

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday March 10, 2014

6:30 pm

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Call to order. President Michael Carty called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll call. Present were Michael Carty, Vice-President, Jill Wesch, William Brent Bush, Milisa Carty, Jim McLain, Michael Costello, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman and First Deputy Amy Tolbert. Randy Dreher was absent.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor. Michael Carty asked about the West Central Indiana Economic Development District Appointment that was discussed at the last meeting. He asked if they formally appointed Dreher and it was noted that Dreher was already appointed and would continue to serve on this board. Elizabeth Burroughs was the other appointment and she has been notified about the change.
- IV. Transfer of funds. None
- V. Additional Appropriations
 - a) 1000 County General, Coroner. \$125.00. Coroner Roger Lewis stated there was not enough money appropriated to pay the 2014 membership dues for the Indiana State Coroners Association. Milisa Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
 - b) 4912 Allocation Fund. \$13,350.00. Yearly interest payment for White Construction Tax Increment Revenue Bonds. Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. All were in favor.
 - c) 1186 Rainy Day Fund. \$421,084.92. The Commissioner's are requesting the funds to purchase 3 new 2015 International tandem trucks, one for each district. The Commissioner's received 2 quotes for financing the trucks and submitted the additional money from the Rainy Day Fund if the council did want to finance the trucks. Michael Carty explained that the county general had approximately \$774,000.00 in money appropriated for 2013 but not spent. He suggested they use these funds to pay for the trucks. McLain agreed and stated they should not pay interest if they have the money available. Costello suggest that if the county continues to pay for the highway insurance from the general fund then they should consider putting a stipulation on that arrangement that would require the commissioners to spend some of the money that is saved on insurance on trucks. Michael Carty agreed that a truck replacement plan needs to be put in place. He suggested they deny the request from Rainy Day and have the Commissioner's request it from the General fund at their next meeting. Commissioner Crossley said he would contact the company to see if the quote could be locked in until

next month. Michael Carty said if not then they can call a special meeting. Costello made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Wesch. All were in favor.

VI. Open issues

- a) Comp Time. Michael Carty said the overall hours went up but this was expected due to the hard winter.
- b) Highway Trucks. Discussed above in the additional appropriation for Rainy Day.

VII. New business

- c) Court Security. Judge Stengel informed the Council that the Supreme Court has passed a new rule requiring every court to have a security plan. The plan includes forming a courthouse security committee, having a uniformed officer at the courthouse, policies to prohibit weapons in the courthouse, and making sure windows and doors that are accessible from the outside are secured. Judge Stengel said he is under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court but the council is not. He suggested they run it by their liability insurance carrier to see what they suggest.
- d) Executive Director for Economic Development. Michael Carty said the Economic Development Council is in the process of interviewing for this position. He said the County Council has to set the salary and suggested they have a joint executive session to discuss this. He will advise them when the meeting is set.

VIII. Adjournment. Bush made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McLain. All were in favor.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 14th day of April 2014.

Michael Carty

Jim McLain

Randy Dreher

Michael Costello

William Brent Bush

Jill Wesch

Milisa Carty

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor