

RE: Transfer of funds
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Soil & Water Conservation office

**Minutes
Vermillion County Council
April 12, 2010
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

Vice-President Randy Dreher called the meeting to order at 07:10 and declared a quorum of, Mike Carty, Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, and Lary Langely. John Cheesewright, Mike Costello, and Randy Padish were absent.

Also present were: Attorney Don Darnell and First Deputy Amy Tolbert.

Dreher led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mattick made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Langley.

Transfer of funds. Highway. \$1200 from insurance to blades, \$8000 from insurance to truck repair. Langley motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. Also \$31,800 from superintendant to truck drivers and \$28,400 from cost clerk to truck drivers. Paula Neild explained that the approved budget was for 14 trucker drivers and they currently have 16. They laid off the superintendant and cost clerk so they could keep the truck drivers. Carty said he did not feel a need to transfer this money immediately and suggested tabling it. He said he has an issue with the departments comp time and wondered if that money would be better used to pay off some of the comp time owed to employees. Dreher asked Commissioner Wilson if they intended to bring back the two employees at a later date and Wilson said no, they did not. Mattick made a motion to table, seconded by Carty.

Additional Appropriation. Park Board. Langley made a motion to table since no one was present to discuss it, seconded by Mattick.

Sheriff Spence and Deputy Hennis spoke to the council about a grant which could help cover the cost of new cars for the department. He said the grant would cover 35 percent of the cost. He said currently there is enough money in the budget for 2 cars but with the grant and an additional \$15,000 they could get 4 cars or with an additional \$28,000 they could purchase 5. Spence said the cars will be bought locally and spread among the local

dealerships. Attorney Darnell advised that an additional appropriation would need to be requested for the extra money and the council asked Wilson to prepare one, as the cars are actually purchased from the commissioner's budget. Spence also added that the commissioners did approve this at their last meeting pending council approval and that this grant would not affect any other grant in the county.

Governmental Consulting Services, Ijeoma Dike-Young was present to update the council on the county's current and projected financial state. She said that the county's general fund is in good shape but that over the next few years expenditures are projected to be higher than revenues. She said the highways fund is more serious, as expenditures are likely to exceed revenues this year. She also explained some dormant funds that could and should be dealt with.

Highway comp time. Wilson had given the council a report on what comp time was owed for the truck drivers, which currently was \$69,671.28. The current handbook allows a maximum of 400 hours per employee. Carty said the budget should reflect comp time but no one was sure how to do it. Several suggestions were offered, such as estimating comp time payments in the budget, based on history or capping comp time and paying overtime once the cap is reached. Carty asked if it was even legal under state laws to allow comp time Carty suggested forming a committee to find a solution.

Redevelopment commission. Jane Sue Collins had applied. Dreher said nothing needs to be done at this time and suggested tabling it, Carty made the motion, seconded by Langley.

E911 contract. E911 Director Mike Phelps asked the council to approve the renewal of the county's E911 contract, even though it did not expire for another 2 years. He said it would save about \$160,000.00 by not paying for equipment that is no longer used at the Clinton Police Department. He said he wanted to be under a new contract before the state tried to take over the system, which has been discussed at the state level. The new 10-year contract would cost \$404,000 and the 911 budget has the funds to pay for it. The council asked him to prepare and additional appropriation for next month.

Les Zimmerman informed the council that the soil and water conservation district is undergoing a restructuring, and that a decision has been made to eliminate the tow paid positions in the district, and develop a single position to replace both. He said he wanted to keep the council informed on the process and would continue to update them.

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

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 10th day of May 2010.

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor