

RE: Verm. Twp Advisory Board Vacancy-Raymond Bush
Inmate Medical-Professional Health Care
Morning Star Energy
Assessor Compliancy-Pat Ritchey
200 N & 300 E-Mike Craig
Petition to Vacate-Maskel-Withdrawn
Commissioner owned parcel in Hillsdale-Carol Delks
Plexis-Online access for public-Tim Lacey
Health Insurance Renewal-Pierre Fox
Technology Coordinator-Mike Phelps
Maximus Contract

Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners March 6, 2007

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, Harry Crossley and Kim Hawkins. Also present were Attorney Jon Spurr, and Auditor Sherrie Koma.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting was made by Crossley, seconded by Hawkins.

Unfinished Business

Vacancy on Vermillion Township Advisory Board and Raymond Bush has applied and he is the only one who has applied. Crossley made a motion to appoint Raymond Bush, seconded by Hawkins. Crossley said last month it was stated Raymond Bush was appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Board, they meant to say Russell Bush.

Inmate Medical. Sheriff Spence said he and the council have decided to go with Professional Health Care for the primary reason that they believe they will pay hospitalization. Spence said if the Commissioners pass it, it is still pending approval from the Council. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley, subject to the Council's approval.

Bryan Paasch, Morning Star Energy. Paasch was not present, but Tom with Baker and Daniels was present. He said last month they presented a Memorandum of Understanding. He said they are back seeking approval to enter into that MOE. He said Attorney Darnell had a couple of wording corrections and they have changed those but doesn't feel it changes the substances of the MOE. Councilman Yoho said they would be discussing the MOE next Monday at their meeting. Wilson said they are seeking tax abatement and they should wait on them. He if the Council approves is, then they can just come in and sign the MOE so they don't have to come back, he will make the motion that way, if the council approves what here then we will approve it. Wilson said he makes a motion that if the Council approves it we come back and sign it, no special meeting needed, seconded by Crossley.

Pat Ritchey said she brought the contract for approval, the final step to bring us into compliancy. Wilson said, so we are in compliance now and Ritchey said there is one more step and that is archiving the personal property for 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Mike Craig said at a previous meeting he has asked Kim Hawkins about 200 N, 300 E. He said they did come out there very promptly and worked on it and he

appreciates it, he hopes its not done but he appreciates the effort and wanted to thank everyone involved. He said what has been done is an improvement on 200 N. It helped. That roadway is cracking on the edges.

New Business

Petition to vacate an alley, Arthur and Jeannie Maskel, as of March 5th 2007, they withdrew their petition. Lorena Glover said she does have a petition to keep it open and that they were informed that it was withdrawn but they would still like to enter the petition in. She said they have some pictures of some items that are in the alleyway that they would like removed. Wilson had Bill Clark look at the pictures. Wilson asked if the pictures of the spike are in the right of way. Wilson said a letter was sent for them to remove them. He said he and Clark went there on Friday and they were still there. Glover said they are still there today. Wilson asked Spence to send someone up there and tell them they have to remove the spikes out of the alley.

Carol Delks said he bought some property last year in Vermillion County and there is a small piece adjoining it that belongs to the Commissioners. He said he sent a letter last year hoping to possibly purchase it. It is .05 acres and is surrounded by mud property, and a railroad. Crossley asked where it was located, Hillsdale and Delks said yes. The assessed value is \$50.00 and he would like to put in an offer of \$100.0 is that is flexible. Spurr said there is a statutory process that the Commissioners need to follow. He said you have to have it appraised and then put it up for bid. He said he would get Koma that statute and go through the process. Wilson asked if it was river bottom property and Delks said yes. He said it would make access to his property easier for him. Its 400 E south of Hillsdale by the Railroad junction. Spurr said it will be put in the paper but there are other steps that need followed first.

