

Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting on August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were Brent Bush, Ashley James, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, President Jill Wesch, Mike Carty, Bob Spence, Council Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Amy Tolbert and first deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson.

- III. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Randy Dreher and seconded by Jim McLain to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Council meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

There was some discussion on the July 17, 2017 joint meeting minutes, Mike Carty stated that he thought he said Public Safety and not Certified Shares. After further review it is noted that he said Certified Shares.

A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Bob Spence to approve the minutes for the July 17, 2017 Joint Commissioners and Council meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

- IV. County Treasurers Report. Jill Wesch acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurers Report.

- V. Comp Time Report. Wesch said comp time for the highway department and the Extension office went up. She said the Extension office was probably due to the Vermillion County Fair. Tim Wilson said the highway comp time was due to road work. Mike Carty said there were several over the 160 hour limit. Wilson said they have until October 1st to get it back down.

- VI. Transfer of Funds.

Reporting only. Assessor \$625.00 from Travel to Training and Conference.

Reporting only. Auditor \$76.82 from Third Deputy to First Deputy.

Reporting only. PHPER \$50.00 from Equipment Maintenance to Storage Unit.

Local Health Maintenance Fund. Requesting to transfer \$800.00 from Vaccine/Medical Supplies to Travel. Mary Crotty said the amount is needed to cover travel for Sanitarian for the remainder of 2017. A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Bob Spence to approve the transfer for Local Health Maintenance Fund. All in favor, 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:

| FUND/DEPT | AMOUNT REQUESTED | AMOUNT APPROVED |
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| General Fund | \$3,600.00 | \$3,600.00 |
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The Extension Office is requesting an additional of \$3,600.00 that the Prosecutors Office dedicated for Extension Office rent. The funds are to be used for ADA Accessible door openers at 703 W. Park, which is the Extension Office location. A

motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Brent Bush to allow. All in favor, except Randy Dreher who voted no. Motion carried.

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| General Fund | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
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A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Randy Dreher to approve the additional of \$6,000.00 to pay Umbaugh. All in favor, motion carried.

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| Misdemeanant | \$2,350.00 | \$2,350.00 |
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A motion was made by Brent Bush and seconded by Ashley James to approve the additional of \$2,350.00 for the Misdemeanant Fund for group services provided by the Hamilton Center, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.

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| Misdemeanant | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 |
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A motion was made by Brent Bush and seconded by Ashley James to approve the additional of \$4,000.00 for the Misdemeanant fund to pay for Female Offenders Moral Reconation Therapy Classes. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Open Issues

- a. LIT (Local Income Tax). Jill Wesch said there is a meeting on August 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to decide on the Local Income Tax increase.
- b. Ambulance. There was extensive discussion among the residents in attendance and the council members regarding the recently awarded Ambulance contract. Mike Carty said that the Council’s only responsibility is to approve funding, and that the current budget only includes \$290,000 for ambulance service. Council attorney Don Darnell asked if this should be taken up during budget hearings in September. Carty said that he believes the commissioners and county residents want to know if the contract will be funded. Jill Wesch said it would probably be necessary to know if a Local Income Tax increase, scheduled to be considered on August 24, is approved before the Council could make a final decision on the ambulance cost. Wesch said she is not saying to ignore it this evening, but we’re not in a position to say one hundred percent. Several residents spoke either in favor or against the newly awarded contract. Carty stated that the decision on who received the contract belonged to the commissioners, and not the Council. Carty said the commissioners did what they were elected to do and made a decision. They approved the contract subject to funding. Carty also said we have a meeting August 24 about the Local Income Tax, we’ll be able to decide whether we can come up with the money pending approval of the increase for the Local Income Tax.
- c. Amended Salary Ordinance – Health Department. The Council discussed an amended salary ordinance for the Public Health Coordinator Peggie Parsons from \$13 per hour to \$14 per hour and the money would be paid from the Emergency Preparedness Grant. Mary Crotty from the Health Department said that Parsons works 15 hours per week in that position, but often works extra hours. Crotty explained that between her two positions, as Public Health Coordinator and Public Health Educator, she is just below the maximum she can work and still be considered part-time. Crotty said if her hours were increased she would be considered full-time and the county would need to provide her benefits. Randy Dreher said he was wondering why her pay is higher than the county’s part-time rate of \$9.50 per hour. Crotty said that Parsons holds several certifications necessary for her positions, which caused her pay to be established at a higher rate when the position was created.

A motion was made by Randy Dreher and seconded by Brent Bush to allow the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. New Business

- a. Sheriff’s Commissary Fund. The Council reviewed a copy of the Sheriff’s Commissary Fund which is used to purchase commissary items, equipment, equipment leases/maintenance agreements, training seminars and other non budgeted items.

A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Randy Dreher to approve and sign the Sheriff’s Commissary Fund report. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Non-Binding Review Process and Recommendations. The Council reviewed the Non-Binding Review Process and Recommendations which stated at the first meeting in August the Council will review estimated max levy limits and estimated circuit breaker losses, provided by the Department of Local Government Finance. It also states that the Council recommends that each unit consider the estimated impact of circuit breaker loss (if any) to their budget for 2018.

A motion was made by Jim McLain and seconded by Bob Spence to approve the Non-Binding Review Process and Recommendations. All in favor, motion carried.

- c. Budget hearings. Mike Carty said they are getting ready to go into the budget hearings next month and he said the meeting next week about the Local Income Tax will have a significant impact on the budget hearings.

Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion was made to adjourn by Jim McLain, seconded Bob Spence. 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