

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday December 12, 2011

7:00 pm

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Invitees: Public Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call **Roll Call. Present:** Mike Carty, President, Randy Padish, Vice-President, Brent Bush, Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, Mike Costello, Attorney Don Darnell, First Deputy Amy Tolbert and Payroll Deputy Becky Julian. **Absent/Excused:** Jim McLain.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Randy Dreher, **Seconded by** Lavonna Mattick. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Transfer of Funds

Park & Recreation \$22,234.47 from various accounts into building and structure. **Motion:, Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Costello, **Seconded by** Lavonna Mattick. Motion passed unanimously.

Probation. \$12.98 from adult incentive into life insurance. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Lavonna Mattick, **Seconded by** Brent Bush. Motion passed unanimously.

Jail. \$1,800.00 from assistant cook into jailer 10. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Randy Dreher, **Seconded by** Randy Padish, Vice-President. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk \$200 from venued cases to extra help. \$400 from office supplies to equipment and maintenance. \$214 from meals to equipment and maintenance. \$250 from dues and subscriptions to equipment and maintenance. \$300 from travel to equipment and maintenance. \$1,485.87 from office machines into equipment and maintenance. **Motion: , Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Costello, **Seconded by** Randy Padish, Vice-President. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Additional Appropriations. \$90,000. The request was to take half from Rainy Day and half from Riverboat. Carty said we have discussed this several times, in regards to the jail outdoor recreation fence. Costello asked if there was a reason we did not go with Cumulative Capital Development money. Spence said he did not know. Costello said because it is sitting there with \$600,000 to \$800,000 and it is for these kinds of projects. Dreher said he didn't think Spence suggested where to take it from. He didn't have anything to do with what account it comes out of. Carty said the commissioners

suggested it come out of Rainy Day and Riverboat. Costello asked if it would be a problem to take it from Cumulative Capital Development. Wilson asked if it would put it another 30 days behind. Carty said yes because we have to re-advertise it. Costello said he didn't know why they didn't do it from there to begin with, it has been discussed before. Carty said so have the other two funds. Costello said but this is what Cumulative Capital Development is for, the development of the property we have where Rainy day funds can be used for other things. Carty said he understands Costello's point but that the commissioners are trying to get this project going. Costello asked if it was going to be done tomorrow. Carty said to do an additional appropriation you have to advertise it. Spence said they would start the project as soon as they get clearance. He said he would call them and then they would order the materials so it is going to be later. Dreher asked if we could approve it and then come back next month and de-appropriate it and then re-appropriate it from Cumulative Capital Development. Costello said the Rainy Day money is more fluid for us. Carty said the Rainy Day fund is similar to Cumulative Capital Development and the bulk of that money is in CD's. Costello said it is more usable to us there than this Cumulative Capital Development. Costello said he is not saying, don't do the fence. Wilson said they have a meeting next week and they can make a motion on where to take it from and get the process started again. Mattick said we should encumber it. Tolbert said we would have to encumber it if the additional appropriation was approved, but we have to have the additional first. Costello said they could go ahead and order the stuff while waiting for the new request to come int. Wilson said Quality is requiring half the payment up front. Crossley said the quote is only good for 30 days so the price might not be the same next year. Wilson said if you guys will say that you will pay for it we will get it ordered. Dreher asked what the cost of the project was. Wilson said it is \$85,549 and they asked for a little extra just in case they had any problems. Carty said no action needed. The commissioner will put in request for the money to come from Cumulative Capital Development.

VI. Open issues-none.

VII. New business

- a) Soil & Water Update. Meg Leader gave an update on the Soil & Water Conservation District. She provided a power point presentation on the Dana Urban Forest Project.
- ~~b) Health Preparedness Coordinator~~
- c) Amended Salary Ordinance. Tolbert said this goes with the transfer of funds that was approved last month. The transfer changed the amounts and therefore an amended salary ordinance needed to be completed. **Motion: Action: Approve, Moved by Randy Dreher, Seconded by Brent Bush.** Motion passed unanimously.
- d) LCC. Elaine Pastore gave a brief overview of what the LCC does and then asked the Council to give the LCC permission to spend \$10,000. She said that they go to the commissioners for approval on what grants to fund and then have to come to the council for permission to spend the money. She said the money comes from Drug Interdiction and Countermeasure fees. There was some discussion if the process was being done correctly. Darnell said he would

look into the proper procedure. Carty said they accept her report as presented. Pastore said here problem is that she thinks they need to have permission to spend this money, like they have in the past. She said they have some grants they need to pay. Carty said at this point they will accept her report and then wait to see what Darnell finds out.

e) Appointments for 2012.

Alcoholic Beverage Board-Cynthia Myers. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Costello, **Seconded by** Lavonna Mattick. Motion passed unanimously.

Tax Board-Tom Gosnell. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Randy Dreher, **Seconded by** Randy Padish, Vice-President. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney-Don Darnell, Solid Waste-Randy Padish, E911 Board-Lavonna Mattick, Council President-Mike Carty, Council Vice-President-Randy Padish. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Lavonna Mattick, **Seconded by** Mike Costello. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development. Council Representative-Randy Dreher. Carty said he wasn't sure if could still serve under the financial appointment since he is retired from the bank; he suggested they hold off on that appointment. **Motion: Action:** Table the appointments., **Moved by** Randy Dreher, **None seconded.** Carty said there are some ongoing issues in regards to the Economic Development Council and the Economic Development Commission, They are working to get this straighten out. He said when they set up EDIT tax in this county a group came forward and asked that an Economic Development Council be formed. He said it is an advisory board because the statute says the Economic Development Commission is the one who has the authority to spend the money. He said if they start addressing the changing of the edit tax then they will need to get these board and appointments lined out. Carty said the 3 on the commission also serve on the Economic Development Council. He suggested that either he or Dreher be appointed to the Commission since they are already on the Economic Development Council. He suggested they formally name Dreher as the appointee into the Economic Development Commission. Dreher suggested Carty be appointed.

There was some discussion as to whether these positions should be advertised. Tolbert said some boards advertise for their appointments and would bring that recommendation to the council. Some are renewed year after year until the person resigns.

Area Plan & Board of zoning appeals. Two old and two new boards.

Commissioner Craig said it is tied up in litigation. The council decided not to make any appointments at this time.

West Central Regional Commission. Costello said Bruce Aukerman is the appointment because he is the Prosecutor and then stated that maybe he would check on it before making that appointment.

f) Reuse Authority. Costello said he had some questions, had a couple of calls in regards to the Reuse Authority. People want to know how many positions are out there, who they are, and what their salaries are. Can we get that information without too much trouble? Carty asked Wilson if the Reuse Authority would be making a presentation to them at some point. Craig said that is the plan.

g) Highway equipment. Wilson said they have a list of equipment they would like to have for each district. Craig said the council has the list and has had it for some time. Wilson read the list to the council. There was some discussion on prioritizing the list and then some discussion on leasing machinery. Costello asked if the 12 budget was approved and it has not been but he said when it is there will be \$150,000.00 available to spend on equipment also they will have \$100,000 from insurance to use, so that gives them \$250,000 to spend. Craig said they did what the council asked prioritized the list and had given them copies at least twice now and has it for months. Carty said yes they have discussed it. Dreher asked if they had any quotes and Wilson said not at this time.

VII) Adjournment. **Motion: Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Randy Dreher, **Seconded by** Lavonna Mattick.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 9th day of January 2012.

Michael Carty

Randy Padish

Randy Dreher

Michael Costello

Lavonna Mattick

William Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor