

RE: Ambulance Service Specifications

Minutes-Vermillion County Commissioners Special Meeting April 14, 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.

Spurr asked the commissioners what they wanted to do in regards to the ambulance service that was set to expire May 1, 2009. Spurr said they had the option of extending the current contract up to one year. Hawkins made a motion to extend the contract thru Dec 31, 2009, seconded by Crossley. Spurr said they also need to decide whether they wanted to take bids or proposals. He said that if bids are taken, the commissioners must take the lowest bid if the bidder is both responsive and responsible. He said if proposals are taken, the commissioners have the freedom to look at other factors besides cost, such as level of service provided or the number of ambulances that will be operated. The commissioners also have the ability to negotiate individually with those who submit proposals. Proposals may be modified at any time until a final decision is made. Wilson made a motion to accept proposals, seconded by Hawkins. Wilson said a rough draft of the request for proposals will be prepared by the next meeting. The commissioners will advertise proposals in August. This will allow the proposals to be received in September and give the commissioners three months to make a decision on a new contract.

Wilson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Crossley.

Adjourn

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 5th day of May, 2009.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor