

RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS
 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
 IDHS
 TAX ABATEMENT-WHITE CONSTRUCTION
 WHEEL AND SURTAX
 BUDGET HEARINGS
 HIGHWAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

**Minutes
Vermillion County Council
June 13th, 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, Randy Padish, Brent Bush, and Jim McLain. Mike Costello was absent.

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

Carty led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mattick made a motion to accept the minutes from the prior meeting, seconded by McLain. All were in favor.

Transfer of Funds: none

Additional Appropriations.

Highway is asking to de-appropriate \$59,195 from 201-12500-000-533 and appropriate it into 201-20216-000-531 for bituminous. This request was tabled from last month but it did not have the de-appropriation paperwork. It was explained that this money had been budgeted for insurance before the council agreed to pay highway's fir \$100,000.00 of insurance. Padish made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor.

Highway \$19302.00 in 201-41102-000-533 for the purchase of two new sand-spreading boxes. Commissioner Craig provided the council with photos of the old boxes to show them the condition of the current boxes. McLain said he had examined them himself and agreed that they needed replaced. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Padish. All were in favor.

Clerk's Perpetuation Fund. Clerk Pruitt explained she needed additional funding to continue putting marriage records on the computer, in order to retire old books from use. She said she has someone working part time doing only this job. Pruitt said there is approximately \$8,000 in the fund at this time. Carty asked how far she planned on going

back and Pruitt said she planned to go all the way back to the oldest records in 1824. Padish made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Dreher was opposed and Mattick abstained. Motion passed 4-1.

Local Coordinating Council (LCC). Recorder Lori Porter, treasurer of the LCC was present. She explained that former Prosecutor Nina Alexander used to do this but as treasurer she will be doing it from now on. She said the amount is to fund various grants administered by the LCC and the funds are from fees paid by those convicted of drug offenses. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. All were in favor.

Department of Homeland Security. Carty asked about the status of the county's ongoing dispute with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Craig said that Attorney Spurr is talking with their attorneys.

White Construction tax abatement. Scott Craig said this is the final approval for the new building on 63. Darnell has looked everything over and gave a favorable recommendation. The initial approval was given at the May meeting following a favorable recommendation from the Vermillion County Economic Development Council. Cary opened the floor for public comment. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Padish. All were in favor.

Wheel and Surtax. Orman said the state needed to know if they intended to raise the county's wheel or surtax or maintain it at its current level. Wilson said that if the county raises the tax the state will cut the highway funding. It's been done in the past. The council took no action to increase the tax.

Budget Hearings. Orman asked the council to look at dates for the 2012 budget hearings so she could inform Governmental Consulting Services. Carty said he would like to discuss budgets in several meetings prior to budget time. Dreher said we need to get real budgets and more accurate budgets so we don't have to do additional and transfers throughout the year. Orman will get with GFC and plan some meetings in July and August to discuss budget issues.

Commissioner Craig asked the council to look at creative ways to help fund the highway department such as paying for their health insurance for five years so that money can be used for road repairs and new equipment. Padish asked Craig to get a list of equipment and its condition. Carty said there needs to be a comprehensive plan for the highway department such as which roads will continue to be maintained as blacktop. Craig said they can gather data but it won't be overnight.

Mattick moved to adjourn, seconded by Bush. Motion carried unanimously.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 11th day of July 2011.

Mike Carty

Randy Padish

Randy Dreher

Mike Costello

Lavonna Mattick

Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor