

RE: Sheriff Contract

Minutes
Vermillion County Board of Commissioners and Council Joint Meeting
December 31, 2010
Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

President, Tim Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and declared a quorum of Commissioner Tim Wilson, Commissioner Harry Crossley and Commissioner Kim Hawkins. Council Members present were John Cheesewright, Randy Padish, Mike Carty, Randy Dreher, and Lary Langley. Also present were: Attorney Jon Spurr, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman, and First Deputy Amy Tolbert.

Wilson led in the Pledge to the Flag.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Sheriff to sign his annual contract. Cheesewright said he had not seen a copy but that the Sheriff had requested \$75,000 during the budget process and that was what was approved. Wilson stated that he did not think the commissioners were involved with this and Darnell said they are, commissioners approve all contracts. Darnell said the contract is per state statute. Cheesewright said Spence's current salary is \$75,000.00 and Spence said he would like to see a little bit of a change. Orman said raise was included in the 2011 budget when it was presented and approved. She added the 2011 budget has been approved by the state already and cannot be changed now. Darnell said they could approve the contract and then look at an increase next year. Hawkins stated that they need something to sign. Spence said he talked to the Council about his contract 4 years ago but not the Commissioners. Orman said the 2006 contract had a signature from both the President of the Commissioners and President of the Council. Orman said the 2006 contract was for 2007 and 2008. Diana Spence said it was for 2 years and then it was to be renegotiated but it never happened. Hawkins said he thought it did happen in a council meeting, that Spence was asked if he was happy with the way things were going and he said yes. Cheesewright suggested a new contract be for one year at \$75,000 and then look at an increase for the following year. Hawkins said if a contract is not signed then they have to go by state statute which is well over \$100,000.00 and Darnell said he did not think that amount was correct. Carty suggested they renew the old contract and then look at a new contract at a later date. Hawkins asked Spence if they could renew the old contract and Spence said yes. Crossley made a motion to renew the Sheriffs contract at \$75,000.00, seconded by Wilson. 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 18th day of January 2011 and the Council on the 14th day of February 2011..

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Randy Padish

Mike Carty

Randy Dreher

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor