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Minutes
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners
September 1, 2009
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

President, Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:24 and declared a quorum of Commissioner Tim Wilson, Commissioner Harry Crossley and Commissioner Kim Hawkins.

Also present were: Attorney Jon Spurr, Auditor Phyllis Orman and First Deputy Amy Tolbert.

Wilson led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Crossley moved to accept the prior meeting minutes, seconded by Hawkins, motion carried unanimously.

Old business. Employee handbook. Auditor Orman said that she hasn't spoken to anyone regarding the employee handbook. Tabled until next month.

Speed limit ordinance. The commissioners discussed a speed limit ordinance which would establish speed limits on county roads as posted limits which means that any limit sign currently posted on county roads are legal and supported by the ordinance. Hawkins

moved to accept the speed limit ordinance as amended, seconded by Crossley, motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners stated that the request for ambulance services proposal has been published and is due September 25. Spurr said once received proposals will not become public record until after negotiations are complete.

Driving on unimproved roads ordinance. Spurr amended the ordinance to read that it would be illegal to drive on the unimproved portions of Indiana Street in St. Bernice. Crossley moved to accept the Driving on unimproved roads ordinance as amended, seconded by Hawkins, motion carried unanimously.

Clark Dietz submitted a bid to perform engineering work on several county roads in an attempt to qualify for stimulus money. The work has already been complete but it had not been approved by the commissioners at a public meeting. Wilson said they need to approve this so that Clark Dietz could get paid. Crossley moved to accept the bid from Clark Dietz, seconded by Hawkins, motion carried unanimously.

Patty Spurr with the LCC asked the commissioners to approve a minigrant in the amount of \$9,000 to help pay the salary of Drug Task Force Detective John Yoho. This is at no cost to the county. Crossley moved to allow the minigrant, seconded by Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Pruitt spoke with the commissioners about a contract with Governmental Business Systems Inc. for election equipment. She explained that the current provider, Election Systems and Software had proved a quote of \$262,972 for four years but would require nearly \$90,000 of that money to be paid this year, even though there is no election. GBS's quote was for a little over \$70,000 per year and there will be no cost in years when no elections are held. The savings would be \$117,252 compared to the current provider. Wilson questioned whether they had the money or would she need to go before the council. Pruitt said the money is in the budget for 09 so she would not need to ask for an additional. Wilson moved to accept the contract with GBS, seconded by Crossley, motion carried unanimously.

Pruitt asked the commissioners to pass a forms resolution, similar to the one done by the Auditor and Recorder when they changed vendors. She explained that it was required by the State. Hawkins moved to allow the Forms resolution for the Clerk's new program, seconded by Crossley, motion carried unanimously.

Newport Church of God sent a letter requesting to use the courthouse auditorium for a chicken and noodle dinner during the Hill Climb. The Newport Lions Club also asked for permission to use the lawn during this same event. Crossley moved to allow both requests, seconded by Hawkins, motion carried unanimously.

Governmental Consulting contract. Wilson said the council uses it so they have to approve the money before we can decide anything. He will approve it if the council wants it.

Hawkins said he thought he voted against it last time. Wilson moved to table the contract until after talking to the council, seconded by Crossley.

Wilson said Danny McFall had presented a proposal to paint and repair the Newport Covered Bridge at a cost of \$4,000. The county would be required to purchase the paint used. McFall indicated that if he was allowed to do the work he would donate \$500 to the Vermillion County Historical Society toward a new furnace at the Old Newport Jail. Hawkins moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Crossley, motion carried unanimously. Orman advised Wilson that they would have to ask the council for an additional appropriation out of the Covered Bridge Fund.

Wilson said he received a request from the council to provide the council with a state of the county report and also the details of what is spent in the highway department and where the money that is being cut in order to stay within the budget would have been spent. Wilson said the highway information is being gathered and will be provided to the council but that the state statute regarding the state of the county report only applied to counties with certain populations, meaning that it does not apply to Vermillion County. Wilson also discussed the issue of EDIT tax. He said they will be asking the Council to use some of that money to help fund the highway department. Spurr said that statute does not specify a procedure for doing this, but that any other use of the money outlined in the statute begins with the passing of an ordinance by the county council, so he suggested the commissioners ask the council to pass such an ordinance. Wilson said they were also considering asking the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority to take 50 percent of any money that comes in from the sale or lease of land at the depot., and put 40 percent into the county general fund and the remaining 10 percent into the Highway department fund. Crossley said they also plan on asking the Council at the budget hearings to fund the Highways insurance for the 2010 budget.

The commissioners discussed cutting back Highway truck driver's hours to 76 hours instead of 80. Hawkins said if something is not done it would be necessary to lay off two or three employees. He said this still may leave the department short because of comp time. Crossley said another \$5,500 would be needed to get through the year. Hawkins moved to cut Highway Truck Drivers pay back to 76 hours, seconded by Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Examination of claims. Crossley moved to allow the claims, seconded by Hawkins, motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Administrator Jeff Davis asked the commissioners to approve a newly-revised flood plain ordinance. He explained that the state had asked for changes to make some definitions clearer, and had given counties the option of writing their own ordinances or approving one from the state. The one provided by the state had been approved by the zoning boards, and Davis explained that it is required in order to remain in the National Flood Plan. Davis said it is necessary to belong to the plan in order to be eligible for any FEMA money in the event of a flood and that the plan only covers those who live in flood plains. Davis said his board gave a favorable recommendation. Wilson moved to

approve the Flood Plain Ordinance, seconded by Crossley, motion carried unanimously. Davis added that this is at no cost to the county.

Bridge 35 contract. Spurr read over the contract. Crossley moved to accept the Bridge 35 contract, seconded by Hawkins, motion passed unanimously.

Wilson moved to adjourn, seconded by Crossley, motion carried unanimously.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 6th day of October 2009.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor