

RE: Transfer of Funds
Additional Appropriations
IDHS
Employee Handbook
Zoning Administrator Salary Ordinance
Zoning Advisory Board

**Minutes
Vermillion County Council
September 12, 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, Jim McLain, and Mike Costello

Also present were: Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman and Payroll Deputy Becky Julian.

Carty led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes from the prior meeting. Mattick motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. All were in favor.

Transfer of Funds.

Highway \$2,000 from Insurance to Utilities. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. All were in favor. \$4,000 from insurance to repair to trucks. Costello Motion to allow, seconded by McLain. All were in favor.

Local Roads & Streets. \$15,000 from Road materials to machinery. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by Padish. McLain opposed.

Extension office. \$1,500 from Travel to Equipment and Maintenance agreements. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Mattick. All were in favor.

Additional Appropriations.

Cumulative Bridge. \$103,000 to replace box culvert with a steel bridge on 950 S. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. All were in favor.

Old Business.

IDHS. It was explained that the county must pay \$56,035.27 into the CSEPP fund that is currently in the red. This includes payments that were made to employees at the end of the program for accumulated sick time, comp time and personal days, which the IDHS has stated they will not reimburse. The county went to arbitration over this issue in lieu of a lawsuit and lost. The other money the commissioners said was money that was overspent during the program. Dreher suggested asking the employees to pay back the money they were paid and it was explained that the county made that request but was told by State Board of Accounts that they were not required to pay it back. Darnell agreed to prepare a resolution to take the money from the riverboat gambling fund.

Employee Handbook. The council suggested they allocate the money for the new handbook project before moving forward. A transfer or additional appropriation will be prepared for next month's meeting out of commissioner's court of the court house budget.

New business.

Zoning Administrator salary ordinance. An amended salary ordinance had been prepared to split the salaries between the zoning administrator and building commissioner but the commissioners have changed the structure of the zoning office and therefore the ordinance is no longer needed. The new hire will make the same salary as the previous employee and no action is needed.

Adoption of the 2012 budget. Bush made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the changes that were made during the budget hearings, seconded by Mattick. Dreher was opposed. Motion passed, budget adopted.

Zoning Advisory Board. Commissioner Craig asked the council to appoint one of their members to the new Advisory Plan Commission. He explained that there will be one councilman and one commissioner on the new APC. Craig said his is no different than the Area Plan Commission except for the presence of the two elected officials. Craig stated during the meeting that the Advisory Plan Commission will make recommendations on zoning matters, which will be sent to the Board of Zoning Appeals for final decision. Under the old APC, final decisions were made by the Commissioners. Craig said the Board is made up of people from unincorporated areas only. He went on to explain that the new Advisory Board will be made up of 7 people, the surveyor and a representative of the extension office, a councilman, a commissioner and three citizen members all appointed by the commissioners, who must live in an unincorporated area. The city will no longer be represented on the board. Craig interest and knowledge of zoning would helpful. Carty suggested they think about their appointment and make their decision next month. Craig said he would prefer to expedite it. Carty said they would let him know at their next meeting. Craig said they will treat it as an opening not filled at this time.

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

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

Mike Carty

Randy Padish

Randy Dreher

Mike Costello

Lavonna Mattick

Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor