

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. Roll Call.** Members present were President Michael Carty, William Brent Bush, Ashley James, Randy Dreher, James McLain, John Michael Major, Robert Spence, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and Council Attorney Scott Craig.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Major and seconded by Spence to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Treasurers Report.** Carty acknowledged receipt of the Treasurers report.
- VI. Comp Time Report.** Carty said that the comp time report went down about \$2,300 dollars.

VII. Transfer of Funds.

Reporting only. Cumulative Bridge requesting to transfer \$853.00 from Other Contract Service to Bridge Inspection.

Sheriff's Department requesting to transfer \$3,300.00 from Radio Upkeep to Other Garage Repair. This request is to pay outstanding invoice for engine repair. A motion was made by Major and seconded by James to approve the transfer for the Sheriff's Department. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Additional Appropriations.

The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President Michael Carty 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 2018, 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
Misdemeanant	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

The Sheriff's Department is asking for this amount to pay outstanding invoices for Adult Education Classes for Offenders taking GED classes, and for any further outstanding invoices they may receive in the future. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by James to approve the additional for \$5,000.00 for the Misdemeanant Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Highway	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00

This is money collected for Dust Control. A motion was made by Major and seconded by Spence to approve the additional for the Highway for the money collected for dust control. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Supp. Pub. Defender	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

This is money that was to be put back in the fund and account. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by Spence to approve the Additional for the Supplement Public Defender. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Certified Shares	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Public Safety	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00

The Commissioners would like to take these amounts and put them into the Cumulative Jail fund and invest these monies for future jail renovation and expansion. A motion was made by James and seconded by Bush to approve the additional for the Cumulative Jail fund. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Open Issues.

X. New Business.

- a. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance) Request for Temporary Funding Pending Grant Reimbursement.** Les Zimmerman from the VTA gave a presentation to the Council about the progress being made with the trails and the request for a reimbursable grant they are applying for. Zimmerman said they are applying for a \$150,000.00 grant from the Wabash River Heritage Corridor and the grant application is due October 1, 2018. Zimmerman told the Council that the request to fund the reimbursable grant is subject to approval. He said they are seeking approval of the Council to fund the reimbursable grant. He said the claims would need to be paid and submitted to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor for reimbursement.

Zimmerman told the Council that everything that has been done at the county farm has been donated and all the work that has been done was by volunteers. He said everything has to be ADA accessible. He said one of the criteria of the grant is the project has to be within a mile of the Wabash River. He said Parke County has already established a trail across Parke County's side of the bridge. He said the DNR really wants the bridge and really wants it going across the state. He said this fits all the criteria of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. Tom Milligan told the Council that at the state level \$90 million dollars has been designated for trails. He said the goal of the state is to have trails within five miles of every home to promote health and wellness. Milligan encouraged the Council to be a partner to make Vermillion County a better place to live. Major made a motion to table, motion dies. Carty stated that the application is due October 1, 2018 and they would not be meeting again until October 9, 2018 unless they wanted to have a special meeting to discuss the request. James said it's a reimbursable grant and doesn't cost the county anything. A motion was made by Spence and seconded by McLain to approve the \$150,000.00 to be reimbursed by a grant from the Wabash River Heritage Corridor pending approval of the grant. All in favor except Dreher and Major, who voted no. Motion carried.

- b. **Clinton Public Library – Additional Appropriation Resolution/Ordinance.** This is a Resolution/Ordinance that has to be approved by the County Council. A

motion was made by Major and seconded by McLain to approve the Clinton Public Library – Additional Appropriation Resolution/Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

c. **2019 Budget Hearings.**

Budgets considered were:

Area Plan
Clerk General
Auditor General
Treasurer General
Recorder General
Sheriff General
Surveyor General
Coroner General
Prosecutor General
Assessor General
Election General
Voter Reg General
Extension General
Area Plan General
Drainage General
Commissioners Court General
Courthouse General
Jail General
Emergency Management General
Circuit Court General
Child Support General
Building Inspection General
Park & Recreation General
Veterans Service Officer General
Soil & Water General
Public Defender General
Probation General
Clerk Perpetuation
Assessment Training
Covered Bridge
Cumulative Bridge
Cumulative Capital Development
Drug Free Community/Countermeasure
Economic Development
LEPRK
Health County
ID Security Protection
Health Local
Local Roads & Streets
Motor Vehicle Highway Admin
Motor Vehicle Highway Maintenance
Motor Vehicle Highway General
Health Local Trust
Victims Assistance
Auditor's Ineligible Deduction
Elected Officials Training

E911
Probation Adult
Probation Juvenile
Circuit Court Alternative Dispute
Circuit Court User Fee
Pre-Trial Diversion
Highway Capital Improvement
Circuit Court Family Court Grant
Cumulative Reassessment
Convention & Recreation
Health – PHER
Health Vaccine
LIT Certified Shares
LIT Public Safety
STOP Grant
Allocation Fund
CASA

There was considerable discussion on raising elected officials’ salaries \$3,000.00 except for Sheriff, Judge, Prosecutor, Council and Commissioners. James suggested a percentage. No one agreed on a percentage or an amount. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by Dreher to give all elected officials a \$2,000.00 raise. Dreher, McLain, and James voted yes. Bush, Carty, Major, and Spence voted no. Motion dies.

There was further discussion on giving everyone a \$1,000 raise except for the Assessor’s Office, Prosecutor’s Office, EOC Director and Economic Development Director because they were approved at a higher amount.

The discussion on salaries was tabled until the next meeting when the salary ordinance would be discussed.

XI. Adjourn

Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion was made to adjourn by Dreher, seconded by Major. All in favor, motion carried.

AYENAY

Michael Carty, President

Randy Dreher

William Brent Bush

Ashley James

James McLain

Robert Spence

John Michael Major

ATTEST:

Amy Tolbert, Auditor