

**RE: Keeling Inc. Internet
Bridge 85 Inspections
Skateboarding at the Court House
Innkeepers board
Property Information for Public use
Emergency Message Board Signs
Sheriff's Cars Policies
Intermediate EMT Classes**

Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners August 1, 2006

The Vermillion County Commissioners met in the Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana.

President, Tim Wilson called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was taken: Present were President Tim Wilson, Commissioner Harry Crossley, and Commissioner Dennis Marietta. Also present were Attorney Jon Spurr, Auditor Sherrie Koma, and Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2006 meeting was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Dennis Marietta.

Unfinished Business:

Jim Griffin of Keeling, Inc., stated that everything was pretty much the same as the last time they spoke; only he is now offering two different contracts. One involves the use of the top of the courthouse and the other one doesn't. He stated that in order to get the service needed to the Library, which has been requested, is to put equipment on the top of the courthouse. The Commissioners agreed to look over the contracts and to meet at a special meeting on Tuesday Aug 8 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Griffin agreed to the special meeting.

Representatives from the Library were to be present at the meeting, but cancelled.

Bridge 85 Inspection Proposals. Auditor Sherrie Koma stated changes were just sent out. The commissioners agreed to discuss it at the special meeting next Tuesday.

Skateboarding at the Courthouse. Commissioner Tim Wilson asked if an ordinance was needed to prevent this. Attorney Jon Spurr thought there was already an ordinance done a few years back. Commissioner Wilson also wanted

to let Maintenance Supervisor Clarence Williams to know that there was more wax on the curbs and to get it removed. A question was raised as to whether the county would be liable if someone got hurt. Attorney Spurr said it was possible.

Appointment to Innkeepers Board. Auditor Sherrie Koma stated that it was done at the Council Meeting. Joanie Rumble, Dana and Marilyn Ported, Cayuga were appointment. Auditor Koma said that all the Commissioners needed to do was agree to it, both ladies are re-appointments. Commissioner Harry Crossley made the motion to re-appoint them both and Dennis Marietta seconded it.

Attorney Malcolm Aukerman was present to discuss the possibility of making the property record reports available on-line. He stated that other counties already have this in place, such as Warren, Fountain and Vigo. Attorney Aukerman brought samples from the other counties for the Commissioners to look at. Attorney Aukerman stated that this type of report would help Attorneys and Realtors to better gather the information needed for a sale of property and to fill out needed forms, such as sales disclosures. Attorney Aukerman also stated that we already have all this information in the Courthouse and it's all public record. Realtor John Malone and Jim Crowder were present as well, to discuss this issue. John Malone stated that it would simplify jobs, for the Attorneys and Realtors and for the courthouse employees. He said it would be nice to have this information readily available especially on Saturday mornings for his clients. Mr. Malone is unsure to as the costs to accomplish this, but feels that it could not be too much, since other smaller counties such as Warren and Fountain already have it. Mr. Malone feels that it will need to be done at some point. Jim Crowder said he agrees with Attorney Aukerman and Mr. Malone. He said it's hard to have a comparable sale without having the knowledge readily available. It would be a lot easier if they could set at home or in their offices and bring it up on their computers. He said it is possible to do what they are asking and would like someone to look into it. Attorney Jon Spurr said to just do it. Attorney Aukerman suggested putting a board together to look into what it would entail such as costs and to compile some data and then report back to the Commissioners. President Tim Wilson suggested Attorney Aukerman, Realtor John Malone and Realtor Jim Crowder to make up the board. The board will compile information and report back to the Commissioners at the meeting in September. Mr. Malone said everything is already in place at the courthouse to go forward with it, they just need to figure out how to make it available to the public.

Commissioner Tim Wilson wanted to discuss the issue of the use of the electronic emergency signs. Homeland security purchased 11 signs and the county has been using them to promote non-for profit events throughout the county. Homeland security has said that the county could risk losing federal money if the signs are going to be used this way. Raymond Columbo said that the Commissioners need to make a decision as to whether they are going to comply with the state of Indiana's request to not use the signs for the above purposes. The Commissioners said they have no problem with locking the signs up until a meeting could be

arranged with the State. Commissioner Harry Crossley feels that they used the signs for good causes and felt nothing was done wrong. He also stated that he doesn't want the EOC's or the counties funds shut off so they will comply with the states requests until a meeting can be arranged. Commissioner Wilson stated that if they signs aren't used regularly that the batteries will corrode, but they will lock them up. Dennis Marietta said he will go along with it but is totally opposed to it. Commissioner Crossley made a motion to lock up the signs until the meeting with the State, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Raymond Columbo said that he would try to arrange a meeting with the State. There was then some discussion as to who actually owned the signs. Raymond Columbo stated that Vermillion County owns the signs and has them insured. Commissioner Marietta feels strongly that the county should be able to use them as they please. Commissioner Wilson stated that he has received nothing but compliments from the public on the use of the signs.

Commissioner Tim Wilson stated that some time ago, they asked Attorney Jon Spurr to get some policies from other counties regarding take home vehicles. There were several samples to look at and the Commissioners decided to let Attorney Spurr look them over and then they would discuss it at the September meeting.

Joanie Kanizer requested a progress report on the Intermediate EMT class. Commissioner Tim Wilson stated that he thought they were three weeks into their class. She wanted to know how long the class would take and how many were enrolled. Commissioner Wilson said he would find out and let her know.

Tim Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Harry Crossley.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 5th day of September 2006.

Attest: _____
Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor