

RE: Recorder program
Bob Richardson-insurance issues
Tom Crafton-zoning issues
Mike Phelps-telephone proposals
Area Plan Board vacancy-Lisa Gilman
Jail Maintenance update from Sheriff Spence
Health Department Office Specs
Sherrie Wright-zoning for beauty shop

Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners November 5th, 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 First Deputy Amy Tolbert.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting was made by Crossley, seconded by Hawkins.

Lori Porter-New Recorder Program. Porter was proposed a new program to the Commissioners at the October meeting. She gave a copy of the contracts to Jon Spurr who had a few questions. He wanted to know if updates were covered or if there would be an added charge and she said that the updates were covered on the software maintenance agreement. Porter said the program we have now does not offer that. Porter said the new system would save around \$18,000.00 and that includes buying it. Porter said there were three contracts that would need signed. One for redaction, one is a maintenance agreement and one is for network support. She added that this would be paid for out of her funds. Wilson made a motion to sign the contracts, seconded by Crossley. Porter said it would be installed the second week of December and be fully functional by January 1st.

Dierk Davis spoke in regards to Bob Richardson's issues with the dental insurance. He was told he had to adopt the child to get her on the insurance, which he did. He took the child to the dentist and found out that she is still not covered. Davis said that Richardson would be enrolling the child at the June 1st renewal. The dental benefit is \$1500.00. There is no waiting period, she will be automatically covered. Davis said he will be able to utilize the full amount, just at the back end of the treatment instead of the front end. Richardson asked Koma to look into the health insurance to see if step children were eligible, he was told by former payroll clerk, Lesli Bohannon, that they were not eligible but thought other people in the county had their step children on the plan. Koma agreed to look into it.

Tom Crafton, zoning issues. Crafton is still upset over the events that have transpired over the last few months. He wants the commissioners to rescind their rescinding. Wilson told Crafton that he needs to go the BZA and get a recommendation and then bring that recommendation back to them to discuss further. Wilson also said that it is his understanding that a lawsuit was filed regarding this matter in 2003 and still ongoing. Crafton said he looked up the zoning ordinance for agricultural, which is what he zoned at now do to the rescinding and that he feels he is now in compliance with that ordinance. Crafton said that he put the fences up like he was told, and that what is left on the property would be covered under the agricultural zoning. Spurr told him that if the argument is what is considered agricultural he would have to go to the BZA or take it up to court, commissioners don't settle that. If he wants to change the zoning, then the commissioners would be involved. Crafton told the

commissioners that they were lied to and that it was unfair because he tried to reschedule the original meetings due to health issues but the zoning guy pushed it through. Crafton said this needs to end tonight and the Commissioners can do it. Hawkins said that this was a public meeting and that Crafton was calling a man a liar. Crafton said yes he was. Hawkins said the zoning administrator did not go down there on his own, he was sent there on a complaint. Crafton said a person that tells untruths and it goes into the newspapers is a liar. Crafton's wife said they were in compliance with the fence. Crossley said, but the stuff was not put into the fence as it was supposed to have been. He said they knew Crafton was sick and gave him to extensions to get it done. Crossley also said that they did not send the zoning administrator down there. Hawkins told Crafton that the property went back to agriculture and if he feels he is within in the ordinance then there is nothing to discuss here, he will need to go to the BZA. Spurr told Crafton he had two options, rezone the 2 acres and put all the stuff in it and get a recommendation from the BZA and then come back to the commissioners or don't do any thing if he feels he is in compliance with the ordinance for agriculture. Crafton said he knows one of the Commissioners sent the zoning administrator down there. Crossley said no they did not. Hawkins said the BZA sent Davis. Ann Smith said that at their meeting Jared Dreher came in with pictures that were given to him by Crafton's wife. The BZA told Davis to check on the fence and report back to the commissioners. Davis said Larry Beard was with him because of a health violation. Hawkins said the property is agriculture and it's out of their hands, if the BZA is comfortable with that then the matter is over. Hawkins said they do not go looking for problems, they only check on properties warranted by a complaint. Smith said the original complaint was reported over 9 years ago and there have been two lawsuits, 1 settled and 1 still pending. Smith told Crafton that the APC meets this Thursday at 7:30.

Mike Phelps had some proposals for the lan and phone and said they were approved for the grant that would pay for the start up of the new Web Gis program. He felt there was a lot of information that needed discussed and suggest a special meeting. The commissioners agreed to hold the special meeting on Wednesday November 14th, at 7:00 pm.

Area Plan Commission. Lisa Gilman was the only one to apply for the vacant spot on the board. Crossley made a motion to accept Gilman for the spot, seconded by Hawkins.

Sheriff Spence gave the commissioners and update on the jail maintenance, what has been done and what needs done. He said it lists what has been accomplished and paid for, what has been done but they still owe over \$13,00.00 for and then things that need done in the hear future. He said they need to work on the control panel, do some valve repair and work on the driveway lights. There was some question as to what would happen with the jail water once the depot was out of business, we would be at the mercy of whoever acquires that land. Someone suggested looking into a well or water tower. Spence said Dave Marietta has the money but he needs permission to spend it. Wilson made a motion to allow it with approval from the council, seconded by Crossley. Wilson suggested using the interest from the sale of the hospital to get a replacement car, that it was suggested to him from a taxpayer. Spence said they are going to have to do something; they are down three cars right now and only budgeted one for next year. Wilson told him not to wait until January, to start getting proposals now for cars.

Becky Nelson was on the agenda for zoning issues but was not present.

Mike Craig said he liked the idea of using economic development money to pay bills and that he was considered about the jail water if the county doesn't acquire that property. Wilson said that they need to get with economic development and get control of the water.

Wilson said the Health department sent them their specs for new office space. He said that there would be enough room in the EOC to house them and that need to keep the EOC up and running to be eligible for grant money.

Hawkins spoke to Mrs. Wright about her beauty shop, which is why Becky Nelson had wanted on the agenda. Hawkins told her that when the zoned her for the one chair beauty salon, she agreed to not sell anything else and now she is selling plants, and pumpkins and other stuff. Mrs. Wright said she didn't do it, that her husband did and they he got permission from the BZA to do so. Davis said he didn't give permission but he read the ordinance to the husband. He also said the commissioners have the right to zone and un-zone but they do not have the right to regulate. He said it was all B-2 zoning and that they can sell what they are selling under that ordinance. Smith said Wright is here because she does not want to lose her beauty salon. Wright said that everything would be removed by Friday.

Crossley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wilson

Adjourn

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 4th day of December 2007.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor