

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Commissioner’s Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday February 13, 2017.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were President Jill Wesch, Brent Bush, Ashley James, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, Mike Carty, Bob Spence, Auditor Amy Tolbert, 1st Deputy Auditor Stephanie Hillyer and County Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. There was some discussion on whether Mike Carty said something that was stated in the minutes. Tabled until next meeting. A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Bob Spence to approve the minutes as corrected for the Joint meeting held on January 24, 2017. All in favor.
- IV. County Treasurer’s Report. Jill Wesch acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s Report.
- V. Comp. Time Report. There was some discussion on the few employees that were over the 160 hours, and Harry Crossley said the highway employees wanted the time off and not the overtime pay. The council questioned that but said they are okay with the time off.

VI. Transfer of Funds.

Reporting only. Treasurer’s Office/County General transferring \$5,000.00 from Official Records to Office Supplies to purchase desks. No council action needed.

County General/Vermillion County Jail \$1500.00 from Assistant Cook to \$500.00 Jailer #12, \$500.00 Jailer #13, \$500.00 Jailer #14. Randy Dreher made a motion to allow the transfer and also the amended salary ordinance for the jailers, seconded by Ashley James. Motion carried.

VCEDC \$1396.50 from Capital Projects to Extra Help Pay. Bob Spence made a motion to allow seconded by Randy Dreher. Motion carried.

VII. Additional Appropriations.

The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President Jill Wesch reviewed the appropriations from the written requests submitted by Auditor Amy Tolbert. 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 2017, 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:

Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

Mike Phelps stated that this is to re-appropriate funds for the SRO Grant Match.

Dreher made a motion to not allow, seconded by Bush. Carty opposed. Motion carried.

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Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by James. Motion carried.

This was requested to be paid in County General and did not get approved.

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Bond Project Expenses

A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Bush to allow. Motion carried.

This is for set up of the PHER budget for the remaining fiscal year 2016-2017.

Randy Dreher asked Mary Crotty why they needed storage units. Crotty stated

A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Bush to allow. Dreher opposed. Motion carried.

This is the Community Crossings Grant \$720,027.50 plus \$500,000.00 matching from Rainy Day Fund. Tolbert explained the correct way of reflecting the \$220,000 that was supposed to be grant expenses that were paid from MVH & Other Funds which were then reimbursed in 2017 would have been to do a correction of error in 2016 and move those expenses from MVH & Other Funds to the grant fund, but since the 2016 records have been closed out that cannot be done. The most appropriate way to handle it is do the correction of error in 2017 records for the \$220,000 per State Board of Accounts. This will show as negative \$220,000 in expenses in MVH & Other Funds in 2017 and move the expenses to the Grant Fund.

VIII. Open Issues

- a. Jail energy saving/expansion. Mike Phelps reported that the plans for the energy savings project at the jail are on hold until it is decided if the existing jail will be fixed and expanded or if a new jail will be built. However, he did state that the geothermal heating and cooling system at the jail still needs to be repaired, which will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Wesch stated that they haven't had a formal request for the money for the geothermal heating and cooling system.

Kevin Meyer with RQAW introduced himself and gave some background on RQAW's services. He also stated that he's from Knox County and is a former Knox County Commissioner. He explained that they design and build jails. He discussed the pod system that they have done in the past and stated he would

like for the Council to come visit the Knox and Daviess County jails that they designed and built.

- b. Health Insurance. There was nothing new. Tolbert said she would have Becky call Jacque Pentell with USI and follow up.
- c. Jill Wesch brought up the contract with Umbaugh and she stated that she had talked to Jason Semler. Wesch said it was stated that they would talk to different individuals but that Semler said they wouldn't meet with different individuals. She said he told her that it was up to the county to determine what the actual need is and once he has that he will get the numbers to them.

IX. New Business.

- a. Misdemeanant Fund. Mike Phelps presented an informal request for an additional \$8305.00 to pay an outstanding invoice for a heated food cart. If not paid on time they will have to pay \$280 penalty. He will bring it formally before them at the next meeting.
- b. Library Board Appointments. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by Spence to appoint Sue Myers and Janine Ostrum to the Vermillion County Public Library. Motion carried.

- X. Adjourn. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by James to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Jill Wesch, President

Mike Carty

Brent Bush

Ashley James

Jim McLain

Randy Dreher

Bob Spence

ATTEST:

Amy L. Tolbert, Auditor