

# ***Vermillion County Commissioner's & Council Joint Meeting Agenda/Minutes***

Tuesday October 13, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Vermillion County Commissioner's & Council convened in a special meeting on Tuesday October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL.** Members present were Commissioner's: President Tim Wilson, Vice-President Harry Crossley and Auditor Phyllis Orman. Council: President Michael Carty, Vice-President Michael Costello, Randy Dreher, James McLain, Jill Wesch, Brent Bush, Basil Ave, and Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. **MONIES REGARDING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> PAY IN 2016.** Concerns over the 27<sup>th</sup> pay were addressed. Council President Michael Carty Explained that the problem stems from the salary ordinance. He stated that a regular deputy in 2015 get paid \$15.04 per hour and that the next year with a \$500 raise the hourly rate would increase to \$15.28. He said the bi-weekly pay based on an 80 hour week would be \$1,222.04. He said that will remain the same. He said there will be no pay cut. He said the problem is that the salary ordinance does not correctly reflect the pay periods and pay dates as it should. He said that employees received a check on October 9 and it was for the pay period ending September 24. He said what should happen is that the first two paycheck in 2016, which are for days worked in 2015, be paid at the 2015 rate. He said January 1, 2016 is for the period ending December 17, 2015. January 15, 2016 is for the period ending December 31, 2015. He said the current practice will deplete the appropriation on December 18, 2015 resulting in employee's being paid in advanced. He said the council approved a \$500.00 raise and if they write the salary ordinance to reflect it correctly no one will be shorted. Councilman Randy Dreher asked what was done the last time this situation came up. Payroll Becky Julian said that in 2004 the employees were given a \$750 raise and the yearly salary was divided between 27 pays. Councilman Michael Costello suggested they give the \$500 raise and then divide the salary by 27 pays. Commissioner Harry Crossley said he agreed with Carty and suggested they proceed the way he suggests. Commissioner Tim Wilson said as long as employees are getting their money he would agree as well. The commissioners agreed to take it under advisement and will discuss it at their November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- IV. **2016 BUDGETS.** Some changes were made that did not satisfy the Prosecutor. Upon further discussion, all the Prosecutor's original requests were approved.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on November 9, 2015 and by the Vermillion County Commissioners on November 2, 2015.

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Michael Carty, President

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Michael Costello, Vice-President

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Randy Dreher

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James McLain

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William Brent Bush

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Jill Wesch

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Basil Ave

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Tim Wilson

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Harry Crossley

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis Orman, Auditor