

Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes

October 11, 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 Wednesday, October 11, 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, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson and Council Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Randy Dreher to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 and September 12, 2017 meetings. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report. Jill Wesch acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- V. Comp Time Report. Mike Carty said the Comp time went down \$4,000 from last month and there were only two individuals with more than the allowed 160 hours. The handbook states that anything over 160 hours has to be paid. It was stated that only the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Department go over the 160 hours.
- VI. Transfer of Funds
- Reporting only. Local Health Maintenance Fund transferring \$75.00 from Travel to Registration and Conference Fees.
- Reporting only. Public Defender transferring \$1400.00 from Witness Fees and \$2175.00 from Depositions to Exam by Court Appointed Physician.
- Reporting only. Coroner transferring \$1,500.00 from Training to Autopsy.

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
Cumulative Bridge	\$15,000.00	-0-

This is an additional appropriation for work to be done on Bridge 122. Bridge 122 is in Tim Yocum's district. It was declared an emergency during the Commissioner's meeting on September 5, 2017. Funds had previously been appropriated but it wasn't enough to cover the bids that came in. Mike Carty said he would like to know what determines an emergency. Bob Spence said he would have preferred one of the Commissioners attend the meeting to explain it.

A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Brent Bush to table the additional for Bridge 122 until the next meeting to have one of the Commissioners here to explain. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Allocation Fund		
for White Construction	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

This is appropriating funds for the White Construction Bond account.
A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Randy Dreher to approve the additional of \$30,000.00 for the Allocation Fund for White Construction. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
MVH	\$2,990.00	\$2,990.00

This is money collected for dust control.
A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Bob Spence to approve the additional of \$2,990.00 for MVH. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

This additional appropriation request is for the Coroner and needed for Autopsy fees.
A motion was made by Bob Spence and seconded by Jim McLain to approve the additional of \$10,000.00 for Autopsy fees. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$3354.00	\$3354.00

This is grant money received from the State for the Sheriff’s Department Driving Enforcement Grant that needs to be appropriated.
A motion was made by Brent Bush and seconded by Randy Dreher to approve the additional of \$3354.00 for the Sheriff’s Department for the Driving Enforcement Grant. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$24,995.00	\$24,995.00

This is for a Book Scanner to be used by any county office. The various offices will use their non-taxpayer dollars to pay maintenance and upkeep on machine. The Clerk has approximately 300-400 books she would like to scan and the Auditor has approximately 400 books she would like to scan. Amy Griffin said they would need a cart for the scanner so it could be moved to the different offices that need to use the book scanner. Randy Dreher said he would talk to the surveyor, Jared Dreher, about buying a cart for the book scanner out the Surveyor’s budget.
A motion was made by Randy Dreher and seconded by Mike Carty to approve the additional of \$24,995.00 out of County General for the Book Scanner. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$1,245.58	\$1,245.58

This is for the Assessor’s office. Karen Johnson was paid two weeks behind from 2016 but was paid in 2017 which will make this account short at the end of the year.
A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Randy Dreher to approve the additional from County General for the Assessor’s office. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$1,325.29	\$1,325.29

This is for the Auditor's office. Phyllis Orman was paid two weeks behind from 2016 but was paid in 2017 which will make this account short at the end of the year. A motion was made by Bob Spence and seconded by Jim McLain to approve the additional from County General of \$1,325.29 for the Auditor's office. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Open Issues

- a. Adoption of the 2018 Budget. Jill Wesch read the budget amount for each fund. The Council adopted the county's \$12,775,764 budget for 2018. The budget includes \$7,623,278 for the General Fund, \$281,976 for Reassessment, \$4,000 for Convention and Visitors Bureau, \$2,312,827 for Highway, \$262,000 for Highway Special, \$363,182 for Local Road and Street, \$635,000 for Cumulative Bridge, \$153,329 for Health, \$206,863 for Emergency Telephone System, \$21,350 for Plan Commission, \$157,600 for Cumulative Capital Development and \$754,355 for Economic Development. A motion was made by Randy Dreher and seconded by Mike Carty to adopt the 2018 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Vermillion Township Budget. The Council usually only makes nonbinding reviews of other taxing units' budgets, but because two of the three members of the Vermillion Township Board are also volunteer firefighters, the council is required to approve the Township's budget. The 2018 budget for Vermillion Township is \$77,388. That amount includes a general budget of \$35,988, Township assistance of \$30,300 and Fire fund in the amount of \$11,100. A motion was made by Jim McLain and seconded by Bob Spence to adopt the Vermillion Township Budget for 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. New Business

- a. Stipend/Bonus. Mike Carty said he's brought this up to the Council in past meetings. He said that last year they didn't have money for raises and they changed the insurance plan and he stated at that time if we saved money in the Insurance line, he would like the Council to consider giving a onetime stipend or bonus to the full time employees of the County. He said as of right now if we stay on this track the county should have around \$230,000 remaining in the Insurance line at the end of the year and he would like the Council to consider giving a onetime stipend or bonus to full time employees. After further discussion, the Council agreed to consider a \$1,000 stipend or bonus for full-time employees. This will be put on the agenda for the November meeting for consideration.

This discussion also led to discussion on the upcoming health insurance renewal at the beginning of 2018. They discussed options that the county could look into to save additional money. Bob Spence said he would like the Health Insurance committee to look into a co-op as one of the options. Ashley James is working on the renewal on behalf of the council and Clerk Amy Griffin agreed to work with James. Dreher also offered his help if needed.

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