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**Minutes
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners
December 7, 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 the prior meeting, Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Hawkins.

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

Old Business

IDHS-Spurr said he sent a letter to Deb Wagoner in Chicago but has not received anything back from her. Wilson asked him to attempt to reach her again. Spurr agreed to try and call her.

Reserve Deputy Ordinance-Crossley thought there was some confusion with the wording “reserve” and “special” deputy. They were both used in the ordinance and thought they were two different things. Hawkins agreed and stated that a reserve deputy has the same duties as a regular deputy. A special deputy is used on special occasions such as title checks, etc. A special deputy only has arrest powers at the jail, not outside the jail. Spurr will change the wording and present it again at the meeting on the 30th.

New Business

Sycamore Trails update-Amanda Bailey was present to give an update on Sycamore trails. She stated that the funding is going away so they have went to a smaller, 9 member board. She said in the past the Soil and Water used to pay the dues but will no longer be doing so. She said the Extension Office will be paying \$100.00 as will Soil and Water and she wanted to know if the Commissioners still wanted to support Sycamore trails. She said \$20.00 will get them one vote, or they can pay \$100.00 as well. It is up to them. Wilson said he would be willing to pay the \$100 and can find somewhere in their budget to pay it.

Bailey introduced Nancy Hudson, the new Purdue Extension Consumer and Family Science Educator to the commissioners.

2011 meeting dates. The commissioners agreed to the first Tuesday at 6:30 and the 3rd Tuesday at 8 am.

Petition to vacate portion of First Street, original plat of Alta, Helt Twp. John & Pamela Pike. The Pikes requested that an undeveloped, one-block portion of First Street be vacated, and request received a favorable recommendation from the Area Plan Commission. The Pikes own the property on both sides of the right of way, making the undeveloped road essentially part of their yard. Charles Cummins objected to the closure, and explained that his driveway is near the railroad tracks, and the undeveloped right of way is the only way to safely enter his home. Jason Judy, who owns neighboring property, spoke in favor of the closure. HE said that in the time he had lived there, nobody had used the right of way in question, and everything along it is abandoned. He did state that the road along the railroad tracks needs some work, as it is grown up in some places and has not been mowed. He added that his garage sits directly on the right of way. Wilson suggested the request be tabled until the weather improves and the highway department can see what could be done about the condition of the road next to the railroad tracks, and then the commissioners will revisit the closure. Pike said there is no need for a right of way there and that Cummins is making ruts in her yard. The commissioners agreed to table it.

LCC Mini Grant-No one present.

Police Car Proposals-Several proposals were received and Deputy Chad Hennis reported that the grant the county was pursuing to purchase several cars had fallen through. There is \$37,400 left in the fund for police cars, and questions were raised as to whether it can be used or not. The reason is because money was additionally appropriated just for the use of the grant. The Commissioners decided they would discuss it with the council and their next meeting and then they could call a special meeting if needed.

Opening of bids for supplies, materials or services for 2011. Bids awarded are as follows:

Gasoline and Diesel for Sheriff, Park and Highway-Scott Oil Inc.

Gravel, Sand, Stone and Pit Run for Highway-Kanizer Excavating, S&G Excavating, Hawkins Gravel, Robertson Gravel and Parke Co. Aggregates.
Bituminous Material-Wabash Valley Asphalt Co, Asphalt Materials Inc.
Culverts-St. Regis Culvert Inc, James Drew Corp, E&H Bridge & Grating Inc, Metal Culverts, and CPI Supply.

County Insurance-Dave Marietta reported that the premium for the property insurance will drop by \$9,802 this year, and the commissioners approved the renewal.

White Construction Entrance-Wilson said the bids for the new entrance for White Construction had exceeded the amount specified, so the commissioners will ask Economic Development to advertise for new bids.

Bridge Inspection-Proposals were received for Vermillion County Bridge Inspections from USI Consultants, Clark Dietz, Inc., WJE Associates Inc., Janssen & Spaans Engineer, and Beam, Longest & Neff, LLC. Proposals taken under advisement.

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

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 6th day of July 2010.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Kim Hawkins

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor