500 to \$29,000. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Padish. All were in favor except Costello.

Cheesewright stated the Coroner Tucker had completed all his required training and had provided proper documentation.

Board Members pay. The council received information from the Area Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Park Board and the Sheriff's Merit Board. They also received the names of the members on the 911 board. The requested this information to review the pay that the board members receive.

Padish asked if all the boards were represented and was told no. Cheesewright said he thought they shouldn't do anything until budget time. Carty suggested started sooner so they would be ready come budget time. Padish said he would like more detailed information including some minutes. Cheesewright said they would discuss it the meeting before the budget meetings and hope that people turn in more details in the mean time.

EOC Director Mark O'Heir submitted a rough draft and a budget that he said he needs to get him through the rest of 2009. He said he will come to the May meeting and ask for an additional in the amount of \$43,000. He said he is doing everything he can to reduce the monthly costs but there are costs that he has no control over such as the maintenance program for the sirens. He said that Clinton City is also waiting on their \$7,000.00 lease payment. Costello suggested appropriating part of it now and then revisiting it later in the year. O'Heir said the state is holding \$130,000 in grant money due to legal issues with the previous administration and also because the state says there is a grant application that came back to them unsigned. He is in the process of getting the paperwork resubmitted and said it is not fair for them to hold up money for the county due to one person. He suggested the county attorney contact the State Attorney General to try and resolved that matter. O'Heir said he would ask for an additional at the May meeting.

Mattick made a motion to adjourn.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 11th day of May 2009.

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor