

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday March 12th, 2012

7:00 pm

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Invitees: Public Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call. President Mike Cary, Vice-President Randy Padish, Brent Bush, Lavonna Mattick, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, Mike Costello, Attorney Don Darnell, First Deputy Amy Tolbert, and Payroll Deputy Becky Julian.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Motion to approve by Padish, seconded by Mattick, all in favor.
- IV. Transfer of funds.

Prosecutor \$2,500.00. Motion to allow by Costello, seconded by Mattick.

Highway \$20,096.00. Motion to allow by Dreher, seconded by Padish.

Health PHER Grant \$11,000.00. Motion to allow by Costello, seconded by McLain.

Health LHM \$1300.00. Motion to allow by Costello, seconded by McLain.

Health LHD Trust \$4,516.09. Motion to allow by Costello, seconded by McLain.

V. Additional Appropriations

EOC \$3,600.00 for batteries for the Highway Signs. Motion to allow by Dreher, seconded by Bush.

Highway \$59,904.00 De-appropriation from insurance within Highway General (533) and re-appropriating it into Leasing rental and bituminous within Highway Maintenance and repair (531). Motion to allow by Dreher, seconded by Costello.

Health LHD Trust \$484.00 to coincide with the budget approved by the state for 2012. Motion to allow by Costello seconded by Mattick.

Health LHM \$500.00 to coincide with the budget approved by the state for 2012. Motion to allow by Costello, seconded by Mattick.

County General \$64,870.00 for Sheriff Pension for monies collected in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Motion to allow by Dreher, seconded by Costello.

VI. Open issues

VII. New business

- a) Clock Tower Repair. David Turnball of the Newport Lions Club spoke briefly about an ongoing project to restore the clocks in the courthouse. He said \$10,000.00 has been raised and estimated that it would cost around \$25,000.00 to repair. He said he would like to see the county get involved because raising the funds has been difficult. Costello said he felt it would be reasonable for the county to put up the remaining \$15,000.00 out of Capital projects. The subject was tabled until next month when a representative could be available for questioning and an additional appropriation request submitted.
- b) 911 Dispatchers. Spence said they are withdrawing this item at this time until they know what legislation is doing with 911.
- c) Highway chip and sealing of roads. The commissioners spoke to the council about their plan to chip and seal 55 miles of county roads in an effort to maintain those roads in good condition. There was some discussion as to where the funds would come from and someone suggested Cumulative Capital Development or Rainy Day. It was uncertain whether the capital projects money could be used for roads and Darnell said he would find out and report back next month. Carty asked how the roads were selected and Crossley said the foremen from each district recommended them. Carty said he would still like to see a long term plan for maintaining roads and Crossley suggested they do half as much each year; it would be a good plan. Carty said it needs to be in the budget. Crossley said we put it in but then the state cut us \$376,000.00. The commissioners will submit an additional appropriation request at a future meeting.
- d) Courthouse exterior doors. Craig said they were looking into replacing the doors with more energy efficient ones at a cost of around \$50,000.00. He said it could be done one at a time and suggested they start with the west door as it is handicap accessible. There were some questions whether the courthouse is on the historic registry, which would limit the county's ability to make changes to its appearance. The commissioners agreed to look into it and report back to the council.
- e) Other

VIII. Adjournment. **Motion: Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mattick, **Seconded by** Bush.

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

Michael Carty

Randy Padish

Randy Dreher

Michael Costello

Lavonna Mattick

William Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor