

RE: WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE
INVENTORY RESOLUTION
STOP SIGN ORDINANCE
FRIENDS OF ERNIE PYLE
ISSUE WITH IDHS
ADDENDUM TO REASSESSMENT CONTRACT
WATER STUDY GRANT

Minutes
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners
July 6, 2010
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

President, Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, First Deputy and Amy Tolbert.

Wilson led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes from prior meeting. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.
Examination of claims. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

Dept. of Homeland Security reimbursement. Wilson advised Spurr that the commissioners are prepared to sue the IDHS if they are not reimbursed for funds paid out to three EOC employees with the CSEPP program ended. The total is roughly \$28,000 Spurr will contact the state again.

Weight limit ordinance. An ordinance setting a 15-ton weight limit on county roads during the winter months was discussed. Wilson motion to allow, seconded by Crossley.

An ordinance was discussed to set a minimum value for items to be added to the county's inventory. A limit of \$500 was discussed but then lowered to \$200. Wilson motion to allow, seconded by Crossley.

Stop sign ordinance for Newport Covered Bridge. Hawkins said he did not see what such a sign would accomplish. Windows have been cut in the bridge to improve visibility and signs have been placed instructing motorists to turn on their headlights before entering. The commissioners agreed to table the ordinance.

Friends of Ernie Pyle. Spokesman Phil Hess told the commissioners that they are not asking for operating funds from the county, but that there might be mutual benefit to an

arrangement between the county and the group to own and operate the site. Hawkins suggested including it in the County park system but there was some concern that this would place it under the authority of the park board. Hess said basically they just need the county to take deed to the property. The Friends of Ernie Pyle would own the contents and if it should fail then the contents would be moved elsewhere and the County would own the property. President Cynthia Myers said right now they are just looking at their options and are not asking the commissioners to make any decisions at this time. The group will return to the commissioners when they have made their decision.

Addendum to the 2012 reassessment contract. The commissioners were asked to approve an addendum to the contract with Tyler Technologies of Indianapolis. Assessor Richey said this would allow a project manager to be in her office three days a week for the next 18 months to help with reassessment work. She said it is necessary because she lost all of her township assessors. The cost will be \$108,000 which she has in her cumulative reassessment fund. Hawkins stated that he would like to vote no because he doesn't agree with how the state is doing this. He said he thinks it should stay local. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Wilson.

Hillsdale Water grant. Larry Coonce of Hillsdale Water Corporation asked the commissioners to sponsor a grant application for a planning grant. Wilson agree to sponsor the grant if there was no conflict with any other grants, seconded by Crossley.

Community Action Board. Hawkins motion to appoint Barbara Switzer, seconded by Crossley. Charlotte Miller resigned.

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 August 2010.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor