

# ***Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda***

Monday May 14, 2012

7:00 pm

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Invitees: Public Meeting

- I. Call to order. President Mike Carty called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll call. Present were Mike Carty, Brent Bush, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, Mike Costello, Randy Padish, Attorney Don Darnell, First-Deputy Amy Tolbert, and Payroll Deputy Becky Julian. Lavonna Mattick was absent.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. 2 grammatical errors were noted in minutes. Dreher made a motion to allow the minutes with the errors corrected, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
- IV. Transfer of funds: Adult Probation \$23.76 from Incentive to Life Insurance and \$2,657.00 from Incentive to Group Insurance. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor. Economic Development \$702.00 from Capital Outlays to Group Insurance. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor. Health Department \$369.00 from Travel to Group Insurance. Dreher motion to allow, seconded by McLain. All were in favor. Health Department \$108.00 from PERF to Unemployment. Costello motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor. County General \$29,450.00 from Overtime to Group Insurance. Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. All were in favor.
- V. Additional Appropriations. Local Emergency Planning Right to Know. Leonard Helt presented a total of \$14,000.00 in additional appropriations. He explained that no tax dollars are used to fund this and has operated without a budget since 1988 but has since found out that a council approved budget is needed. He said the committee helps prepare emergency response plans for possible emergencies and works with EOC Director Mark O'Heir. Carty questioned why the council had to act on this since they really had nothing to do with it. He asked Helt to bring someone from the Indiana Emergency Response Commission to help explain it to them. The additional request was tabled by a motion from Padish and seconded by Dreher. All were in favor. Highway \$25,500 to cover the cost of the insurance increase. Costello noted that the county had already given the Highway \$100,000.00 to cover insurance. Carty stated that other departments covered their increase by transfers not additional appropriations. Tolbert explained that the Highway has already transferred out their \$100,000.00 to be used where needed in their budget. Dreher made a motion to disallow and suggested they transfer the money instead of asking for additional money, seconded by Costello. All were in favor. Highway \$893.00 from the selling of scrap. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Area Plan Commission \$5,025.00 that was tabled from

last month for attorney fees for Larry Thomas. Last month the council asked Darnell to do some research and determine if the fees should be paid by the county. Darnell said the law suit did not mention Area Plan only Ann Smith and Lisa Gilman as individuals. The lawsuit did not say the county had to pay the attorney fees. He said he discussed the issue with the State Board of Accounts and they indicated it was up to the council whether to appropriate the funds or not. Carty asked if the suit was filed by two individuals and Thomas said it was filed by the Executive Director and a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Dreher asked who the Executive Director was and Thomas said Ann Smith was. He then asked if it was an advertised position and Thomas said it did not have to be advertised. There were some questions about when the APC met, if they still held regular meetings. Thomas said they stopped when the Commissioners advised them to. Carty asked how the APC decided to sue if they had not had meetings. Thomas said the Executive Director is allowed to do so without board approval. Commissioner Crossley said he has been here 20 years and never heard of an executive director until Smith was supposedly appointed. APC member Lary Langley stated that the APC had meetings every month except in September and October 2011, when there was no business and asked how anything could of taken place when they did not meet. Costello asked about the salary for the executive director and Tolbert explained that there is no such position. Thomas said it was changed back to zoning administrator when the commissioners took over. Tolbert said there never was an executive director. The budget was turned in with the account number for the zoning administrator. An account number for an executive director does not exist and has never existed. Langley said they have an executive director but she has not been to work all year. Crossley asked Langley if the APC had appointed Smith as the executive director and Langley said no. After the discussion the Council agreed that the county was not responsible to cover these costs. Dreher made a motion to disallow the request, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.

VI. Open issues

- a) other

VII. New business

- a) SWCD Staffing. Joel Welsh reported that SWCD employee Meg Leader will be moving to Colorado with her husband who has accepted an 11 month teaching position, after which he will be returning to Rose-Hulman. During this time, the district board has worked out a system where Leader can perform many of her duties via skype, email and other means while returning to the county several times over the next 11 months. She will attend meetings via skype. Carty asked that they please keep the Commissioners and Council informed what is going on.
- b) Dreher reported that the Parks Department has done an excellent job on the Blanford Baseball Park.
- c) other

VIII. Adjournment

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 11th day of June 2012.

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Michael Carty

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Randy Padish

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Randy Dreher

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Michael Costello

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Lavonna Mattick

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William Brent Bush

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Jim McLain

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