

RE: State appointed employees-insurance
Sherri Wright-Zoning change
WTH mapping program/public access
Renewable Ag Energy-setting up a TIF district
LLC Mini-grant-tobacco cessation patches
Doxpop-court records program
County website-email addresses
Office policy regarding lunch hours

Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners June 5, 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, and Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting was made by Crossley, seconded by Hawkins.

Unfinished Business

Hawkins asked if Ron Ellis and Sue Hinkle were able to get life insurance because they are not county employees, they are state appointed. Wilson suggested they contact the state to see if the county would get reimbursed for it. It was decided that they could get the life insurance if they reimbursed the county the money.

New Business

Sherri Wright, one chair beauty shop in her home located at 2188 E Hazel Bluff road. The zoning would need changed from The APC gave full approval for the zoning change. Crossley made a motion to allow the zoning change, seconded by Hawkins, all in favor.

Rex Jones of WTH Technology, the company that developed and maintains the county's 911 mapping system, gave a proposal for adding more information and making it available to the public. Jones showed several features available and stressed that the commissioners would ultimately decide what would be available for public viewing. Some of the features that this map would have that our current GIS system does not have is that you can get added information to appear when clicking on the parcels, such as assessed values, taxes, etc. Assessor Ritchey said she did not see a problem with including her information on the parcels and making it available on-line. It would reduce the number of calls to her office. Jones explained that the information could be updated daily with changes in ownership and other things. Jones explained that the costs of setting up and maintaining the programs. The initial setup costs would be \$16,500.00 but there is a grant available that would cover that cost. There would also be a cost of \$3,600.00 per year to host or maintain the website and an annual cost of \$6,000.00 to keep the information updated. Jones did say that some updates could be done by county employees, which would reduce that cost. Wilson made a motion to approve this proposal pending approval of the grant and pending approval from the county council. Crossley seconded it, all were in favor.

A proposal to designate the future site of the Renewable Agricultural Energy ethanol plant near Cayuga as an economic development area for the purpose of

establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district was discussed by Attorney Joe Beardsley. It has already been approved by the Redevelopment Commission and the APC. The proposal will now go back to the Redevelopment Commission for a public hearing, after which its approval will either be confirmed or denied and then back to the Commissioners for the final approval. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley, all in favor.

Elaine Pastore with the Local Coordinating Council was present to seek approval of a mini grant in the amount of \$791.60, which will go to Hamilton Center to purchase nicotine patches for the centers tobacco cessation classes. This use to be funded by the health department. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

Roger Griffin and Shannon McIode from St. Bernice water company were present to discuss a grant they had applied for some time ago. The commissioners agreed to sponsor it at that time. There were some things that were not in compliance and they have since worked out all the problems. They need to re-submit the paperwork due to the lapse in time. They were present to ask the commissioners to sign off on the new application and stated that this would be at no cost to the county, the county would just be sponsoring it. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

Judge Stengel was also asked the commissioners for approval to participate in a system, which would provide electronic access to court records. He explained that a company called Doxpop had approached all 92 Indiana counties and has currently entered into agreements with 39. This program would allow individual subscribers to see the courts docket sheets and case summaries. There would be no cost to the county, but the subscribers would pay for access to the information. The Sheriff's department, clerk, prosecutor, court employees, and public defenders would all have free, unlimited access to the information. This would allow for them to have access to cases after hours. The paid access would also allow attorneys, banks, and collection agencies to check on status of their cases without having to call the clerks office. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley, all were in favor.

Technology Coordinator Mike Phelps presented further information on setting up a county website and purchasing e-mail addresses. He said he found a cheaper plan based on the number of addresses that would be needed. The plan would allow for up to 100 e-mail addresses and give the county the rights to .com, .net, .gov and .us domains. He said it was important to have the rights to all of them to prevent someone else from purchasing the rights to them and having similar web addresses. The total cost would be \$324.47 for one year and \$851.52 for three years. Phelps suggested the three year proposal. Crossley made a motion to approve the proposal for three years, seconded by Hawkins. All were in favor.

Hawkins discussed office policy regarding lunch hours and requested that every office holder write down what they allow in their office, ½ hour or 1 hour and submit it to them for the July 3rd meeting. Hawkins said they were also going to discuss exempt and non-exempt employees. They want everything documented and then they are going to set-up policy. Hawkins said this was based on advice from the State Board of Accounts and that it needs to be in writing.

Crossley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hawkins.

Adjourn

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

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor