

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda

March 5, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on March 5, 2019 at 8:15a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and County Attorney Jon Spurr. Tim Yocum was absent.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims and Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Claims and Payroll for March 8, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe told the Commissioners that the Reuse Authority is still working on agricultural leases for 2019. Grewe said Vermillion Rise had received an inquiry from the state. He stated that staff from the Governor's office visited Vermillion Rise last week.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Tom Milligan from Vermillion Trails Alliance told the Commissioners that residents have the opportunity to donate to the 50 Trees of Indiana Trail that is being built on the county farm property. He said for \$100 donation, a resident can have his or her name placed on a tree, or in memory of a family member. He also stated that Les Zimmerman donated the trees.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** No update at this time.
 - d. **County Property Lease.** The Commissioners received one bid for the county pasture property that is located near the jail. The bid was from Dustin Dunham for \$1,350. Wilson stated that the previous lease, to a different farmer was only for \$300, so this is a substantial increase for the county. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to award the bid for county pasture property to Dustin Dunham for \$1,350. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Handbook.** It was stated that there will be a joint Council and Commissioners meeting on March 11, 2019 following Council meeting, concerning the handbook.
 - f. **Payroll – Account Change or Closed Fee.** It was stated that wording for the fee needed to be changed and to specify the fund it is to be deposited into before approval. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the Payroll-Account Change or Closed Fee Ordinance until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
 - g. **Culvert Replacement – 300 W.** Crossley stated the bids for culvert replacement on 300 W would be opened at the March 19, 2019 meeting.
 - h. **County Website.** Sheriff Mike Phelps recommended that the Commissioners issue a request for proposals for companies interested in updating the county's website. Phelps said additional companies have shown interest, he said it would be better to have them come in and present information to the Commissioners.
 - i. **Opioid Litigation.** The Commissioners received a letter from Anderson & Nichols, Attorneys at Law, regarding Vermillion County Opioid Litigation. The letter stated that in light of receiving the letter from Cohen & Malad, LLP dated September 27, 2018, terminating their representation regarding the Opioid Litigation, that John P. Nichols, Attorney at Law, will continue his representation in this matter along with Craig Smith, Attorney at Law. Also, stated in the letter he said upon reflection and discussion with other counsel involved in the opioid mass tort litigation we suspect that Cohen & Malad, LLP and Gregory Hahn simply chose not to represent you because of discovery issues and size of your covered area.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to sign the agreement with John P. Nichols, Attorney at Law and Craig Smith, Attorney at Law for Opioid Litigation. All in favor, motion carried.

j. **Courthouse Phone System.** No discussion.

VII. New Business

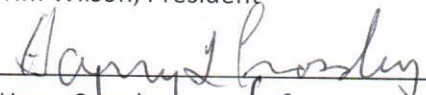
- a. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** Emergency Response Director Mark O'Heir gave an update on the FEMA/MVH Grant and he said he has an Additional Appropriation request for the April Council meeting.
- b. **Polling Locations.** Clerk Amy Griffin gave the Commissioners the legal notice of places for this year's city elections in Clinton. She said the polling places have remained the same as in previous years. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the polling places for the 2019 city elections. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Vermillion County Park & Recreation – Dana Park.** Park Board member Wayne Bush told the Commissioners that the town of Dana is interested in having the county take over the Dana Park. Bush said the town barely has enough money in its budget to cover mowing. Bush said the park would become county property. He said that county park employees already mow the Ernie Pyle home in Dana, so it would not be difficult to add the park to their duties. Milligan stated that the Methodist Church in Dana pays for the port-a-pot at the park, and would likely continue to do so once it is taken over by the county. The Commissioners asked Spurr to prepare a resolution for both the Commissioners and the Dana Town Board to sign, for the county to take over the park.
- d. **Sheriff Contract – Mike Phelps.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Sheriff Contract for the next four years. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. **New Vehicles – Sheriff's Department.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson for Phelps to purchase three new Dodge Durango's for the sheriff's department at a cost of \$28,306.25 each. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Ambulance Update.** Illiana EMS Director Eric Shaughnessy reported that the ambulance had 1352 calls in 2018. He said the average response time was 7:41, which he said was below the national average for rural services of 13 minutes. Shaughnessy said the service had 52 calls that had a response time of over 20 minutes, which he said was mainly due to weather conditions. He said so far in 2019, the average response time has been 7:54, with 83 percent of the calls under 13 minutes. Shaughnessy said this is largely due to winter weather, which has resulted in more calls to Interstate 74. Wilson asked what it would cost to have a third ambulance staffed 24 hours a day, and Shaughnessy said he could prepare and provide the Commissioners with an estimate for a third ambulance.

VIII. Adjourn. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

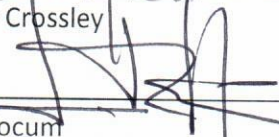
Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 19th day of March, 2019.



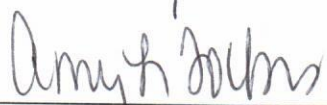
Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor