

Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:30 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, Robert Spence, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and Council Attorney Donald Bonomo.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Bush and seconded by Spence to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2018 Special meeting, and approve as amended the minutes from the April 11, 2018 Joint meeting and the May 14, 2018 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurers Report.** Carty acknowledged receipt of the Treasurers Report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** Carty stated that the amount of accumulated comp time has went down by about \$1,000.00. Commissioner Harry Crossley told the Council that the comp time amounts would be going up, due to the hours worked by the highway department employees cleaning up from the recent thunderstorms. Carty stated he would like to see employees take time off when they can, so the amount can be reduced further. Carty also questioned the comp time for Zoning Administrator Penney Barton and Veterans Officer Phil Hutson, both of whom, Carty said, do not report directly to anyone, and function as department heads. Carty said it's no problem if they take it and not let it grow, but why it needs to accumulate, I really can't understand. He said if the State Board of Accounts looked at it, because it's not approved overtime, it could be questioned. Crossley said that part of Hutson's comp time comes from attending funerals on Saturdays and traveling to Indianapolis. Carty said if Hutson has a day during the week when he does not have to drive veterans anywhere, he should take some time off to use up the comp time.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds.**
 - Reporting only. Commissioners Court requesting to transfer \$700.00 from Postage to Equipment and Maintenance.
 - Reporting only. LHD Trust requesting to transfer \$1,750.00 from Office Furniture and Fixtures to Office Equipment.
 - Reporting only. LHD Trust requesting to transfer \$500.00 from Medical Supplies to Equipment repair.

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
General Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Reporting only additional. This amount is from insurance check reimbursement for tow Police Vest/Carriers damaged in flood in December 2017 at the Vermillion County Jail.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
General Fund	\$1,147.90	\$1,147.90

Reporting only additional. This amount is from insurance check reimbursement for equipment damaged in flood December 2017 at the Vermillion County Jail.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Certified Shares	\$2,500.00	\$500.00

The Council discussed a request for money for a historical marker to honor Henry Dana Washburn. Although the request from Commissioner Tim Yocum was for \$2,500.00, the full cost of the marker, Yocum was only asking for \$500.00 at this time, as there is other fundraising taking place. There was some discussion regarding the location of the marker, as some Council members believed it would be along State Road 63 near the Vermillion-Vigo County line, but it was clarified that the marker will be in Riverside Cemetery in Clinton, where Washburn is buried.

A motion was made by Spence to approve the entire \$2,500.00, seconded by Bush, motion failed with a 3-3 vote. Dreher, McLain and Carty voted no. Dreher said that he was not opposed to the marker, but only to the amount.

A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by McLain to approve \$500.00 for the historical marker from Certified Shares. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$21,101.00	\$21,101.00

The Council discussed a request for matching funds for a proposed recycling grant. Tolbert explained that the money has to be approved in advance in order to receive the grant, and is subject to approval of the grant.

A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by James to approve the additional for the matching funds for the recycling grant. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
General/Rainy Day/Cert. Shares	\$330,000.00	-0-

The Council discussed a request for \$330,000.00 to replace three trucks that are over 20 years old. The council encouraged the Commissioners to start budgeting for the replacement of one truck each year, in order to establish a rotation for replacing trucks more regularly. After some discussion the council decided to review it further and have the request tabled until the July meeting.

A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Bush to table the request for three highway trucks until the July 9, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
General Fund	\$1,701.25	\$1,701.25

This is the remainder needed for the 2018 grant match for the Community Crossings Grant.

A motion was made by James and seconded by Bush to approve the additional for the 2018 grant match for the Community Crossings Grant. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Economic Development	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

This additional is for the expenses of the Redevelopment Commission that will be paid out of the Economic Development budget.

A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Bush to approve the additional for the Economic Development to pay expenses of the Redevelopment Commission. James abstained from the vote because she serves on the Redevelopment Commission and Dreher voted no. Motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Restricted Rainy Day	\$5,831.28	\$5,831.28

This additional is for the 2019 grant match for the Community Crossing Grant, \$158,000.00 was appropriated in March but was not enough.

A motion was made by Bush and seconded by James to approve the additional of \$5,831.28 for the grant match. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
DOC Inmate Medical	\$13,906.21	\$13,906.21

This additional request is to pay capped expenses for inmate medical.

A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by McLain to approve the additional for DOC Inmate Medical. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County Clean-up	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

This additional request is for trash hauling. A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Dreher to approve the additional for County Clean-Up. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Community Crossings Grant	\$828,000.00	\$828,000.00

This additional is for appropriating the funds from the state along with the grant match that was approved earlier this year. The request is for Highway Dept. District 1 \$355,252.00, District 2 \$238,427.00, and District 3 \$234,321.00. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by Dreher to approve the additional. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. New Business

- a. **Council Resignation – Jill Wesch.** Carty acknowledged the resignation letter the council received from Jill Wesch. Wesch resigned as of June 1, 2018.

- b. **Governmental Consultant.** Tolbert informed the council that Bob Purlee will no longer be our Governmental Consultant. Tolbert said she has contacted other counties to see who they use and will request proposals to have available at the next council meeting.
- c. **Abatement Compliance**
 - 1. **White Construction**
 - 2. **Garmong Development Company, LLC**
 - 3. **Eli Lilly and Company**

The Council received abatement compliance letters from White Construction, Garmong Development Company, LLC and Eli Lilly and Company. After some discussion the Council decided to table the abatement compliance until it can be reviewed by the Economic Development Council. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by Dreher to table the Abatement Compliance. All in favor, motion carried.

- X. **Notice Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-25(b) excess assessed value.** The council received a letter from the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority stating there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to other respective taxing units from the Economic Development Areas and Allocation Areas previously established by the Newport Chemical Depot Military Base Reuse Area.
- XI. **Spruce up Sportland Project.** Melissa Wible informed the Council that representatives of the Spruce up Sportland Project in Clinton plan to appear at a future Council meeting to request funding.
- XII. Adjourn.

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

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Michael Carty, President

Randy Dreher, Vice President

William Brent Bush

Ashley James

James McLain

Robert Spence

ATTEST:

Amy Tolbert, Auditor