

RE: Governmental Consulting Contract
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**Minutes
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners
October 06, 2009
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

President, Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

Minutes from prior meeting. Crossley motion to accept, seconded by Hawkins.

Governmental Consulting contract was tabled at the last meeting awaiting council financial approval. Orman confirmed that the council did approve of the commissioners signing this contract. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Hawkins was opposed.

Employee handbook was table at previous meetings. Crossley made a motion to accept the employee handbook, seconded by Wilson. Hawkins was opposed. The commissioners agreed to review it on a yearly basis. Hawkins said he would still like to have an outside company write a completely new handbook. Orman said it was discussed at previous meetings and the commissioners decided they did not want to spend the money at this time.

Ambulance Service Proposal. The commissioners received two proposals for ambulance service for the county for 2010 thru 2012. One from Vermillion County EMS and one

from TransCare. Hawkins and Wilson said they both received calls from Care Ambulance Service but Orman verified that no proposals had been received from Care. The commissioners decided to hold an executive session on Tuesday Oct. 13th at 5:30 to discuss the proposals.

Patty Spurr with the LCC presented two mini grants. One for \$2500 for to help fund drug screening for clients who are in court ordered treatment and the other for \$850 to purchase a hand held breathalyzer. Crossley motion to allow since it as at no cost to the county, seconded by Hawkins.

Wilson said Charlotte Miller who had served as a Vermillion County representative on the board of Community Action Program of Western Indiana had resigned from that board. The commissioners asked Orman to advertise for her replacement and then tabled it until November's meeting.

Examination of Claims, Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

Crossley said the Commissioners gave Buddy White permission chip seal about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of County Road 1250 South which runs to his residence at no cost to the county.

Platinum Services Insurance-no one present.

CSEPP Amendment. EOC Director Mark O'Heir asked the commissioners to sign an amendment to the CSEPP program agreement, which had been updated to reflect the actual dates when final payments from the program were received from the county. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

O'Heir also presented a lease between the EOC and the ISP for space in the EOC used to house ISP radio equipment. These lease is to replace the MOU they signed earlier in the year. O'Heir said they have not made any payment yet and is hoping they make payments retroactive. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

General Reassessment Contract Amendment. Ritchey said this required from the State. Hawkins motion to allow, seconded by Crossley.

White Construction Economic Development Area and TIF District. Scott Craig spoke about the process for the proposed new headquarters building for White Construction and the creation of a TIF district. He said the Economic Development Area and TIF District must be approved by the redevelopment commission, then by the Area Plan Commission and then the commissioners and then be returned to the Redevelopment Commission for a public hearing and final adoption. He is asking the commissioners to hold a special meeting after the Area Plan meets in order to complete the process before the public hearing which will be held on October 14, 2009. The Commissioners agreed to meeting on Tuesday October 13, at 5:00 pm. Craig said part of the originally proposed project was to extend water and sewer lines from the city to the site and a lift station. This was going to be paid with a grant and money from the TIF bonds. He said the city had also been pursuing a grant for a lift station at Sixth and Anderson. He said the state suggested the

two be combined to increase the odds of getting the grant. He asked the commissioners to sign a revised application, Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

Accountant Mike Draper said the new building being proposed would be a 50,000 square foot facility that would house the current employees plus about 70 new jobs. The pay rate for those jobs will range from \$42,000 to \$85,000, adding about 4.6 million to the payroll.

Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority Director Bill Laubernds gave a brief presentation about the proposed reuse plan for the depot which is ready to submit to the army for approval. Wilson stressed the importance of keeping control of the water system because it provides water to the jail. Tom Milligan assured him that the county will retain that control. Mike Craig was concerned about the overall process in which the reuse authority is engaged and the control of the money that will be generated by sale and lease of the property. He said the commissioners hands were tied by non-elected officials. He also said that the commissioners would need to act boldly to ensure the county's future. He said he doubted that the plans being worked on by the Reuse Authority would ever become a reality, and the commissioners should have had their lawyers at work to verify that this process was legal. Laubernds said that the Reuse Authority members are appointed by the commissioners and that the plan being followed is the method that is used for all disposals of military bases in the United States as laid out by federal and state laws. Langley asked at what point property would go back on the tax rolls and Laubernds said commercial property would go on the rolls when it was sold or leased to someone to develop it. For the agricultural property, the Authority would make payments in lieu of taxes to the county to cover the taxes that those properties would generate.

Wilson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Crossley. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor

