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EMC Insurance Payment  
Dept of Homeland Security Reimbursement  
Budgets/Salaries/Stipends  
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Dormant Funds  
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Tin Inc Abatement Report  
Capital Improvement plan Resolution

**Minutes**  
**Vermillion County Council**  
**June 14, 2010**  
**Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

Vice-President Randy Dreher called the meeting to order at 07:05 and declared a quorum of Mike Carty, Lary Langely, Mike Costello and Randy Padish. John Cheesewright arrived and took over the meeting at 07:18

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

Dreher led in the Pledge to the Flag.

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

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. It was agreed to table until a later date, until the funds are necessary.

Transfer of funds. Highway \$6,100 reversal. There was a transfer request approved at a prior meeting but Paula Neild said that when she did that transfer she had not received the new rates for the insurance. She said she needed to put \$6,100 back into the insurance line item or it would run short at the end of the year. Carty motion to allow, seconded by Costello.

Additional Appropriations. 911 \$20,000 for a 911 recording system. 911 Director Mike Phelps said that he needs to replace the non-working system at the jail. There are only two lines being recorded right now and it would cost about \$8,000 to fix it. He said the request was for \$20,000.00 but he got the cost down to \$13,500. He is asking for

\$14,000.00. He said the current system only does analog and would cost as much to upgrade as it would to buy all new. Costello motion to allow \$14,000, seconded by Carty.

Additional Appropriations Clerk of Circuit Court \$2,000 for scanning RJO's into court software and \$3,000 for scanning, digitizing, cropping, and indexing marriage records. Clerk Pruitt said the money is there, she needs permission to spend it. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Additional Appropriations Highway \$17,000. Neild stated that this money was from the Department of Homeland Security reimbursing from an ice storm and flooding in 2005/2006. She is requesting \$10,000 be put in bituminous and \$7,000 be put into gravel. She said it has to be put back and used in the same manner that it was used for back then. Carty motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Old business.

Highway comp time. Carty said this has nothing to do with the highway, it just started with them. He said the issue is how to budget for it. Darnell said there is a 5 page statute that says overtime must be paid but then there are numerous pages of exceptions. One exception states that if an employee and employer have an understanding and it is recorded then comp time is allowable. Carty said he thinks the State Board of Accounts has never said anything because they do not understand the statute. Carty said he just wants an understanding that is equal and fair to everyone. Carty said he has issues with how it is recorded in the budget.

Jail finger system. Wilson said right now it is working and they are going to mow it down when it dries up. He said they met with Newport but there is no need to ask for funds until Newport can complete their part. Clark Dietz will assist them with a grant when the time comes. He said they are not going to do anything until Newport is ready.

EMC Insurance payment. The figures from the extension office leak and what the insurance paid were given to the council per their request.

Dept. of Homeland Security reimbursement. No one has heard back from them. Darnell said they only sent the letter about 30 days ago.

Budget, Salaries & Stipends. Payroll Deputy Becky Julian provided the council with an email that she received from State Board of Accounts. Carty said he thought about attending the conference to ask more questions. Orman said the judge, as well as everyone else just wants some direction on what to do on the budget. Cheesewright said to do \$1,000 across the board and that he thought stipends looked like you were hiding something. Costello said a \$1,000 increase is equal to \$120,000 County wide. Cheesewright said that the employees have not had a raise in 3 years. Carty said they need to set up a meeting or two to discuss budgets and the governmental consulting report. Cheesewright suggested a joint meeting with commissioners and council. The

council agreed to hold a joint meeting directly after their next monthly meeting to discuss budgets.

Governmental Consulting Report and Dormant Funds will be discussed at the joint meeting next month.

#### New business

Duke Energy Abatement compliance of statement of benefits. They are required to file this form every year and report it to the council. Carty motion to accept, seconded by Langley.

Tin Inc Abatement compliance of statement of benefits. They are required to file this form every year and report it to the council. Padish motion to allow, seconded by Costello.

Capital Improvement Plan Resolution. Wilson said the commissioners approved it and sent it to the state but have not heard anything back yet. Carty asked what the point was. Wilson said the plan would direct half of the EDIT tax collected to the Highway department in 2011 and 2012. Carty asked Wilson if he no longer believed in Economic Development and Wilson said he was told several times to prepare this plan, that it had to be in writing and that is what they did. Carty said he didn't remember saying that and that EDIT tax money funds a lot of things and that money requested now exceeds the available funds. Clerk Pruitt said that this was recommended by Governmental Consulting and that they had told the council on several occasions that the highway department faces serious financial trouble in the near future. Carty said the second step was to increase the EDIT tax. Wilson said it is up to the council to increase it. Carty asked if their intention was to raise the tax and Wilson said the highway is hurting. Carty asked how. Wilson said they are cutting services and shouldn't be. Carty said so the issue is not the EDIT tax, you just need more money. Wilson said yes, the highway needs operating funds. Carty then asked the council how they thought it should be handled. Should they raise the EDIT tax or try to find more funding elsewhere. Carty said if we want to change it, we can but we need to be public about it. We as a council need to help the highway find funds and not backdoor economic development. Dreher told Carty that he did tell the commissioners that if they wanted the EDIT tax there were a process they had to go through. They are just doing what they were told. Economic Development Secretary Susie Jones told them that with the layoffs at the depot and unemployment on the rise that EDIT taxes will probably go down. Cheesewright said that Vermillion County has the lowest EDIT tax rate in the state. Phelps said the county will get complaints either way, if taxes go up or roads get torn up. Wilson said anything the council can do to help would be greatly appreciated and if they can find another way to help they will reverse their request.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

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Randy Dreher

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Lary Langley

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Mike Costello

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Phyllis Orman, Auditor