

RE: Transfer of funds
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Highway Comp Time
Jail finger system
Library Board
Insurance payment from leak in extension office
CSEPP reimbursement
Budgets and salary increases
Dormant Funds

Minutes
Vermillion County Council
May 10, 2010
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

President John Cheesewright called the meeting to order at 07:01 and declared a quorum of, 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.

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

Transfer of funds. Highway. \$31,800 from superintendant to truck drivers and \$28,400 from cost clerk to truck drivers. This was tabled from last month. Carty said he did not feel it was a priority right now and suggested tabling it again. Wilson said they will be short at the end of the year but have time to discuss it more. Carty motion to table, seconded by Padish.

A transfer was approved at the April meeting to move \$8,000 from insurance to truck repair. After the transfer was approved, Paula Neild stated that only \$1,900 could be moved because the money would be needed to pay the insurance. This was explained to the council and it was decided that she would need to file another transfer for the unused \$6,100 back into insurance. It was be presented at the June meeting.

Additional Appropriations.

County General: \$28,000.00 was requested by the Commissioners to be used with grant money to purchase cars for the Sheriff's dept. Costello asked if the Commisisoners approved \$28,000.00 Orman said according to their minutes they discussed \$16,000.00

Sheriff Spence explained that the commissioners gave permission for his department to pursue the grant, but that council was the one to approve the actual amount. Costello said that the commissioners enter the agreement so they set the parameters of how much money they want and he wanted to be sure this was all done correctly. Carty said he thought they could go ahead, they appropriated it, not spend it. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Dreher.

Non-reverting Park: \$3,420.00 for new trees lost due to storm damage at Ernie Pyle Park and \$8,450 from ditch work to make sure the damage doesn't happen in the future. Ira Jones said the work has already been done. Carty said he is not against the work being done but that it was done before the money was approved. Jones said he was unable to make it to the April meeting when it was first presented. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello. Carty opposed.

E911: \$405,000.00 for a 10 year contract for a new 911 system. Phelps explained it at the April meeting but did not file an additional appropriation. He stated again the by renewing now would save the county \$160,000.00. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Highway Comp time. Dreher suggested taking it out of old business and letting the commissioners deal with it. He stated that the council deals with money, not comp time. Carty said he is fine with that but still has issues about how it is paid. Dreher said they should budget for it. Carty said the budget is underfunded and that they don't have the money to pay what is owed. Greg Cutrell asked about the other county employees who accumulate comp time and Carty said to his knowledge only the Highway and Sheriff's dept. accumulate comp time. Wilson said other departments accumulate comp time. Orman said it has always been done; it's been around 36 years. Carty said he felt the county had to pay employees overtime instead of comp time. Carty said he is not opposed to comp time just wanted to make sure that it's legal. Orman said the county audits every year and nothing has ever been said about it. Padish said they probably didn't know about it. Orman said they do and asks for those records every year.

New Business

Wilson informed the council that there may be money needed to extend the finger system at the jail in the near future. He said they are waiting to get cost estimates for the work and will give the information to the council once it is received.

Library Board. Bob Booth resigned. Bruce Aukerman agreed to take his place. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Dreher.

Dreher asked about the leak in the extension office, in regards to paying the bills. The issue will be researched and given to the council at the next meeting.

Dreher asked about the letter to CSEPP and if we had heard back from them yet. Wilson said they had not at this time.

Costello said budget time is approaching and suggested everyone give some serious thought to their budgets. He also suggested given employees stipends instead of salary increases. The difference is that a stipend is a onetime deal and does not permanently increase ones salary.

Mattick asked about the dormant funds that Governmental Consulting suggested they get rid of. It was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Dreher moved to adjourn. Seconded by Costello.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 14th day of June 2010.

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor