

RE: Ambulance Service Proposals
Community Action
Yearly bids
Exam of claims
Assessor 3rd party testing
H1N1 Grant
Deferred Comp-Sheriff
Redevelopment Commission
Bridge 36
Bridge 35
County Phone Lines

Minutes
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners
November 3, 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.

Crossley made a motion to accept the minutes from the prior meetings, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

Ambulance Service Proposals. Wilson said both applicants had submitted 5 year proposals. They will discuss the proposals and also discuss paramedic service with the council on the 9th. They will award the contract at their December meeting.

Community Action. No one applied.

Yearly bids. Bids were opened. Wilson said that the commissioners and Bill Clark would go over them at a later date.

Examination of claims. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

Assessor-3rd party testing contract with GNA. Crossley motion to sign contract, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

H1N1 Grant. Mary Crotty asked the commissioners to approve a contract to be used under a state grant for the H1N1 flu vaccination. The contract allows the health department to administer the vaccine if necessary. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

Deferred Comp for the Sheriff's department. Elaine Beatty, a benefits consultant who handles the current retirement plan for the sheriff's department spoke to the commissioners about a statewide plan that would give department employees the option of voluntarily contributing to their retirement plan through payroll deduction. The plan, sponsored by the Indiana Sheriff's Association, is being offered to all sheriffs' departments in Indiana at no cost to the county, but it must be approved in an ordinance by the commissioners. Hawkins made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley, all were in favor.

Hawkins mentioned that the commissioners need to make appointments to the re-established county redevelopment commission, because that role is currently being filled by Clinton’s commission. Wilson advised Orman to advertise for this position.

Crossley made a motion to approve an \$11,244.75 change order for work on Bridge 36, seconded by Hawkins, all were in favor.

It was mentioned that the same contractor had won a bid for work on Bridge 35 and wanted to start on Monday but will need to wait until after the council appropriates the money.

County Phone lines. Technology Coordinator Mike Phelps spoke to the commissioners about making changes to the telephone lines in order to save over \$1,600 per month compared to what the county is currently paying. Phelps had recommended eliminating a number of toll-bypass lines, or 832 lines that are used to make local calls from the courthouse to Clinton. He also proposed physically moving two of the lines that ring into the jail to a different location. Phelps said the lines are costing about \$1,200 per month to maintain. He said at a long distance rate of 3 cents per minute, it would take 43,200 minutes per month to add up- to the cost of maintain the 832 lines. He said currently less than 10,000 minutes per month are used. A representative of NEC, who provides the courthouse phone system, also spoke to the commissioners about upgrading the system, which would provide caller id service to courthouse phones, and also increase the number of lines each office could receive at a time from two to whatever the office can handle. The upgrade could be completed for \$7,800. Phelps said if the money for the upgrade is not available then they could wait until next year but that the changes to the phone lines need to be made as soon as possible. Wilson made a motion to allow the changes to the phone line, seconded by Crossley, all were in favor.

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

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 1st day of December 2009.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor