

RE: Health Office Relocation
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Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners March 4, 2008

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 First Deputy Amy Tolbert. Auditor Sherrie Koma was absent.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting was made by Crossley, seconded by Wilson.

Old Business:

Health Office relocation. Mary Haase with the Health Department said that she has spoke with Terri Hill from West Central Community Hospital and they have purchased a new building a few blocks from the current location and they are offering this building to the Health Department. The building is Dr. Greg Brock's former office and WCCCH is hoping to close on it Friday. Haase said that they are wanting to tear down the old building were they are currently located. The building has several problems, major problems. Haase said that their lease would be left exactly the same except that the Health Department would now be paying all their utilities except trash and that the utilities usually run around \$400.00 on the high end. Haase said the hospital would still take care of all the maintenance. Haase said the rent would stay the same even though the space is 600 square feet bigger. Wilson questioned if they had enough funding and Haase said yes and they also have grant money they can use. Wilson asked if Haase had expected the building and she said no, she has been in it before in the past but not recently. They don't close until Friday, so she won't be able to go in and look at it until then. Haase said they wouldn't have to set it up either, because the exam rooms will be turned into offices. Phelps said that AT & T would have to move the 832 lines. Hawkins commended the Hospital administration for making the effort to find a new place for the Health Department. Wilson made a motion to allow the Health Department to move to the new building, seconded by Crossley.

Cayuga Ethanol Plant. There was some discussion at last month's meeting as to whether the zoning at the proposed Cayuga Ethanol Plant could be changed back since the plant will not be built. Spurr said someone would need to file a request to revoke the zoning change, and the same procedure would be followed as was followed when the change was originally made. The request would go to the Area Plan Commission, which would make the determination as to whether the change can be done legally and then make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Spurr said anyone could file the petition to revoke the zoning change. Marge Hennis, one of the owners of the property in question, said that she felt insulted by the discussions taking place. She said she has lived here her whole life and she has been good to this community. She said it is insulting and degrading that everyone would think they would put something there that would kill their neighbors. She said they would never do that. Economic Director, Ed Cole said that if the zoning change remains in place, the Commissioners still have some

control over what goes on the property. Any business will be looking for a tax abatement and the Commissioners have control over it by approving or denying the abatement when it comes through.

New Business:

County Seal Contest.

Wilson said they had 25 to 30 entries fore the County Seal contest. He suggested having John Cheesewright from Vermillion County Farm Bureau obtain independent judges to narrow it down to 2 or 3 finalists. Wilson suggested displaying the entries on the first floor in the Courthouse. The Commissioners will make a final decision out of the 2 or 3 finalists.

Petition to Vacate Alley. Karol Pedraza stated that she followed all the proper steps to vacate the undeveloped alley and the end of Northeast Ave in Gessie. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

Phyllis Orman, Treasurer said she and Technology Coordinator Mike Phelps have a proposal from Point Pay that would allow the Treasurer’s office to accept credit and debit cards for property tax payments. The service would be offered at no cost to the county, but residents using the service would pay a 2.95 percent fee for the processing of the credit card payment, which would be paid to Point Pay. This agreement would allow residents to pay by credit or debit card at the Treasurer’s office, over the telephone, or online. Point Pay will provide three terminals to the Treasurer’s office. Hawkins asked if they fee’s would be the same if they went through a bank and Phelps said if they went through a bank, the county would have to pay for the service. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley. Phelps said, it is pending whether they accept the final contract.

Public Health Coordinator, Melissa Buell told the Commissioners that a Homeland Security Class for elected and appointed officials are being scheduled for Parke and Vermillion Counties. She said the class would cover official’s liabilities and responsibilities concerning emergency management. Buell said letters would be sent to other officials with information about the classes.

Jim McFall informed the Commissioners that his appointment to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission had expired. Wilson asked him to serve another two-year term. McFall agreed.

Crossley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wilson.

Adjourn

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 1st day of April 2008.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor