

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Agenda

October 12, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Call to order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.
- II. Roll call. Members present were Jill Wesch, Randy Dreher, Michael Carty, Brent Bush, Jim McLain, Basil Ave, Bob Spence, Auditor Phyllis Orman, First Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. Council President, Jill Wesch welcomed Bob Spence who was caucused in on October 8, 2016 to fill the remainder of Costello's term.
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting. The minutes from September 12, September 13, and October 3, 2016 were approved on a motion made by Dreher and seconded by Ave. Motion carried.
- V. Comp Time Report. Wesch acknowledged receipt of the report.
- VI. County Treasurers Report. N/A
- VII. Transfer of Funds.

County General/Circuit Court \$446.28 from Court Reporter 1 to Court Reporter 2. Transfer requested to make equal pay for both court reporters. An amended salary ordinance was also submitted to amend the salary for Court Reporter 1 to \$1,304.30 bi-weekly and for Court Reporter 2 to \$1,304.30 bi-weekly. Ave made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.

County General/Commissioners Court. \$6,000.00 from GIS and \$6,000.00 from Telephone to Highway Garage Repair. Transfer requested to build a post frame, 3-sided building with roof to house highway equipment. Ave made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. Dreher and McLain were opposed. Motion carried.

Victims Assistance. \$377.29 from Unemployment to Victims Assistance Coordinator. Transfer requested to pay remainder of grant funds. (See additional appropriations for additional funds for grant) Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Carty. Motion carried.
- VIII. Additional Appropriations

The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President Jill Wesch 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:

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General/Sheriff	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Matching grant to send to schools for School Resource Officers. Sheriff Phelps reported that each district will receive \$15,000.00. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. Motion carried.		

County General/EOC \$666.98 and \$599.03 \$666.98 and \$599.03
Grant payments received for equipment installed in the County Mobile Command. Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by Carty. Motion carried.

County General/Sheriff	\$6,402.00	\$6,402.00
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Driving Enforcement Grant. An amended salary ordinance was also submitted to amend the salary to \$27.72 per hour. McLain made a motion to allow, seconded by Ave. Motion carried.

County General/Commissioners Court \$396.92 and \$92.83 \$396.92 and \$92.83
Social security and medicare for the above driving enforcement grant. McLain made a motion to allow, seconded by Ave. Motion carried.

Victims Assistance	\$1,005.00	\$1,005.00
Pay for remainder of grant. (See also transfer of funds) An amended salary ordinance was also submitted to amend the salary to \$1,101.35. Spence made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. Motion carried.		

Victims Assistance	\$24.00 and \$4.00	\$24.00 and \$4.00
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Social security and medicare for the above Victims Assistance grant. Spence made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. Motion carried.

IX. Amended Salary Ordinance-See transfer of funds and additional appropriations.

X. Open issues

- a) Jail Energy Savings and Jail Expansion. Phelps said they received 3 requests for qualifications and the Commissioners have forwarded them to the committee for review.
- b) Health Insurance. It was agreed to hold a joint meeting on November 14th to discuss health insurance, EDIT tax and public safety tax.
- c) Hamilton Center. Emily Owens provided a report on the services that Hamilton Center provides to Vermillion County. Hamilton Center receives \$137,890 from the county and they are the designated provider per the State of Indiana. They are also the only mental health facility in Vermillion County. Rob Johnson said Hamilton Center served 542 clients during the fiscal year and 82% of those were below the poverty level. He said the expenses include \$437,543 in salaries and benefits, \$426,181 for other expenses, and \$274,800 for inpatient care. He said around \$138,328 is for charity care and bad debt. He said Hamilton Center employs 31 Vermillion County residents. Phelps said he is much happier with their services now that Mary Beth Dougherty has taken over. Prosecutor Aukerman questioned why the jail services are billed separately. Johnson said those services are beyond the scope of the contract.

XI. New business

- a) 2017 Budget Adoption:

Vermillion County: Ave made a motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. Motion carried.
Solid Waste: Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.
Vermillion Township. Ave made a motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. Motion carried.

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

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Jill Wesch, President

Randy Dreher

Michael Carty

William Brent Bush

Jim McLain

Basil Ave

Bob Spence

ATTEST:

Phyllis Orman, Auditor