Tim Lacey with Plexis, he said he is responding to a letter they received from Mr. Aukerman in regards to Internet application, that we may have to offer. He said he has also been in contact with Koma. He said he would like to talk a little bit about what they can offer and then maybe come back with a full presentation. He said they have three main products, one of them, which is brand new. The first one is called PropertyMax, this application allows the county's data to be put on a website in a PDF format. The benefit is that it greatly reduces the traffic and phone calls into the assessor's office. It also allows researchers and abstracters to view this information online. The second product is called CollectMax which is an application for the Auditor and Treasurers data, and that application allows for the property tax bill information to be published to an internet website. It will also allow people to pay their taxes online via credit card. One of the great benefits is that when someone makes a payment online, it posts immediately into the Auditor and Treasurers application. The third application, called RecordMax, an application that will allow the recorders office to be published on the website as well. He said he wanted to mention that Recorder's don't want people to be able to log onto a website and be able to print that information off for free then they lose revenue. He said that if anyone prints from the website it will produce a watermark that says, "this is not an official document", so if they do print it out they get the big watermark. However, they can get a certified copy from the Internet they just have to use a credit card and pay their fee and then those fees are transferred into the County bank account. They have partners they work with to do the credit card processing. There is nothing on the county's end that needs done for that. They only thing the county will have to do is communicate with the credit card partner in reference to account numbers etc. Once the fees are collected on the website, whether its Recorder's or Tax bill dollars, within 24 hours of the payment, the money is transferred into your account electronically. Lacey said the site is very secure, it's a tier 1 facility, a subcontracted facility whose sole job is to maintain servers for websites. The servers that they have are right next to Google. There are multiple levels of security. They also have a second facility where the hard drives are copied daily to the back up center. If for some reason the power goes out in the main building, everything will be copied in

the second facility, allowing minimal down time. When we make upgrades they are typically done in the middle of the night, when there is the least amount of traffic on the site. The last application he would like to talk about is the Microsoft Hosted Exchange Server. He said what that allows you to do is that they will set up Microsoft Exchange, which is basically Microsoft Outlook, an email. It will be via web mail. You will log onto an Internet website and you will have the full functions of Microsoft outlook on your desktop, without actually loading the software. The entire product enhancements are handled through us, we update as new releases come out. There is no hardware or software to purchase. It is simply a website you would log into and access your email and you can access it anywhere. The good thing is that you will have your email addresses as vermillion.co.in.us instead of hotmail.com. It is more professional looking in your email addresses. Again, you get the fully functionality of Microsoft Outlook with that application. He said there are an initial set-up cost and then a monthly host fee. The set up fee would be \$6,000.00 per site, per application. If you purchase all of them, then they will work out a discounted price. He said it's a \$500.00 per month host fees for the individual sites. Wilson asked him if would come back and give a presentation. Lacey said he would come back and would need about 20 minutes and Internet access. The next meeting would be April 3rd. Lacey said he would show them an actual site to look at. Lacey will also have the exact costs to present to them. Cheesewright said the taxes he pays in Illinois has the same system and the credit card company charges a fee that the taxpayer pays online. A lot of the taxpayers don't know that until they get the bill. He said the county couldn't absorb that fee. Lacey said that is right and the way they handle it is that the convenience fee is on there and it asks them twice to make sure they want to make that payment. The fee is paid by the taxpayer, not the county. They know exactly what they will be charged. The convenience fee covers the credit card processing fees. Hawkins said he would like to suggest that we hold off on entering into any kind of technology agreements until we get a coordinator in place, so we have someone to represent. Wilson said they are not entering into anything, he is just coming back to give us a demonstration. Donna Brown with Abstract and Title Companies of Indiana. She is an abstractor and she would like to express her concern that the county go with this. She said not because of her convenience, but the convenience to your constituents, the taxpayers. She said when we are in the middle of a closing and someone says "we paid our taxes", we don't collect those taxes, we come to the courthouse and we find out the taxes haven't been paid. Now we have to go chase those taxes down or you as a county now have a parcel in the tax sale and a mad taxpayer. She said she has a 376 parcel project in Vermillion County, she sat in the Auditor's office the other day for 6 hours printing out maps, do you know how much time that took from your office for me to do that, a lot, because poor Amy printed off all those maps for me at a great deal of expense to you, the county. She said if she were in her own office, she would be using her own office, her own machine, her own product and workspace. She would not be interfering with any of the work going on in the courthouse. She wants them to think strongly about this. It is a big expense, but we as title companies, we are willing to pay a user fee every month for the benefits that we can reap from this. She said she doesn't just speak for title companies; she speaks for a lot of companies out there who are already paying user fees to many counties to reap this benefit. Roxanne Scott with the Bank of Indiana, formerly First National Bank of Dana. She said they are for this too. They do it with the State of Indiana; they pay a set-up fee and user fees also to get the information needed and to get it quickly, to be able to help with closings. Lacey commented on paying the taxes, there is a computer that links to the offices, so when someone is at home and they do a search, it will actually go out through that computer and access the data base in the applications and return back the most up to date information, in a matter of seconds. There is never any overlapping of payments or duplicate payments being made. The treasurer will not have to do anything at the end of the day, except run a report, just like a report they run with cash and checks. It really will reduce the effort for that office comes tax time.

