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Minutes
Vermillion County Council
August 8, 2011
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

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

Transfer of Funds.

Health Department. Mary Crotty was not present to explain the transfer. Dreher said normally she calls when she is unable to attend but didn't this time. He said it is not tax dollars. The request is to moved \$450.00 from housing to Training and conference. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Economic Development \$27.93 from Capital Projects to Unemployment. Bill Laubernds explained that they had underestimated the unemployment account. \$20,000.00 from Development Specialist to Professional Services. Laubernds explained that is a transfer not a request for more money. It is to allow the matching of part of the DEA grant. SBOA recommended they do this. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Mattick.

Highway. \$3,400.00 from workman's comp to tires, \$3,400.00 from workman's comp to other supplies, \$12,000.00 from unemployment to gas and \$20,000.00 from liability and causality insurance to gas. Carty stated it is just a normal, end of the year transfer type thing and Craig said yes. Craig said they talked about this underestimation and that hopefully it will be improved in the 2012 budget. Carty stated it will never be

exact, it's typical to have some short and some long. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Padish.

Additional Appropriations.

Highway. \$1,382.00. Craig said it was from the selling of scrap. They talked about this before, when it is an additional but not really an additional. Craig said he is asking the council to add it back into the account to be used for things needed around the garage such as a floor jack and a pricey tool to troubleshoot the loader. They are using this money to supplement current money to pay for these items. Costello asked if he wanted to put it back into other supplies and Craig said yes. McLain motion to allow, seconded by Costello.

Commissioner Court, County General. \$5,000.00 for inmate care at DOC. Spence said actually it's not out of county general, it should of came out of the Sheriff's misdemeanor fund. He said they have an inmate at DOC for safekeeping and they have to pay the DOC for their services. He said he wants this \$5,000.00 to supplement the commissioner's court line item. Carty asked if it was advertised out of the county general and Tolbert said yes. Carty clarified that we did not advertise it out of the other fund and Tolbert said no, the paperwork was submitted and advertised out of the county general, we will have to re-advertise it. Spence said that it fine, they are not in a big hurry because they have \$2,000.00 we can use at the moment. Spence will re-submit the request for the next meeting.

Sheriff Spence Discretionary/Commissary Fund. Spence submitted his report as required by SBOA. He said it was just a semi-annual report and was pretty self explanatory. He said there is a state statute governing what they can and cannot buy. The council accepted the report and signed it accordingly.

Commissioners Salary ordinance. Craig said as you know we are advertising now for a building inspector. What we are asking for is parity on the salary of the previous multiple titled person in that office. We would like to have the \$31,166.00 split right down the middle. He said what they are wrestling with now is trying to figure out some of these statutes that have been thrown up to the commissioners, doing some legal research and bench marking with other zoning operations, to give you an idea, on this executive director statute that appeared this year after the other zoning person resigned. What you see on there is actually two statutes, but this was just brought forward to us this year and you see the first circle down there that was amended in 1993. It didn't just happen this year. So this is what we are struggling with. Craig said they have extended their hand over the table to the current APC administrators and the commissioners didn't get the type of response they needed to really move ahead as a group, so Elvis has left the building. The train's left the station. He said they are going to move ahead on their zoning and they don't know where it is going to land. He said the commissioners are absolutely resolute that they are going to move ahead to what they feel is more reflective to a county of their size. Craig said what we are asking now is that we kind of cleave this right down the center so we can go out and at least get a building inspector. This may be

something that is literally temporary from the standpoint that we may have a different plan down the road. He said he can't comment on whether the APC has an executive director or if they don't have one, he simply doesn't know. He said they are asking for a new salary ordinance that splits the old salary in half. Carty said he wasn't sure he understood, and asked if they wanted 3 different positions established. Craig said no, they want to take the \$31,166.00 split in half for the building commissioner and executive director. Costello said so it is two positions you are wanting. Craig said no, the commissioners have only one appointment and it is part time. We want to pay that person half of the \$31,166.00. Costello asked if they were getting rid of the secretary. Craig said he could not answer that, it's the area plans decisions but he believed Ann Wake has said that she is not staying on after the end of this year but that doesn't mean anything. It is just something she said in a public meeting and he said he knows nothing about it. Carty said this doesn't really affect the secretary's salary. Darnell asked how the salaries were split for the 2012 budget. Craig said that all he can speak about is the building inspector, that is all they control and if nothing changes it will be all they control going into 2012. Darnell said the budgets have been filed, how is it in the budget right now? Craig said he is sure it is the same as for 2011. Carty thought since there is money in the budget to cover the rest of the year, there would not be any action needed by the council. Orman said the council would need to act on it because the salary ordinance states what employees are to be paid and the commissioners want to change the salaries. Carty said they would need a salary ordinance and Orman said an amended salary ordinance would need to be presented. Costello said they just need to do that for 2012. No official vote was taken and Craig said he understands and accepted that they could hire someone at a higher salary than what is in the ordinance.

Old Business

IDHS update. Wilson said he has nothing new to report at this time.

2012 Budgets. Carty asked if anyone had any questions they wanted to discuss. Is there a need to have a meeting where we have someone come in and explain in person what they are trying to accomplish? Darnell said how about the Assessor, I got a copy of her email today and it was a little...Carty said yes, he was going to bring that up. He said he has 2 budgets he is concerned about and would like to understand a little bit more about. Dreher agreed that he would like to understand what Assessor Pat Richey is trying to do. Carty said he would like to discuss the highway and commissioners court as well. Carty asked if they were satisfied with all the other budgets with the exception of salaries. He said they need to talk about that. Dreher asked when he wanted to have this meeting with the Assessor and Commissioners. Carty said any time and suggested doing it on the 16th after the handbook meeting. It was agreed that they would re-advertise the meeting on the 16th to include budget talks, salaries, Assessor and Commissioners. Carty asked if they were satisfied with the other budgets, do they want input from anyone other than the commissioners and Richey. Costello said it seems like everyone held their line and Dreher agreed. Orman advised the council that the public hearing would be on August 31st and the final adoption would be Sept. 12. Carty said they also need to discuss salaries, do they want to do it across the board, a flat fee or what. They agreed to discuss

it on the 16th as well. The council asked Orman to provide figures for raises across the board at 1, 1.5, 2 and 2.5 percent for theme to review on the 16th.

VOCA Grant. Prosecutor Bruce Aukerman informed the council that his office had been approved for a Victims of Crime Act grant. He said he hired Nancy Wilson as their advocate and she has been working since July 1st and doing a fantastic job but has not been paid and he asked the council what he need to do to get her paid. It was explained that he would need to ask for an additional appropriation and it had to be advertised 10 days prior to the council's meeting. It was agreed to advertise it for the August 31st meeting.

Dreher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mattick.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 12th day of September 2011.

Mike Carty

Randy Padish

Randy Dreher

Mike Costello

Lavonna Mattick

Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor