

RE: County Seal Contest Winner
Crafton Zoning
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Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners April 1, 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, Auditor Sherrie Koma and First Deputy Amy Tolbert.

Wilson started right in with the meeting; pledge and roll call had been taken at the joint meeting that preceded this meeting.

Crossley made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting, seconded by Hawkins.

John Cheesewright was present to present to the Commissioners the two finalists from the County Seal contest. He said they had 42 entries. He said there were 7 judges from Farm Bureau that chose the final two. The final two were #23 and #39. The commissioners voted and picked #23, a seal the depicts the courthouse, an eagle and the river among other things. The seal was entered by Eliza Porter from Dana, IN. She will receive a savings bond. There were also 7 honorable mentions who will also receive savings bonds.

Crafton Zoning changes. Mr. Crafton and his wife were present and stated that they have had a lot of junk removed from their property since the last meeting. Spurr said that they could not do anything until the Crafton's got the lawsuit resolved upstairs in the court.

Bob Spence. Inmate Medical contract. Spence said the contract with Professional Health Care is ending and that they have been very satisfied with their service. A representative from the company presented different options. Option one being the contract they currently have at a 3% increase. She said they value our business and typically see a 7% increase but wanted to offer us a new contract at 3%. She

said that option took would involve an extra 5 hours in the nursing staff at an \$8,000.00 increase over option 1. The other option she mentioned was entering into a multi-year contract, so they could set the rates and not have to worry about increases. She said she would like to set the contract for April 17, 2008 to December 31, 2008 to get on the same fiscal year as the county and then the contract would also cover all of 2009 and 2010. Crossley asked Spence if they had an extra \$8,000.00 in the budget and Spence said they could cover it and would ask for the extra on next year's budget. Spence said this contract has given them a huge savings overall. Crossley asked if they really need the nurse to work extra hours and Spence said they do. Diane Spence said it is safer to go with the multi-year option, and then we are locked in and will not have to worry about huge increases. Cheesewright said it is well worth it, as far as the nurse goes. They would be paying a lot more if they had to go to the ER or doctors all the time. Crossley made a motion to allow the option 2 with the multi-year agreement, pending council approval. Wilson seconded it.

Testing for mold at the courthouse. There is a lady coming to test the library and she will test the courthouse at a cost of \$100.00 per room and \$100.00 per sample taken. Nina Alexander has said that she wanted her office tested. Judge, Bruce Stengel, wants the courtroom tested. Florinda Pruitt, Clerk, wants her office tested. Hawkins questioned the multi-test, he stated that if it is found in one spot, won't the entire courthouse need to be cleaned. Wilson asked if we had money in the budget to do it and Koma said they had \$2800.00 in professional services. Wilson made a motion to allow the testing of the Clerk's office, Probation office, courtroom, auditorium, basement and one hallway. He said if the officer holders want to pay their own, let them, if not they will pay for it. Crossley seconded the motion.

Crouch Rezoning. No one was present to discuss this matter.

Proposed Re-establishment of Cum Capital Development Fund. Spurr read the resolution. Koma verified that it had been advertised. Wilson opened the floor for public comment and stated that it will be sent on to the DLGF for final approval. James Curry questioned why we need to do this if we already have it. Wilson said this was per the advisement of the financial advisor and that it is not a new fund, it is just changing the wording as to how the money can be spent in that fund. Michael Conger asked if it was going to increase our tax and Wilson again said, no just where we could spend the money. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins, as long as it is not adding any additional taxes.

Pierre Fox spoke briefly about the upcoming health insurance renewal. He said the deadline is May 1. He said he has been working with the Auditor's and Treasurer's office regarding different renewal options available to keep costs relatively the same. He said the Highways cost is \$265,000.00 per year, which is 25% of the total premium. He said currently they have 18 people with conditions over \$10,000.00. 7 of them were one-time events, the remainder are on-going

problems. He said currently insurance is only deducted once a month. 4% is paid by the employee and the rest by the county. He suggested increasing the employee contributions to help the budget. If so, there would be no increase in the current figures. Fox said the county is currently on 3 plans with 2 separate networks. He said it comes down to how much the Commissioners want to charge the employees. That the 4% is a very good benefit to the employees, a very rich plan but you need to meet the budgets costs as well. Fox said they saved the county \$86,000.00 in 2006 and \$56,000.00 in 2007. He said this would be the first increase in 3 years. Fox suggested changing the deductibles to \$500, \$750, & \$1000. There was some discussion in regards to self-funding but Wilson said he did not want to go that route. Wilson suggested having a joint meeting on Tuesday April 15, 2008 at 7 pm to discuss it further.

Kathy Jackson, who lives on Potter's lane, outside of Newport stated that her road is in very poor condition and needs some cutouts on the sides for the water to drain. She said their vehicles bottom out when driving down it. She said it's just the hill that needs work. Hawkins said the problem is the heavy vehicles, such as the garbage trucks, tractors, semis and school bus. He said they could prohibit that from happening. She said there is a farmer that uses that road to get to his fields and she doesn't want to do that to him. Hawkins said it would save her road though. Jackson said she is not complaining she just wants to see if they could dig some ditches along the sides of the hill.

Crossley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hawkins.

Adjourn

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 5th day of May, 2008.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Sherrie A. Koma, Auditor