

RE: Transfer of Funds
Additional Appropriations
Comp Time
IDHS
Ernie Pyle Museum
State Police rent

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

President John Cheesewright called the meeting to order at 6:30 and declared a quorum of John Cheesewright, Mike Carty, Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, Lary Langley, 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.

Minutes from the prior meeting. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Carty.

Transfer of funds. Highway department wishes to transfer \$14,800 from Liability and Casualty insurance to gas. Highway Bookkeeper Paula Neild was present and stated that the insurance has been paid for the year and this is the money left over. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Carty. Paula asked the council about the transfer for \$60,200 that had been tabled the last few months in regards to payroll. She said she needs that money transferred or she will need to lay off people. She said the transfer is money budgeted to pay the cost clerk and superintendent. She said those two employees were laid off at the first of the year in order to avoid laying off truck drivers. Neild said if the transfer is not approved, she would either have to lay off five employees now or there would be no money to pay any employees in November. Carty said he felt it would need transferred but thought it could wait until next month. Neild asked what they were waiting for. Carty said he wanted to see those reports he has been talking about. Costello added that the Highway still had \$182,000 in salaries. Neild said she didn't understand the problem. Carty said the problem isn't the transfer. The problem is that they have been asking for a report detailing what the money is going for since February. Neild said that Carty was retired and could visit the office anytime he wanted to in order to see the report or could of asked her to bring it to the meeting. Carty said he thought that was what they were going to talk about in the second meeting. Neild said no one had told her that. Langley stated that it looked like the county would run out of material with which to repair the

roads and asked what the employees would do then. Commissioner Wilson said there are always weeds to cut, signs to put up and other work to be done. Carty said the Highway department is underfunded and we are going to have to deal with it. He said Neild is right, they are going to run out of money and have to lay people off. His question is for what the county would be paying, if there was nothing for the employees to do. The request was tabled again per Cheesewright.

Additional Appropriations. Sheriff Spence requested \$25,000 in Jail Maintenance for the cost of repairs to pay invoices for upkeep and repairs to equipment at the county jail. Spence said the department has been hit hard by lightning storms, and suffered some damage. He said the county received \$10,000 from insurance to cover the damage which was placed in the general fund. Spence said there are also problems, unrelated to the storms, which also need fixed. Carty suggested they approve the \$10,000 which was the amount received from insurance and asked Spence to re-file the remaining amount from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Carty made the motion to allow the \$10,000, seconded by Costello. Spence also presented an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for other garage repair. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Prosecutor Nina Alexander presented an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$5,000 for programs applicable to the LCC's comprehensive plan in the Countermeasure Fund. She also requested \$1,000 in the Drug Interdiction Fund. Mattick motion to allow, seconded by Dreher.

Old Business. Comp time. Carty said he hasn't got any more information and that the main issue is how we get it recognized in the budget. The council agreed to discuss it more in the joint meeting to follow.

Department of Homeland Security. Crossley said that the commissioners had advised Attorney Spurr to inform the state that if the county is not reimbursed, they will sue IDHS. Prosecutor Alexander thought there hadn't been any demand for payment. Wilson said at their last meeting they instructed Spurr to demand payment. Alexander told them to consider the cost it would take to sue the state and that she thought a response should have been made sooner. The council also questioned a letter from IDHA in regards to the EOC eligibility. Wilson said that the EOC Director, Mark O'Heir had assured him that he was way over his points and is meeting all his requirements.

New business. Friends of Ernie Pyle. Phil Hess and Cynthia Myers were present to discuss future issues with the Ernie Pyle museum. They spoke with the commissioners at their last meeting and just wanted to make everyone aware of what was going on. The state has stopped funding for the museum and the Friends of Ernie Pyle would like to continue to operate the museum. They will need backing from either the county or the town of Dana. They are not asking for any money, just someone to take over the real property. The Friends of Ernie Pyle group would handle all personal property. They stated they are not ready to make any decisions at this time, just weighing their options and keeping everyone informed. The council agreed that they are willing to help.

Dreher asked if the state police was paying their rent at the EOC and it was confirmed that they are.

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

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 9th day of August 2010.

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor