

RE: Telephone Lines

**Minutes Special Meeting
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners
October 6, 2009
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana**

President, Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm 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.

Mike Phelps, IT Director for Vermillion County Courthouse asked the commissioners to consider eliminating some phones lines that would result in saving the county approximately \$1,621.00. He said there were a number of unused lines at the Health department and that he wants to get rid of the toll bypass lines. He said the toll bypass lines enable people at the courthouse to call Clinton without paying long distance fees but that the cost to do that is more than paying long distance fees of 3 cents per minute. He said currently the county is paying \$586 per month for the 832-7785 line at the jail and \$300 for the 665-0142 line. He wants to move the 832 line to the health dept and the 665 line to a business or residence is Dana. He said that under this system the phone numbers would not actually ring in these 2 places, but the lines would connect through those locations and then forwarded to the jail. He added that the lines at the courthouse are costing about \$1200 per month to maintain. He said that making these changes would not affect people calling the courthouse only outgoing calls. He said it would take 46,000 minutes per month to add up to the cost of maintain the toll bypass lines.

Phelps said the contract would be for three years and that the current contract runs out in November and that the commissioners would need to make a decision before that time.

The commissioners voted to table it until the next meeting.

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