

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday, May 11, 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 May 11, 2015.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were President Michael Carty, Vice-President Michael Costello, James McLain, Milisa Carty, William Brent Bush, Auditor Phyllis Orman, First Deputy Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell. Randy Dreher and Jill Wesch were absent.
- III. **MINUTES:** The meeting minutes from April 13, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Bush and seconded by Milisa Carty. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **COMP TIME:** Mike Carty reported that the current liability increased by around \$2,000.00 over last month. He said this issue is something that needs sorted out. There was more discussion on the handbook's 35 hour work week and the possibility of changing that to a 40 hour work week. He said a joint meeting was scheduled with the Commissioners on May 19, 2015 and suggested the matter be discussed at that time.
- V. **COUNTY TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT.** Michael Carty acknowledged receipt of the report.
- VI. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Two reporting only transfers were reviewed. There was some discussion as to why the Highway was transferring from Road Materials to Machinery. Commissioner Wilson said they needed to pay on their lease. There were some questions as to why because those funds were appropriated in the Highway Capital Improvement Fund. Wilson did not have an answer as to why more money was needed.

The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds. The following resolution was adopted.

TRANSFERS

Be it resolved, the Vermillion County Council hereby approves the following request for transfer:

Milisa Carty made a motion to adopt the following transfer; the motion was seconded by Bush and carried unanimously.

Amount: \$800.00
From: 1176-31402-000-0533
Highway/Communications
To: 1176-21700-000-0533
Highway/Tires

VII. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President Michael Carty reviewed the appropriations from the written requests submitted by Auditor Phyllis Orman. Thus, the following ordinance was adopted: WHEREAS: it has been determined it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget for 2015, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Vermillion County Indiana, for the expenses of said county government, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set out of the funds herein specified, subject to the law governing the same:

Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. Motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Highway	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
1176-41102-000-0533 Highway/Machinery		
New road maintainer to maintain gravel roads.		

Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Motion carried

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Convention and Recreation	\$700.00	\$700.00
7304-33400-000-0267 Vermillion County Historical Society		
Increase in water bill due to new sewer system.		

VIII. **OPEN ISSUES:**

- Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority. No one present.
- County Engineer. Joint meeting scheduled for May 19, 2015 at 9 a.m.
- Former Sheriff Spence Comp Time. The council discussed the 480 hours of comp time that former Sheriff Bob Spence had accumulated prior to his being elected Sheriff. Spence provided the proper documentation to the Commissioners at their last meeting and they voted in favor of paying him. The State Board of Accounts requires the Council to approve the request as well. Milisa Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor. There was some discussion as to whether this was to go through payroll or accounts payable. Orman said she would ask State Board of Accounts. There was also discussion where to pay it from and it was decided to pay it out of the Sheriff's overtime budget. Sheriff Michael Phelps said that will hurt his budget but also stated he had some extra money in a deputy account that he could transfer from if needed.
- Wheel/Surtax Ordinance. The ordinance was done December 2014 so nothing new needed to be done at this time.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Amended Salary Ordinance-Intern. Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
- Governmental Consulting Services Agreement. Orman reported there was no price increase. McLain made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
- E911. E911 Director Derek Williams spoke about the radio upgrades that were needing to be done. He said 911 is allowed to pay 50% and would like to ask the council to approve

the funds to pay for that out of the 911 fund. He said he will submit an official request at the June meeting but wanted to give them some information on the issue. He said the upgrade to the P-25 is mandated by the state and that 911 would be providing 3 new radios for each police and fire department in the county. He said Emergency Management Director Mark O’Heir has put a lot of work in finding ways to reduce these costs. He also said various fundraisers are being done to cover the remaining costs.

- Hamilton Center. Sheriff Michael Phelps said he will be asking for an additional \$3,650.00 to cover the remaining costs for the Hamilton Center inmate education program. He said the Local Coordinating Council has agreed to pay \$4,600.00. He said the request will be made from the Misdemeanant fund at the June meeting.

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Michael Carty, President

Michael Costello, Vice-President

Randy Dreher

James McLain

William Brent Bush

Jill Wesch

Milisa Carty

NAY

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

Michael Carty, President

ATTEST:

Phyllis Orman, Auditor