Pierre Fox said since your 2007 Health Insurance Renewable, he has good news to report. It has actually, originally it was a no change, or a 0% change, and your January claims were good, so now it became a 5% decrease. He said we are one of the few organizations that are getting a decrease in your actual health insurance premium, the long and short of it is a \$56,000.00 savings to the county on your net cost to the county. There is an important note, you are paying over a million dollars for health insurance for the employees and the employees make up about \$69,000.00 from their contributions, so the small deductions you see in the paychecks every month pay about 4% of the total premium. He said you actually offer employees a choice of 3 different plans and right beside each plan you see the number of people enrolled. Those are the people who chose the particular plan. Most of the employees are on the \$250.00 deductible plan. Depending on what your tolerance is for change, with this type of renewal, he would recommend not changing a whole lot. If you do want to make some changes and save additional premium, moving carriers is probably not the wisest move simply because you can see the number of enrolled people by moving them to a slightly higher deductible, you could save additional premium and it could be substantial. It is a decision you or the council would have to evaluate and see if that is the best option. The other impediment or problem with moving is, and since this is a public forum he can't go into detail with the ongoing claim issues of your group, he said one person is a concern and they could call him to discuss that privately. Wilson asked Koma if we are going to extend the deadline and she said we need to decide that tonight. She said they mailed out packets on Monday. Fox said the earliest we can do renewal is 60 days prior to the effective date, which is May 1st. Wilson said they would have a special meeting on March 20th to hear insurance proposals. They agreed to have the meeting at 10 a.m.

Rockie Express Pipeline, not present.

Wilson said they did advertise for a technology coordinator and had two people apply. Darren Hosteller from Terre Haute, Guardian Computer Systems Incorporated, they ask for 15 hours week, \$75.00 per hour. The total would be \$58,500.00 a year. Mike Phelps also applied, he is asking for 15 hours a week at \$20.0 per hour. Wilson said he thinks it is a no brainer, we should go with Mike Phelps, that is his motion. Koma said they have another one and Wilson asked if his fee was in there and she said yes. He is asking for 35 hours at \$50.00 per hour. Wilson made a motion to hire Mike Phelps as the Technology Coordinator, seconded by Crossley. Jerry Hawkins suggested that they spend a little bit of time looking at exactly what type of agreement we will have in place with Phelps, because we decided to do it as a contracted employee. We need to be sure we study that a little bit. Kim Hawkins asked if he would be able to be 911 director and this job at the same time. Wilson said this is his own business and he could do it on his own time. Hawkins said he thinks he is the best guy for it. Jerry Hawkins said he agrees, he just wants them to be thoughtful about how the agreement is put into place and exactly what needs done.

Koma said she has advertised for the tax board and that the applications need turned in by April 3rd.

Wilson said they are going to have a special meeting at 8:00 Monday morning, it won't last very long, with the Commissioners and it is open to the public.

Hawkins wanted to suggest that we find someone, not a current vendor, to take a look at the network and phone wires. Padish has requested some additional phones in the Clerk's Office, which he is sure she needs. He would just like to be sure they take a look at everything before they go that direction. He said he is sure no one knows the condition of the network wiring or how the routers are placed and would recommend that we look at that first. Crossley asked if was going to use the man from Dana. Jerry Hawkins said we have a good young man in this community, his name Steve Clark, he has business in Terre Haute, and he is very good.

Koma said that Maximus is offering a 3-year instead of a 1-year contract at a 10% discount. The Commissioners will discuss it at the meeting next month. Kim Hawkins said this is what he doesn't understand is you are getting a technology

coordinator and signing agreements without anyone looking at it. We need to get everything coordinated together; you can't have all these contracts going around. Koma said this guy comes in and does audits, grants, state and federal money coming in. Kim Hawkins said they all do something, he understands that, but the thing is we need to get everything inline, where we have one vendor instead 50 serving this Courthouse. Are they the only people that offer this service? Koma said she has never had anyone approach her about it and they have been doing it since 2003. Jerry Hawkins asked them to clarify what they are discussing. Kim Hawkins said basically a software agreement. Koma said its not a software, the guy comes in and Audits our funds and he makes sure that we are getting everything processed right and all the information is correct so that we get everything we are supposed to be getting from the government. Wilson said they would look at it and then decide on it at the next meeting.

Crossley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wilson.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 3rd day of April 2007.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
 Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor