

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday October 12, 2011

7:00 pm

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Invitees: Public Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Pledge to Flag
- III. Roll call **Roll Call.**

Present: Mike Carty, President, Randy Padish, Vice-President, Brent Bush, Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, Mike Costello, Attorney Don Darnell, First-Deputy Amy Tolbert and Payroll Deputy Becky Julian.

- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Dreher thought we were going to hold up on the payment of the handbook. Darnell thought that it was already in commissioner's budget and said since it was only discussed and not voted on, no change to the minutes were needed. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Lavonna Mattick, **Seconded by** Randy Padish, Vice-President. All in favor.

- V. Transfer of funds

Highway: \$5000 from bituminous to Salt. Costello asked how much was left in bituminous. Craig said there is several thousand left. Dreher do we get proposals? Craig said they are happy with who they have been using. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Costello, **Seconded by** Jim McLain.

Motion passed unanimously.

Health: \$25.00 from insurance to Unemployment. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Costello, **Seconded by** Lavonna Mattick.

Motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Additional Appropriations; none
- VII. Open issues
 - a) CSEPP Resolution: 2011-8. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Randy Padish, Vice-President, **Seconded by** Brent Bush. Costello opposed.

- b) Appointment to zoning advisory board: Carty suggested putting a hold on it until a later date because he is not sure where the whole thing stands. Craig said we are moving forward and would like the council to make their appointment; the first meeting is on Monday. Dreher asked if the appointment needed to be someone from the council and Craig said yes. He said he would prefer someone from the unincorporated areas. Carty said so you mean someone not in Clinton or Universal etc. Craig said yes. Padish asked where we stood on the controversial aspect of the Advisory Plan Committee and the Zoning Office. Craig said he can't discuss it but it is public record and anyone can go to Clerk's office and get copy. Padish asked if we could wait until after the issue is cleared up. Craig said it would be problem for a person coming on board and would strongly encourage an appointment tonight. Carty asked if anyone wanted to do it. Mattick said she thought Padish was interested. Padish said he had just talked about it. Dreher said since his son Jared is already on the board that he shouldn't be appointed. Costello made a motion for Padish to serve on the Advisory Plan Committee Board, second by Mattick. All in favor.

VIII. New business

- a) Eli Lilly Tax Abatement. Lou Britton spoke, and said he and Bill Laubernds talked to Lilly about their plans for a tax abatement. He said Eli Lilly has never asked for one before today. He said they are looking at some upgrades to their physical plant to stabilize their employment. Economic Development recommended the council approve the abatement. Britton said with this abatement, the equipment to be added over 2-3 years, not all at once. The project will maintain the current jobs and they are seeking 10 year abatement. Tonight they are seeking a preliminary approval and will be at next meeting for final action. He said the council can approve it, deny it or modify at next meeting. He would also like the council to consider a waiver of the timing for the filing of the statement of benefits. Costello said it looks like it is spread over 3-4 years, does the abatement start with the first installation date. Britton said the reason they tinkered with abatement calculation agreement is because it is listed by equipment. If you install equipment A, it starts now, and equipment B installed in 2013 and starts in 2013. This is more like an abatement that will occur over the space of 2-3 years. Costello said so it could be considered 3 different projects. Carty said the abatement is only the dollars spent. If you haven't spent the money this year then the abatement doesn't start. Costello said that this could turn into 25 year abatement. Darnell said no, each item is only going to be abated for 10 years, and with a business this size it would be hard to pinpoint when the equipment would be installed. Costello agreed that this one appears to be 3 different things and agreed it would be stupid to go back and do 3 different abatements. Carty stated that Economic Development wouldn't be here without Eli Lilly. Costello said he just wants to make sure they don't decrease the employee's a few years down the road. Padish added that these 3 projects are dependent on each other. Carty asked if the number of employees included contractors or just people who get payroll checks from Eli Lilly. Someone replied that it is just full time employees. Britton said the abatement calculation agreement does specify and it can count people who are working full time at Lilly in Vermilion County but who

are actually employees of a third party. This was done to cover someone who works through an employment agency. Carty said he would not like to see that, would like to keep permanent full time employees employed. Resolution 2011-7

