

# Vermillion County Council

## Meeting Agenda

September 12, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Call to order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday September 12, 2016.
- II. Roll call. Members present were Michael Costello, Jill Wesch, Randy Dreher, Michael Carty, Brent Bush, Jim McLain, Basil Ave, Auditor Phyllis Orman, First Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Carty reported that the “revenues exceeds budget” should be “budget exceeds revenues”. Wesch made a motion to accept with changes, seconded by Carty.
- IV. Comp Time Report. Costello reported that there was a reduction from last month’s report.
- V. County Treasurers Report. Costello acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurers Report.
- VI. Transfer of Funds.  
County General/Extension \$3,5000 from Postage, \$500 from Travel, \$29.57 from Photography and \$500 from Equipment Maintenance Agreement to Office Equipment for telephone and internet equipment at the new office in Cayuga. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Ave. Motion carried.  
  
MVH \$5,000 from Truck Drivers to Machinery to purchase a paver for the Cayuga garage. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.  
  
LHMF \$450 from Vaccines to Travel. To cover mileage expenses for the end of the year. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Wesch. Motion carried.

- VII. Additional Appropriations.  
The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President Michael Costello reviewed the appropriations from the written requests submitted by Auditor Phyllis Orman. 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 2016, 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:

<b>FUND/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
County General/EOC	\$22,933.99	\$22,933.99
Grant payment received on 8/4/16 for equipment installed on mobile command. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. Motion carried.		
County General/Commissioners	\$18,500.00	\$0
To build a post frame building. Carty made a motion to deny, seconded by Ave. Motion carried. The council asked the Commissioners to transfer within their budget for this expense.		
County General/Sheriff	\$30,000	\$0
Matching grant for school resource officer. Phelps not present to discuss. Dreher made a motion to table, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.		

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VIII. Open issues

- a) Jail Energy Savings and Jail Expansion
- b) Health Insurance
- c) Public Safety Fund

IX. New business

- X. 2017 Budget Hearings. Bob Purlee with Governmental Consulting Services was present to discuss the 2017 budget numbers. His notes are attached to these minutes. He said the 2017 max levy is \$7,265,982. He also reported that the financial health analysis will be done within a few weeks.

Budgets considered were:

- Convention and Recreation
- Soil & Water
- Extension, 4-H, and Fair Board
- Park & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Clerk, Election, and Voters Registration
- Public Defender
- Auditor

- XI. Recess. Dreher made a motion to recess, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.

## **Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda**

*September 13, 2016*

8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Budget hearings continued.

Budgets considered were:

Circuit Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, User Fee, and Family Court Grant.

Health, Local Health, Local Health Trust, Drainage Board, and Vaccine Area Plan and Building Inspection

Treasurer

Recorder

County ID Security Protection

Surveyor

Coroner

Veteran's Service Office

Countermeasure

Local Emergency Planning Right to Know

Prosecutor, Child Support, Victim's Assistance, and Pre-Trial Diversion

Probation, Adult Probation and Probation Administration

Assessor, Assessment Training Fund, and Cumulative Reassessment

Sheriff, Jail, and e911

Commissioner's Court, Courthouse, Covered Bridge, Cumulative Capital Development, Local Roads & Street, Motor Vehicle Highway, and Highway Capital Improvement.

The council reviewed the above budgets. They talked about the Katherine Hamilton expense and asked that a representative come to a future meeting to explain their services. They discussed the Local Income Tax for public safety

and where this tax could be used to supplement several areas in the county general fund. The Assessor talked about the future Reassessment contract, stating she would like to eventually hire another full time staff and do away with the contract for residential properties. She is looking at doing this in 2018. There was discussion on the county share and employee share of insurance premiums. It was noted that they need to seriously consider recommending that the commissioners raise the employee share. Wesch requested the insurance comparison sheet be emailed to all council members again for review. Carty noted that even if they roll back these 2018 requests to the 2016 budget they will still be exceeding revenues. He said they can't keep spending more money than they are bringing in. There was talk about a grant writer and it was agreed that they should look into having a full time grant writer for the entire county. The council agreed to recess the meeting until September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Tolbert will get the revised figures to them before this meeting.

- II. Recess. Wesch made a motion to recess, seconded by Bush. Motion carried.

## **Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda**

~~September 19, 2016~~

~~6:00 p.m.~~

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- III. Budget hearings continued-MEETING CANCELLED
- IV. Adjournment

## **Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda**

*October 3, 2016*

5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- V. Budget hearings continued. Vice-President Jill Wesch reconvened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Council President, Michael Costello on September 17, 2016. Insurance premium increases and raises were discussed. Dreher stated that Judge Stengel said there was no need for a part-time courthouse deputy so that could be removed. Carty said that the courthouse deputy is not an increase because Sheriff Phelps reduced his budget in other areas. He suggested they leave it in. Carty said he didn't think the council could give a raise at this point as they are already over budget. He also suggested that the insurance premium increases be for the spouse and dependents, not the employee only coverage. Wesch also suggested that they phase in the premium raise if they decide to go that route. Ave said he had a hard time raising insurance premiums and not giving a raise. After much discussion it was decided to not give a raise and to discuss insurance premiums with the commissioners at a later date. Ave made a motion to accept the budget as presented, with no raises, seconded by Dreher, motion carried. The formal adoption will be held on October 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- VI. Adjournment.

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

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Jill Wesch, Vice-President

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Randy Dreher

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Michael Carty

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William Brent Bush

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Jim McLain

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Basil Ave

ATTEST:

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Phyllis Orman, Auditor