

RE: Additional Appropriations
White Construction Economic Development Area
Dormant Funds
Hiring Freeze
Section Markers

**Minutes
Vermillion County Council
February 14, 2011
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

President Mike Carty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and declared a quorum of Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, Mike Costello, Randy Padish, Brent Bush, and Jim McLain.

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

Carty led in the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Additional Appropriations. County General, \$6,000.00 for EOC rent. The money is received from the State Police for space in the EOC and is paid monthly. Carty said that it is not tax money, but outside income must be appropriated in order to be spent. Dreher thought the money was to stay in the general fund to help cover the cost of the rent from Clinton City. Dreher suggested tabling the matter. Carty asked if we had received the money yet and it was explained that no, they receive it monthly. Dreher motion to table, seconded by Costello.

White Construction Economic Development Area additional appropriation. Scott Craig, acting on behalf of White Construction and the TIF district requested the council approve a \$445,000 additional appropriation. The TIF Bond is to pay for the extension of water and sewer lines from the city of Clinton to the new White Construction headquarters. The city's redevelopment commission is acting on behalf of the county through an interlocal agreement. The funds are provided through TIF bonds issued by the redevelopment commission, which will be paid with TIF funds. The total cost of the project is 1 million and Craig explained that the remaining \$558,000 of the funds are covered by grant money. Craig also stated that the county has no obligation to pay back the funds if there is a revenue shortfall from the TIF district. Larry Southard stated that there has not been a lot of information on the street and in the papers about this project. He stated the city would benefit from having White's as a utility customer. Southard asked if they were trying to hide something. Carty said the project has been discussed by both the

redevelopment commission and the economic development council and all meetings were public. Southard asked why the city of Clinton did not finance it. Carty replied that the project is not technically White Constructions project, the idea is to provide utility service to the area for future growth. He said White's bought the bonds that are paying for the project and the money will be paid back with the company's own tax money. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Dormant Funds. Orman asked the council about dormant funds such as the hospital lease fund which has about \$325,000 in it and has CDs coming due. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting to approve transferring dormant funds to rainy day.

Darnell said he had, at the request of the council, researched responsibilities concerning employees and found that the council sets salaries, and also determines the number of employees. Officeholders are then set by the council, at the salaries set forth by the council. Costello asked about the hiring freeze and Darnell said such a freeze could probably not be implemented without de-appropriating the budget to remove the position. He said the officials have the right to a fair and reasonable budget. Orman said she may lose a person soon due to medical reasons and asked if she would be able to replace that person and the council said yes.

Southard asked about the section markers in the county. He said the Hillsdale water corp has spent a lot of money trying to locate markers because the markers have not been replaced and the Surveyor doesn't have the funds to replace them. Carty said the commissioners would have to request funds from the council for markers to be replaced and Southard said he would take the issue to the commissioners.

Mattick moved to adjourn, seconded by McLain.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 14th day of March 2011.

Mike Carty

Randy Padish

Randy Dreher

Mike Costello

Lavonna Mattick

Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor