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Voter's registration internet

**Minutes
Vermillion County Council
August 9, 2010
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

President John Cheesewright called the meeting to order at 1900 and declared a quorum of John Cheesewright, 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.

Minutes from the prior meeting. Langley motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. Minutes from the prior joint meeting. Padish motion to allow, seconded by Carty.

Transfer of Funds.

Highway. \$31,800 from Superintendents account and \$28,400 from the cost clerks account into truck drivers. This issued was tabled the last few months. Carty motion to allow, seconded by Costello. Transfer approved 6-1.

Highway. \$15,000 from unemployment insurance. \$2500 into other supplies, \$2500 into truck repairs and \$10,000 into gas. Langley asked if we were out of money for gas. Bookkeeper Paula Neild stated that they had started the year with \$75,000 and were down to \$20,000. She said she has paid the unemployment insurance for the year. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Langley.

Soil and Water. \$11975.13 from Administrative Assistant to Conservation technician and renaming it to conservation director. Dreher motion to table because no one was present to discuss the transfer. There was some discussion as to whether this transfer was allowed and if someone had been hired. They were told that Les Zimmerman had hired Ron Mack. Costello questioned how someone could work without a salary. There was an amended salary ordinance to be discussed as well that would set Mack's salary at \$39,000 annually. There were concerns over that amount and Dreher again made a motion to table until someone was present to discuss the matter further, seconded by Mattick.

Cumulative Bridge. \$25,000 from financed lease to equipment. Wilson explained that they wanted to purchase a weed mower to go behind a tractor. They have the appropriation but it reads financed lease and they want to purchase it outright. Wilson said that they had received a quote of a little less than \$15,000. Costello motion to allow \$15,000 transfer, seconded by Carty.

Additional Appropriations.

County General \$6,000. Indiana Public Safety Commission rents space in the EOC, the monthly payment of \$500.00 is to offset cost of electricity and air conditioning. This is the amount collected for the year. Any leftover money will be used to reposition emergency warning sirens. Carty motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Local Roads and Streets. Neild stated they had received some money from the sale of timber. She is said she only has \$38,000 appropriated and could use this money to fix roads and for blacktopping. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Costello.

Cumulative Capital Development. \$15,000 for repairs at the jail. Dreher stated that it was discussed at the last meeting and made a motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Old Business

Comp time-not discussed

IDHS-not discussed

New Business

2010 EMA Assessment and the EMA Directors job. Last month the council had received a letter stating that the county's EMA had undergone an assessment process to determine its eligibility for reimbursement of salaries. The letter said there was a chance that the county's EMA had not scored high enough. O'Heir said they are way over their requirements. Dreher said no one felt he wasn't doing his job, they had just go the letter and wondered why. O'Heir said he wondered why no one called him instead of bringing it up in an open meeting. Carty said the council just questioned why they had gotten the letters and O'Heir said maybe it is because we a part time EMA director or maybe because of the reputation the county has for Emergency Management in the state. O'Heir gave the council copies of the assessment report which showed that the county had scored 210 points, well above the 160 required points. He said most points are scored by attending various meetings and the high score will allow additional grant money to come to the county. O'Heir then stated that he would like to have his status changed from part time to full time at a salary of \$30,100. He said he would like to get paid for the 40 hours a week he is working. Carty said he would like to see an annual report on what the EMA is doing. Dreher agreed that it would help them to decide whether the position is part time or full time. Cheesewright said he goes in and talks to O'Heir and finds out what is going on, anybody can do the same thing. Dreher asked O'Heir if he would want benefits and O'Heir replied only the increased salary, 2 weeks' vacation and paid holidays. Darnell questioned whether this should be discussed at the budget hearings. Crossley said the state would pay half the salary, even if it increased so it would only cost the county an additional \$2,500. Costello said the position was established as part time, money is tight, people are getting laid off and you want to add a full time position. He said O'Heir was doing a great job and it has nothing to do with him, just the way things are right now.

Langley agreed. Crossley said if O'Heir worked the 28 hours per week h is paid for, he would not have met the qualifications he has met. The council took an informal vote as to whether the position should be full or part time. Carty and Cheesewright voted for full time. Langley, Costello, Dreher and Mattick voted for part time. Padish abstained. Padish said he thought the council should consider a full time position but not sure if the county could do it and that he could not vote on it at this time. Dreher said at budget hearings they need to be more serious and really dig through the budgets.

Crossley asked if they had received information on a mow trim and Dreher said he would make a motion to buy it but not sure where the money would come from. Crossley said they are going to borrow the money. Dreher made a motion to table until they knew where the money would come from.

Clerk Pruitt said that after July 1, 2011 the state will no longer pay the \$700 per month for internet for voter's registration. She said they have saved money since changing election equipment and that she just wanted to make the council aware.

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

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 13th day of September 2010.

John Cheesewright

Mike Carty

Lavonna Mattick

Randy Dreher

Lary Langley

Mike Costello

Randy Padish

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor