

RE: Bids for stainless steel
Weight Limit Ordinance
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Mill Damn Road
Clinton Library Board
Ernie Pyle Covered Bridge
Phone Bill savings
Lisa Gilman grievance
Examination of Claims
Covered bridge on 71

Minutes
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners
May 3rd, 2010
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

President, Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 06:30 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 the prior meeting. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

Old Business. Bids for stainless steel filter located at the Vermillion County Jail. Wilson opened several bids. The highest bid from Keith Hollingsworth for \$1210.00. Hawkins motion to accept the bid, seconded by Crossley, all in favor.

Weight Limit Ordinance. The Commissioners were given a revised weight limit ordinance from Spurr. This ordinance would increase the weight limit on county roads. The revision is due to the fact that school buses are over the current limit of 5 ton. The amended ordinance would increase the limit to 15 ton. Spurr pointed out that there were several exemptions that go along with that 15 ton limit. Wilson suggested an exemption be added for school buses just in case they would exceed the limit and be in violation of the ordinance. The commissioners agreed to table it until the next meeting.

Speed limit ordinance. The commissioners discussed an ordinance which would set the speed limit on County Road 1650 South at 40 mph. Spurr said the Commissioners had previously passed an ordinance which set the speed limits on all county roads as posted. The Commissioners agreed that all they need to do is post the speed limit on that road.

Spurr presented the Commissioners with a Capital Improvement Plan Resolution. The resolution would redirect half of Economic Development Income Tax collected by the county in 2011 and 2012 to be used for maintenance and improvement of roads. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

David Hagler was present at the April meeting in regards to Mill Damn Road and whether this was in fact a county road. Zoning Administrator, Jeff Davis reported that he had done research on the road in question and said the road appears on the county's GIS mapping system and on 911 maps. The commissioners advised Hagler that he would want to discuss the matter with the person who sold him the property. The commissioners agreed they needed to determine the width of the road and after some discussion it was agreed and set at 40 feet. They also agreed to put up signs marking the road a county road. Hawkins said Hagler could contest it if he wanted.

Appointment to Clinton Library Board. The Commissioners agreed to appoint Linda Natalie to the board to replace Carol Samuelson. Richard Bonessa was also reappointed to the board.

Ernie Pyle Covered Bridge needs painted and Commissioner Wilson asked that it be advertised.

Technology Coordinator Mike Phelps presented the commissioners with a report on the new phone system in the courthouse, which estimated that the county will save \$17,994 per year. Wilson asked him if the county was still using the 800 number and Phelps said yes but they should consider doing away with it to save money. Hawkins asked if it was something we could temporarily disconnect it for a set time to see the impact it would have and Phelps said it could be done. Phelps said most calls made to the 800 number come from outside the county and that disconnecting it would save \$2,400 per year. The commissioners decided not to disconnect it yet but to have Phelps bring them a detailed report showing the number of calls received and how many are from within the county.

Lisa Gilman, who formerly worked for the Vermillion County Soil and Water Conservation District, spoke to the Commissioners and informed them she was recently let go from her position. Gilman said she, along with another employee, were told their positions had ended for financial reasons, and to clean out their desks, turn in their keys and leave. She said if she was leaving her job, she would have given two weeks' notice and would have liked the same in return. Spurr said Indiana is an at-will employment state; an employee can be fired at any time, for any reason. Spurr said he would do some further research.

Crossley made a motion to accept he claims, seconded by Hawkins.

Someone asked the Commissioners if they would install a concave mirror on the covered bridge on 71. Crossley said it was a good idea but kids would shoot it out. Hawkins stated

that the window needed put back in. The Commissioners agreed to look into the prices of a mirror.

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 June, 2010.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor