

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday February 10, 2014

6:30 pm

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Call to order. Vice-President Jill Wesch called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll call. Present were Jill Wesch, Brent Bush, Milisa Carty, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, Michael Costello, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman and First Deputy Amy Tolbert. Michael Carty was absent.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
- IV. Transfer of funds. None
- V. Additional Appropriations:
 - a) County General, Circuit Court \$6,000.00. Judge Stengel is wanting to bring in his program vendors for CSI and BIS Digital to train his 2 new employees. Dreher made a motion to allow \$4,000.00, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
 - b) County General, Circuit Court \$2,000.00. Judge Stengel is wanting to have some extra help in the office to answer the phones while his 2 new employees are being trained. Costello made a motion to allow \$500.00, seconded by Bush. All were in favor.
- VI. Amended Salary Ordinance. County General, Circuit Court. The salary ordinance needs amended to allow the Judge to hire extra help at \$9.25 per hour. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Milisa Carty. All were in favor.
- VII. Open issues
 - a) Comp Time. Nothing new to report.
- VIII. New business
 - a) West Central Indiana Economic Development District Appointment. The WCIEDD changed their by-laws and only need one appointment from the council. It is to be the Council President or his designee. Randy Dreher and Elizabeth Burroughs were currently serving on the board. Dreher said he would like to continue as the council's representative.
 - b) Highway Trucks. Commissioner Harry Crossley said he received a quote for a 2015 International Tandem Truck in the amount of \$92,886.91. He also received a quote to set up the truck for hauling and snow plowing in the amount of \$47,474.73 from Rahn Equipment. Total price for 1 new truck would be \$140,361.64. He said they would like to ask for 3 trucks. He said the highway currently has the following trucks:
 - 1-1989 International single axle
 - 1-1994 Ford single axle
 - 6-1998 single axle
 - 4-2000 International single axle
 - 2-2000 International tandems
 - 1-2005 International tandem

There was some discussion as to what they would do with the old trucks if they bought new and Crossley said they would keep them or scrap them. Milisa Carty asked if the new trucks could be leased and Crossley said no. Crossley asked the council where

they should request the money from, stating Rainy Day had 1.7 million cash and 2.8 million invested. There was some discussion on buying 1 from Cumulative Bridge but no one was sure they could be purchased from that fund. Dreher asked if they received any other quotes and Crossley said they will be getting another quote in tomorrow. Milisa Carty asked if they could pay half from this year's budget and half from next year and suggested they talk to a bank about a loan. Dreher said they need to review the other bid and then the Commissioners need to come back with a formal request. Milisa Carty encouraged them to get loan information from the banks and bring them back for discussion.

c) Business Personal Property Tax. Costello said he would like the council to send a letter to Governor Pence stating they are against complete or partial elimination of the business personal property tax. Tolbert will write the letter and email them for review.

IX. Adjournment. Dreher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 10th day of March 2014.

____Absent_____
Michael Carty

Jim McLain

Randy Dreher

Michael Costello

William Brent Bush

Jill Wesch

Milisa Carty

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor