

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Agenda

June 13, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Call to order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday June 13, 2016.
- II. Roll call. Members present were Michael Costello, Jill Wesch, Michael Carty, Brent Bush, Jim McLain, Basil Ave, Auditor Phyllis Orman, First Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell. Randy Dreher was absent.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. The minutes from May 9, 2016 were approved on a motion made by Carty and seconded by Bush with one correction on page 2 where the word “left “was used but it should have been “less”. The motion carried.
- IV. Comp Time. Costello acknowledged receipt of the comp time report.
- V. County Treasurer’s Report for April 2016. Costello acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurer’s Report for April 2016.
- VI. Additional Appropriations.
 - a) The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President Michael Costello 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 2016, 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:

County General 1000-37600-000-0130. \$20,000.00

Increase in juveniles being sent to Southwest due to crimes being committed. Motion to allow by Carty, seconded by McLain. Wesch abstained. Motion carried.

County General 1000-32501-000-0123. \$1,800.00.

October, November and December 2016 rent for Office space at the old Speedcobuilding in Cayuga. Ave made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.

County General 1000-31401-000-0150. ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$2,500.00

Not enough funds to compensate doctors for exams requested by the sheriff’s department. Carty made a motion to allow \$2,500.00, seconded by Ave. Motion carried.

Rainy Day 1186-44000-000-0506. \$180,000.00.

Cumulative Bridge fund low on cash. McLain made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. Carty opposed. Motion carried.

County General 1000-44000-000-0130 ~~\$180,000.00~~ \$0

Cumulative Bridge fund low on cash. Motion withdrawn as it was accepted from Rainy Day fund.

Clerks Perpetuation Fund 1119-38302-000-0274. \$1,460.00

Permission to spend for trust checks. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush.
Motion carried.

VII. Open issues

- b) Public Safety Fund. Phelps asked the council to consider implementing a public safety tax. He said the tax would benefit law enforcement and all fire departments in the county. The Council agreed to look into it more. Tabled.
- c) Health Insurance. Discussed during joint meeting.

VIII. New business

- a) Local Match for the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant. Commissioner Tim Yocum discussed a local match grant that would help with funding for the paving of county roads. He said the state has set aside \$150 million in a Local Road and Bridge matching grant program. He said the grant is a 50/50 match which means the state will match any money the county sets aside. He said the county has \$300,000.00 in highway funds that can be used and he is present tonight to ask the council to put up \$500,000 out of the Rainy Day fund. He said all money would be transferred to a special Rainy Day Fund and then if chosen, the state will match it dollar for dollar. He asked that the council commit the money from Rainy Day so the commissioners can move forward. Carty said there is more to it than that and stated that a plan needed to be submitted to be considered. He said he has asked for that plan for several years. Yocum said they are working on the plan. All the grant requires is that they grade their roads. Carty thought it should be more than just grading a road, that they should take into account other factors as well. Bush asked if the money had to be spent by the end of the year and Yocum said he was not sure but would find out. He said it would not be an issue to have it spent by the end of the year. There was also discussion on what would happen to the money if the county did not get the grant. Yocum said he would email the state and find out. Yocum told the council that the grant application was due by July 15th so he would need an answer in order to move forward. Darnell explained that an additional appropriation request needed to be submitted before the council could take action. Tolbert explained that an additional request requires 10-day advertisement prior to meeting. Yocum said he will submit the request for the July council meeting. There was some discussion as to whether this would allow enough time since the meeting is on the 11th and the application is due on the 15th. (The deadline was extended so a special meeting was not needed and the request will be heard at the July 11th meeting)
- b) Compliance with Statement of Benefits for White Construction, Eli Lilly and Tin, Inc. Costello acknowledged receipt of the compliance with state of benefits and signed the forms
- c) IBTR hearings. Assessor Kilgore said she has a high end appeal that she needs to defend and is going to need to request funds to hire an attorney to represent her and the county. She said she feels strongly that they need to stand up to defend this assessment and that the ramifications could be huge if the appeal does not go in their favor. Darnell asked if it would come out of Cumulative Reassessment and Kilgore said yes. She will submit a request for the July 11th meeting.

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

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Michael Costello, President

Jill Wesch, Vice-President

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Randy Dreher

Michael Carty

William Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Basil Ave

ATTEST:

Phyllis Orman, Auditor