

# **Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

Monday, March 9, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Vermillion County Council convened in a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday March 9, 2015.
- II. **ROLL CALL.** Members present were President Michael Carty, Vice-President Michael Costello, Randy Dreher, James McLain, Milisa Carty, Jill Wesch, Auditor Phyllis Orman, First Deputy Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell. William Brent Bush was absent.
- III. **MINUTES.** The meeting minutes from February 9, 2015 were approved on a motion by Dreher and seconded by McLain. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **COMP TIME.** Michael Carty acknowledge the report and stated that it had went up \$9,000.00. He said the majority of the increase was from the Highway and from the Prosecutor's secretary. He suggested a handbook meeting be scheduled. Orman will schedule the meeting.
- V. **COUNTY TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT.** President Michael Carty acknowledged receipt of the report.
- VI. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS.** None.
- VII. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS.** None.
- VIII. **OPEN ISSUES**
  - Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority. Elizabeth Burrows reported that the Reuse Authority has looked into hiring an engineering intern. She said the intern would be responsible for digitizing plans, drawings and infrastructure information related to county properties so that all the information can be located in one place. She said the idea could alleviate a lot of headaches and avoid costs in the future. She said they have had several Rose Hulman students apply and stated that Rose Hulman may fund half of the project. She said the intern would use equipment and facilities provided by the Reuse Authority and asked if the county would fund the remainder of the salary. She said she will present a formal proposal next month after Rose Hulman makes a decision about funding part of the salary.
  - County Engineer. Tabled.
  - Highway 3 year plan/WCIEDD. Jeremy Weir of West Central Indiana Economic Development District spoke about paving plans for the highway department. He presented a plan to the council in July 2013 which would allow all 200 miles of paved road in the county be repaved once every 15 years. This was all part of the raising of the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) from 0.1 percent to 0.5 percent but the tax only raise to 0.2 percent. The current plan calls for paving roughly 15 miles of road per year. Michael Carty asked how the roads to be paved were chosen. Weir said it is based on feedback from the County Commissioners on which roads are the worst. Dreher asked if the miles paved were spread evenly throughout the districts. Weir said they try to spread it evenly but it should be based on where the needs are. Dreher asked what it cost to pave a road. Weir said it cost around \$80,000.00 per mile. Commissioner Tim Wilson said they do not have the money to fund the original plan. Weir suggested they pick roads that could be done within their budget.
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Dreher, seconded Milisa Carty.

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Michael Carty, President

ATTEST:

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Phyllis Orman, Auditor