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Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners February 3, 2009

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 Phyllis Orman and First Deputy Amy Tolbert.

Crossley made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, seconded by Hawkins. All were in favor.

Old Business

Emergency Operations Center-Wilson said they were going to discuss this on Monday in a joint session with the council.

Employee handbook-Spurr said it is ready to go, as long as there is no more changes, just need to print it and sign it.

Washout near the bridge at the North end of Main Street in Newport. Hawkins said he spoke with John Hall from the Department of Natural Resources about a washout. Hall recommended that the county have an engineer make a recommendation on how best to correct the situation. Hall said he could not say whether or not the bridge was responsible for the washout. Hall did say that the DNR would not provide the engineering service and that they could not use concrete to correct the problems. Wilson suggested having Clark Dietz, who does the county bridge inspections, inspect this bridge and make a recommendation. Ralph Gaines, property owner whose property is affected by this washout, was concerned with the time that it would take to deal with the situation. He said this has been ongoing for over 6 months. He said there is going to be a big lawsuit because of the loss of land. The commissioners suggested that Hall, Dietz, Gaines, and any other interested party all sit down together to determine what should be done.

Highway office. Crossley said that the preparations to move the highway department out to the highway garage was progressing and should be in by the first of March.

Newport Chemical Depot Local Reuse Authority. A motion was made by Crossley to re-appoint Ardie Kilgore, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

Wilson asked Highway superintendant Bill Clark about the covered bridge outside of Newport. Clark said the lumber has been ordered.

Patty Spurr of the Local Coordinating Council asked the commissioners to approve mini-grants totaling \$9,950. She explained that the grants included \$1,000 for South Vermillion and \$750 for North Vermillion for post proms; \$1,200 to Hamilton Center for group counseling at North Vermillion for stress and anger management, to prevent them from using alcohol and drugs to cope with stress; \$1,500 for Hamilton Center for gas subsidy cards for those in treatment for substance abuse; Hamilton Center for \$2,000 to pay for random drug screens of court ordered clients who do not have insurance; \$1,000 to Newport church of god toward a community center the church plans to open and \$2,500 to Sutherland Evaluations for defendants who need alcohol and drug evaluations and have no means to pay. Spurr said this is at no cost to the county. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins. All were in favor.

The Commissioners asked John Frazier of Duke Energy to attend this meeting due to concerns raised by Mike Craig about gypsum that was spilling from trucks along county Road 200. Frazier explained that gypsum is a by-product of the facility's pollution control processes, and is often sold to Georgia Pacific to make wallboard, and also to Performance Materials to be put on farm land. He said that a large amount of the material had been kept in a temporary storage area until a landfill on the property was ready for it, and it was then necessary to move a large quantity to the landfill in a short time. He said White Construction was hired to move the material, and they used a subcontractor to perform the work. He said the company used was not use to hauling gypsum and there were some issues with trucks not being properly covered. He also said that with that process completed, there will be less hauling in the future. Tom Knapke, also from Duke, assured the commissioners that there are no hazardous materials or heavy metals in the gypsum, and that it does not present a danger to the public, He said farmers use about a ton of it per acre. Craig disagreed, stating that the company tests the gypsum for the presence of heavy metals, which he felt would not be necessary unless such materials were present in the gypsum. Wilson asked Attorney Spurr to contact eh IDEM and ask them to randomly sample and test the material in question to see if it contains anything hazardous.

IT director Mike Phelps presented the commissioners with an ordinance that would allow WTH, which handles the county's GIS mapping, to provide information electronically to companies that request large quantities of information. He said the companies have the right to access the information but that the county needs an ordinance outlining how it is to be provided, and if there is a charge for it. The ordinance recommended by WTH would charge someone requesting the information \$750, of which the county would receive \$250, and would also spell out restrictions, such as the fact that the information provided cannot be sold or used for political purposes. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Wilson, all were in favor. It will go before the council at their next meeting.

Auditor Orman informed the commissioners that Phelps is looking into a digital recorder of the Commissioners courtroom. Phelps had left and was unable to discuss it.

Mike Roth of Poet Biorefining Clinton spoke to the commissioners about changing two parcels of land from agriculture to I-2 Industrial to allow them to construct the plant. Zoning Administrator Jeff Davis said the board had submitted a favorable recommendation. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

Assessor Richey stated that there is an addendum to the mobile home contract. She said the state is not timely with getting the contracts back so the addendum basically extended the time frame from Jan 2 to March 31. Wilson already signed

the addendum due to the time crunch but she wanted to make everyone aware of what was done.

Crossley made a motion to adjourn at 8:47, seconded by Wilson.

Adjourn

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 3rd day of March 2009.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor