

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

March 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. Monday March 13, 2017.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were Brent Bush, Jim McLain, Jill Wesch, Mike Carty, Bob Spence, Auditor Amy Tolbert, 1st Deputy Auditor Stephanie Hillyer and Council Attorney Don Darnell. Absent were Ashley James and Randy Dreher.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. A motion was made by Brent Bush and seconded by Bob Spence to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 and the February 13, 2017 meetings. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. County Treasurer's Report. Jill Wesch acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurer's Report.
- V. Comp Time Report. Jill Wesch commented that the comp time had gone up a little.
- VI. 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:

Brent Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by Mike Carty. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Misdemeanant	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00

The requested funds are to pay for Female Offenders Moral Recognition Therapy Classes, also known as MRT.

A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Jim McLain to allow. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Misdemeanant	\$8305.00	\$8305.00

The requested funds are to be used to pay an outstanding invoice for a heated food cart, and all other improvement invoices outstanding from remodel in dispatch and new cell bunks.

VII. Open Issues.

- a. Jail energy savings/expansion. Mike Phelps said this could be removed from the agenda. He said until a decision is made to build a new jail or renovate the existing jail we really can't take the next step. Phelps said we could be getting into \$1 million worth of work, and not knowing if we're going to stay there

another 20 years. He said these projects are designed to pay for themselves through energy savings over a 15 to 20 year period.

- b. Health Insurance. Mike Carty said they had a meeting this morning with Jacque Pentell and Jessica Hawkins from USI and he thought it went well. They scheduled another meeting for next week.

VIII. New Business.

- a. Economic Development Commission appointments. Economic Development Executive Director Dylan Rikken was here to discuss two appointments to the Economic Development Board. Rikken said that Thom Franz is retiring and he suggested Jessica Purcell take his place as a member from the financial sector. He also had a letter from Brian Hughes to be the other appointment to the Economic Development Board. There were some questions about the appointment and Mike Carty suggested that we look into this before appointing Hughes. A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Brent Bush to appoint Jessica Purcell to the Economic Development Board from the Financial Sector. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Jim McLain to table the appointment of Brian Hughes to the Economic Development Council until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Incarceration Fee Fund Ordinance. This is an Amendment to Ordinance 2007-004. The original ordinance had the money collected by the Sheriff to be paid to the Clerk and the Clerk was to put it into fund #513 (Incarceration Fee Fund). The Clerk was depositing it into the General Fund instead of fund #513 (Incarceration Fee Fund) which is now fund #1130 (Prisoner Reimbursement for Incarceration). The amendment to the ordinance states that all monies collected as a result of the imposition of this fee shall be paid into the Office of the Auditor of Vermillion County for deposit into Fund #1130, Prisoner Reimbursement for Incarceration. Phelps said that there is currently \$21,700 in the general fund from this fee, which may be moved to the Prisoner Reimbursement for Incarceration Fund if the council chooses to do so. A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Brent Bush to approve the amendment to the ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. DOC Payments. Phelps said that the money received from housing DOC offenders is currently also going into the general fund. He said this generated \$66,000 last year and is likely to generate more this year. Phelps suggested the money should be put aside for use at the jail. Carty agreed that the money should be set aside so that it is easier to identify where it came from. He said if it's from the jail, it should be used for the jail. Auditor Amy Tolbert said the council would have to approve an ordinance establishing a fund for the money if they wanted it placed in a separate fund. Jill Wesch said a separate fund may not be necessary as long as the money is tracked separately. Carty said the problem is when you close out the year you lose your balance. He said if it is placed in a separate fund it would stay there unless it was used. Wesch asked Phelps to verify if there were any state statutes addressing what was required to be done with the money and to get an ordinance written up and present it at the next meeting.
- d. Jail Maintenance Water Heaters. Mike Phelps said they are leaking and need replaced. He has two estimates for \$15,000 and \$18,000 and is waiting on the third estimate. Tabled until next month.
- e. Bob Grewe – Vermillion Rise. Stephanie Hillyer told the Council that Bob Grewe called that morning and would be unable to make the meeting.

- f. Ambulance. Tim Wilson told the Council they are working on specs to ask for proposals for a paramedic ambulance service.

Adjourn. Having no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Bob Spence to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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Jill Wesch, President

Mike Carty, Vice President

Brent Bush

Ashley James

Jim McLain

Randy Dreher

Bob Spence
ATTEST:

Amy Tolbert, Auditor