

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday, August 10, 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 August 10, 2015
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were President Michael Carty, Vice-President Michael Costello, Randy Dreher, James McLain, Milisa Carty, Jill Wesch, William Brent Bush, First Deputy Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. **MINUTES:** The meeting minutes from July 13, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Wesch and seconded by McLain. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **COMP TIME:** Mike Carty reported that they had just received the comp time report and has not had a chance to review it but said it appears to have gone down around \$1,000.00. He said he would like to see a break out of the hours over 40 for everyone except the Highway and Jail. He said they need to discuss the contingent liability that this report represents. He said currently he is aware of 2 people that are wanting to claim comp time and has heard there will be more. He stated no one is being paid at this time because no one has submitted a claim. Commissioner President Tim Wilson said they need to make sure the claims that are submitted are legitimate claims and if not they will turn it over to the state police for investigation. Michael Carty suggested they have the county attorney, Jon Spurr, work with State Board of Accounts to review the claims. He said he would like for the issue to be resolved before budget hearings. McLain suggested they put a stipulation on the time frame of when people can turn in a claim. Attorney Don Darnell said there should be a reasonable time period to file a claim. Michael Carty said they will have the State Board of Accounts address it and said a precedence was set when they paid the former Sheriff for time owed. Darnell said that was a different scenario, he had documentation to back that up. Costello said he still has some questions about a few on the list that are claiming comp time that he feels should not be and suggested that look into that in the near future as well. Michael Carty said the new handbook does define exempt and non-exempt employees. He said it all falls back to the federal guidelines.
- V. **COUNTY TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT.** Michael Carty acknowledged receipt of the report.
- VI. **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 |
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| MVH | \$2,100.00 | \$2,100.00 |
| 1176-20216-000-0531 MVH/ Bituminous/Maintenance and Repair. Sold a truck. | | |

VII. OPEN ISSUES:

- Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority. Costello asked how the intern was doing. Wesch said she would talk to Elizabeth Burroughs and have her update everyone on the work being done by the intern.
- County Engineer. Nothing new to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Deputy Prosecutor. Jill Wesch reported that she and her husband have opened their own law firm in Cayuga. She said she also accepted a part-time Deputy Prosecutor job in the Prosecutor’s office and would start that job tomorrow. She said the job is contractual and the Prosecutor has researched if there would be conflict of interest with her working for him and being on the county council. There would not be because Prosecutor’s are considered state employees. She submitted the documentation from that research. She said she would abstain from all issues regarding the Prosecutor’s office.

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Michael Carty, President

Michael Costello, Vice-President

Randy Dreher

James McLain

William Brent Bush

Jill Wesch

Milisa Carty

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

Michael Carty, President

ATTEST:

Phyllis Orman, Auditor