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Randy Dreher, **Seconded by** Lavonna Mattick.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Outdoor recreation fence at jail Spence said they have a weakness out there in the fencing at the jail. It is a light commercial, chain link fence, the same fence used to keep a dog chained in. He said it was never designed and built to hold the inmates. He received some recommendations from the jail inspector and he suggested a no-climb fence. Spence said wire cutters can't be used to cut the fence. He said the project is expensive and he received 2 proposals. One from Capital City in Indianapolis for \$91,500.00 and One from Quality Fence in Terre Haute for \$85,500. Costello asked if this was the price for one fence and Spence said yes. Costello asked why we put up a fence that wasn't for a jail and Spence said he has a letter from jail inspector to answer that but that he was not Sheriff when that was built. He said it is up to the commissioners to look at the overall project, the bottom line costs, and to look at a ways to finance it. He said a lot of jails were built with same fencing and same problems. Costello asked what the footage was. Spence said close to 100. Dreher asked Spence if had looked into a concrete block wall like Vigo County has. Spence said he has not looked into that price but from looking at the blueprints from the jail it would be an awful lot of digging new footers. He said they may as well just start from scratch. Dreher said he wants to do it right this time so they are not back in 10-15 years when the fence has gone bad. Spence said if you get engineers involved the price will go up. Costello asked how many have escaped and Spence 3 or 4. Dreher asked if could put up more razor wire. Spence said he is looking into that too. Spence said the fencing is heavy enough it has to be set by cranes and that is why the price is so high. He said Quality Fences cost on equipment is \$9000. Padish asked if it replaced posts and Spence some of them will be replaced. Spence said it is not his building but this is an area they need to address. He said a jail inspector is not there to inspect the jail; he is there to inspect the internal things, such as CPR Certifications and how many employees work there. They are not building inspectors. Dreher-asked if he thought the state would make recommendations in order to house DOC. Spence said he doesn't foresee that, but there are other issues with the DOC. They are looking at housing all Class D's on a county level, meaning we would lose DOC money, we won't get paid anymore, it will cost us. Carty said the county would not be able to afford the healthcare of the inmates. Mattick said what are we are going to do if the state makes us. Carty said close the doors. Spence said he didn't understand that statement. Carty asked if every county has to have a jail. Spence and Wilson both said yes. Costello suggested installing more razor wire. Spence said he can get razor wire for free; they just have to pay for labor to install it. Spence added that if we don't have jail then we would have to pay someone else to keep our inmates. Dreher said once the state mandates it, we are stuck. Dreher said he would like the commissioners to get

pricing on concrete block. He then asked if there were only 2 companies that could do the fence. Spence said he thought so but there may be a few more. Spence added that this proposal is only good for 60 days. McLain said he thinks concrete would be pretty expensive and Spence said it would be permanent. Costello asked the Commissioner to also get some prices on installing more razor wire. Darnell asked if there was no way to watch the facility. Spence said there are cameras but you need someone to watch it. Darnell said then don't let prisoners out when you don't have the manpower. Spence said dispatchers and jailers are busy all of the time. Carty assumes the commissioners know what is going on. Craig thinks Spence did well on getting the proposals. Carty said that with our limited funds, should we be holding money back. Spence said years ago we had a Cumulative Jail fund and the Commissioners and Council did away with it. He said he would like to have it back. Dreher agrees that they need to start putting money back. Carty said we just finished budget project and asked that this stuff be factored in. Spence said it was not his responsibility to build this into his fund, it is the commissioners. Carty said it should have been presented at budget time, and said Spence just missed the opportunity to do it for the 2012 budget year. Carty said that we can probably find funding but are we satisfied that we need to do it, sounds like we want to get more information. Spence there is some money in the misdemeanor fund. Carty asked Wilson and Craig if they wanted to look into other options since it is their responsibility. Wilson said they will take the suggestions and look into and come back. Bush asked if the price is for everything, any existing repairs etc. Spence said yes it is all inclusive. Craig said there should be some urgency as jail escapes are a public safety issue and added that he thought concrete would be costly. He said Spence has done due diligence and feels he is not doing it just to be doing it. Darnell said there isn't anything to act on; there is no request for an additional appropriation. Carty said there are funds they can work with. Wilson said they will look into concrete and bring a price back next month.

- c) Backhoe for highway Wilson said he would like to pull this request because he had a loader that went down and is going to get some information on repairing that first.

Mark O'heir said there was some required training for elected officials and that they needed 10 to be able to receive Federal Grant Money. He said currently they have 4. He gave the council members the information to do the required training. It's all on-line, free, and easy. He welcomed anyone to come to the EOC and he would help them obtain the training.

Spence presented the council with a contract with Mcready & Keene in regards to the police pension. Carty asked why it wasn't put on the on the agenda. Spence said just bring it up under new business. Carty asked if Darnell had seen it and Spence said he did not think so. Carty suggested Darnell look at it then they will discuss it at next month's meeting.

Motion:Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Lavonna Mattick, **Seconded by** Jim McLain.
Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

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

Mike Carty

Randy Padish

Randy Dreher

Mike Costello

Lavonna Mattick

Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor