

RE: Clerk's Perpetuation Fund
Tax Board Appointment
Capital Assets program
2010 Budget and Tax Rates
Jail Septic system
Jail surveillance cameras

**Minutes
Vermillion County Council
February 8, 2010
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

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

Minutes from prior meeting-Padish motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Additional Appropriations. Clerk Florinda Pruitt was present to ask permission to spend from her Clerk's Perpetuation Fund. She is asking for \$4,000.00 for microfilming, converting to digital and indexing all marriage records into the computer. She is also asking to spend \$2,000.00 to scan in Record of Judgments. Mattick motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Tax Board Appointment. Dreher made a motion to appoint Thomas Gosnell, seconded by Carty.

Auditor Orman stated that she is looking into purchasing software and was planning on asking the Council for an additional appropriation. She said the software would be used to track the county's fixed assets. The company is GFC, which the highway is currently using for another program. The Commissioner's already approved the contract pending Council approval.

Orman also stated that the county's assessed valuations have been sent to the state, and she has received notices that no county budgets are being cut. She said she should have a budget order and tax rate by March 9 and the county is on schedule for a May 10 tax collection.

Carty pointed out that there are a number of issues that have been discussed but need further discussion such as insurance, comp time etc. The council agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Commissioners to discuss health insurance.

Sheriff Spence reported that the jail septic system has three pumps, and that two are burned out and the third is on its last leg. He said the cost to replace all three would be \$14,800 and he has the money in his maintenance fund but wanted to make the council aware in case he runs short at the end of the year. Carty asked if any maintenance was done on the pumps and Spence said he didn't know what could be done on an electric motor.

Spence also said that there are 45 surveillance cameras in the jail and they presently are able to record from 16 of them. He is looking into a new system which would allow them all to be recorded at a cost of about \$20,000.00. He said he has \$42,000.00 in the misdemeanor fund. He also reported that the Incarceration Fee Fund generated \$1,600 in January for the general fund.

Becky Holbert thanked the council for all their help during the leak in their office in December.

Dreher moved to adjourn, seconded by Mattick. Motion carried unanimously.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 8th day of March 2010.

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor