

# **Vermillion County Council**

## **Meeting Agenda**

December 12, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Court Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday December 12, 2016.
- II. Roll call. Members present were Jill Wesch, Randy Dreher, Michael Carty, Brent Bush, Jim McLain, Basil Ave, Bob Spence, Auditor Phyllis Orman, First Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. The joint minutes from November 14, 2016 were approved on a motion made by Ave and seconded by Spence. The motion carried. The regular minutes from November 14, 2016 were approved on a motion made by Ave, and seconded by Dreher. The motion carried.
- IV. County Treasurer's Report. Wesch acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurer's Report.
- V. Comp Time Report. Wesch reported that the minutes went down around \$500 but anticipated an increase due to upcoming bad weather.
- VI. Transfer of Funds-Reporting only. Wesch acknowledged receipt of the reporting only transfer of funds.
- VII. Transfer of Funds  
1000 General/108 Prosecutor. \$9,540 from Clerical assistant, \$762 from Witness fees, \$2,095 from Transcripts, \$217 from Postage, \$250 from Travel, \$15 from Office supplies, \$67 from Equipment Maintenance. Total \$12,946 to Office Equipment to use a company called Laserfiche to make the office paperless and create a positive workflow. Prosecutor Aukerman said it is a sweep of accounts with balances at the end of the year. Spence made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. Wesch and Ave abstained. Motion carried.  
2502/244 Pre-trial. \$10,000 from Overtime to Improvements. For improvements in then new office space (new door frame, flooring replacement and trim repair). Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Spence. Wesch abstained. Motion carried.  
1000 General/132 Jail \$15,000 from Part-time jailer to official records. Scanning of inmate records starting with present and working back. Phelps said once scanned the older records will go to the historical society. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. Spence abstained. Motion carried.
- VIII. Additional Appropriations

The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President Jill Wesch 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> |
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1000 County General/Pension/Sheriff \$20,671.35 \$20,671.35

County share of court costs per IC 33-37-7-11. Carty made a motion to allow, seconded by Ave. Spence abstained. Motion carried.

8124 STOP Grant/Various accounts \$50,000.00 \$50,000.00

\$30,000 Deputy Prosecutor, \$1,860 Social security, \$435 Medicare, \$5,000 Travel, \$12,705 Investigator. To set up budget for grant. Spence made a motion to allow, seconded by Carty. Wesch and Ave abstained. Motion carried.

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## IX. Open issues

- a) Jail energy savings/expansion. Sheriff Phelps said they fixed the leaks in the system today but it is only a temporary fix. He asked if they wanted to put a bunch of money into repairs or build a new jail. He said they need to seriously discuss the future of the jail. Wesch said she thought he was putting together a meeting to listen to the various pitches from several companies. Phelps said he has been trying to get them all together. Dreher said he would like to entertain the idea of building a new jail at a different location. He was curious as to what would happen to the old one if they did that. McLain asked how long it would take to build a new jail and Phelps said around 1.5 years. Phelps said he has a company he would like the council to listen to and will arrange a meeting sometime in January with them.
- b) Health Insurance. Carty said the committee met today and that he felt it was a very good meeting. He said they discussed various scenarios such as only offering the \$2,500 deductible with the option of buying up for the \$1,500, offering a health savings account, and the spousal provision. He said changes would not be made until the May 1<sup>st</sup> renewal. He said there will be increased costs but also more options for employees. He said Forrest Sherer is also re-bidding the insurance to search for the best rates. He said this will involve everyone completing a new application. Ave asked if they considered putting a cap on what the county pays and Carty said they did not but could consider that. He said the first step is to gather the census and put it out for bid. He said the employees will also be schooled on how to shop around for the best prices and that these good decisions will help keep costs down. Carty said the total County General budget is 7 million and they spend \$1.4 million on insurance, they need to make better decisions. Julie Dixon thanks the council for taking the time to make these decisions and not doing it in two weeks.
- c) Local Option Income Tax-Umbaugh Agreement. Umbaugh contract fee is around \$6,000 to \$8,000 and Wesch said she has emailed them to see if it would encompass multiple scenarios and they said it would. Phelps said Umbaugh is the most talked about company in the state and that the county needs guidance. He said it will be money well spent and asked that the council please consider using their services. Wesch said they need to give them guidance to what they want. Dreher and Carty agreed that it would be money well spent. Clinton Mayor Jack Gilfoy said they use them and they are very knowledgeable and very reasonably priced. Carty said his only concern was contract listed 6 items and 3 have already been done so they need some clarification on what they are being charged for. Wesch said she would follow up with Umbaugh for clarification of the contract details. Tabled.

## X. New business

- a) 2017 Meeting Schedule. Dreher made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Motion carried.
- b) ADA compliance. Dean Strohm asked if the jail was ADA compliant and Phelps said yes but it is limited for the inmates. Strohm asked who the ADA Coordinator was and Orman said Mark O’Heir.

XI. Adjournment. Dreher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bush. Motion carried.

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

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Randy Dreher, Vice-President

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ATTEST:

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor