

RE: Transfer of Funds
Additional Appropriations
Board Members Pay
Police pension amendment
Insurance trust
CSEPP sirens/reverse 911
Highway comp time/report

**Minutes
Vermillion County Council
October 14, 2009
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

President John Cheesewright called the meeting to order at 7:00 and declared a quorum of John Cheesewright, Mike Carty, Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, Lary Langely, Mike Costello, and Randy Padish

Also present were: Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman and First Deputy Amy Tolbert.

Cheesewright led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Costello moved to accept the prior meeting minutes, seconded by Langley. Motion carried unanimously.

Transfer of Funds:

Health Department. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Costello, all in favor.

Treasurer. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Mattick, all in favor.

Additional Appropriations:

Riverboat wagering. Costello mentioned that the additional should be signed. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Dreher, all in favor.

County Covered Bridge. Langley motion to allow, seconded by Padish, all were in favor.

Highway, tabled from previous months, in regard to Stimulus money. Dreher asked if we had received any money yet. Crossley said he talked to Diana and she said we were 11th on the states list. Costello questioned if we received a detail bill and Wilson said he hasn't see one but can request one. Carty asked Wilson if he received report and Wilson said only of the roads that qualified for the stimulus money. Crossley said the state picked the roads. Crossley said they need to have Diana come to the next meeting and explain it to them. Cheesewright suggested tabling it until next month. Dreher motion to table until next month, seconded by Padish, all in favor.

Board Members Pay. Padish said this can come off the agenda. Orman said they need to sign the salary ordinance so if they want to make any changes they need to do it now. Cheesewright suggested making one motion and making all the board members pay the same, Padish said he could not be in favor of that without discussion. Costello made a motion to approve the 2010 salary ordinance, seconded by Dreher, all were in favor. Costello motion to remove board members pay from the agenda, seconded by Dreher, all were in favor.

Sheriff Spence asked the council to approve the amendment to the police pension that was discussed at a past meeting. He said the IRS made some changes but it does not change anything in regard to money. Darnell said it is something you have to do and that it does not change the benefits. Darnell gave a favorable recommendation for the council to sign it. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello, all were in favor.

Insurance Trust. Richard Sutton and Parke County Commissioner Jim Meece were present to see if the council would be interested in joining an insurance trust with other counties and towns in the area. The presentation included information on the proposed trust, which is aimed at keeping rates more stable by insuring a larger group of employees. The trust plans would cost about 2 percent more than the comparable plans currently offered, with some differences in coverage. Pierre Fox, the county's current agent said that unlike the plans offered by the trust, Vermillion County's current plan is not considered high deductible and that cost such as office visits and prescriptions are covered even before an employee meets the deductible. He said the trust plans costs are part of the deductible, and will not be paid for until the deductible is met. Carty said he was not comfortable with having this thrown at them in a short time. He said he would like to hear from employees. Dreher said he would not vote for a change. After much discussion it was decided that most everyone is happy with the insurance we have now and is not interested in making any changes.

Costello said that Paris is doing away with their CSEPP sirens and went with a system that will call everyone in their county in the event of a disaster. He was told in the past that this was not an option due to cost. He said Parish paid \$10,800 for this program, which is the cost of putting up and taking down one poll and would like to have the company come talk the commissioners and council. Wilson said the sirens are mandatory. Costello said they may want to look at doing both.

Carty asked about a past meeting with the Highway that was cancelled in regard to comp time. Crossley said he talked to Paula and she is ready to present it. It was decided to put it on the agenda for the November meeting.

Costello moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mattick. Motion carried unanimously.

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

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor