

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on March 19, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. South Vermillion High School senior Rebekah Addison called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, and County Attorney Jon Spurr.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims and Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims and payroll for March 22, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report.** Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VII. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe was not present to give an update.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** No one present to give an update.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** No discussion.
 - d. **Handbook.** No discussion.
 - e. **Payroll – Account Change or Closed Fee Ordinance.** If the county payroll department is not informed of the change in accounts, the banks charge the county a fee when they are unable to complete the deposit. This ordinance will require employees to reimburse the county for such fees when they are charged. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the Account Change or Closed Fee Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Culvert Replacement Bids for 300 W.** Two bids were received for replacement of a culvert on County Road 300 West, north of State Road 32. The culvert itself will cost \$28,225 under a contract with E-3 Bridge. The bids for installation of the culvert were received from Eric Smith in the amount of \$28,000 and from Kanizer Excavating in the amount of \$49,400. A motion was made by Wilson to accept the bid from Eric Smith in the amount of \$28,000, seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.
 - g. **County Website.** The Commissioners discussed advertising a request for proposals for a new county website. Sheriff Mike Phelps put together a 28-page request for proposal for the redesign, development and hosting a new county website. Phelps said he has heard from four interested companies. It was stated that an email with the request for proposals requirements can be sent to anyone interested. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to pursue the request for proposals for a new county website. All in favor, motion carried.
 - h. **Courthouse Phone System.** No discussion.
 - i. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** The Commissioners discussed the FEMA/MVH Grant and stated that an additional appropriation is being submitted for the next Council meeting on April 8, 2019.
 - j. **Dana Park Resolution.** The Commissioners discussed a joint resolution with the Town of Dana to take over the Dana Park. The ordinance states that the monuments and a butterfly memorial garden in the park will remain after the


county takes over the park. The Park Board is in agreement with taking over the Dana Park. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the Dana Park Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. New Business

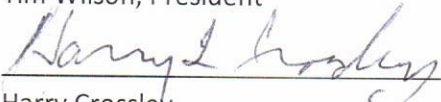
- a. **County Health Insurance.** The Commissioners discussed the rates for the 2019 County Health Insurance. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the rates for the 2019 County Health Insurance with USI Insurance Services. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **HSA.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the \$1,000 for the employees with the HSA policy, to be paid out quarterly. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Ordinance for New Fund, #8125 Drug Court.** The Commissioners asked Spurr to prepare an ordinance for a new fund for drug court.
- d. **Dangerous Exotic Animal Ordinance – Area Plan.** The Commissioners discussed a dangerous exotic animal ordinance that had been approved by the Area Plan Commission. The ordinance states that no person in the county may harbor, care for, act as custodian of or maintain in his possession any dangerous animal or primate except on property maintained as a zoological park, licensed exhibit, circus, scientific institution, research laboratory or veterinary hospital. Dangerous animal means a lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, lynx, bobcat, jaguarondi, bear, hyena, wolf, coyote or any poisonous, life-threatening reptile. Spurr suggested that primate in the ordinance be replaced with non-human primate. Spurr said otherwise we're all in violation.
Yocum asked if the ordinance should specify a fine or penalty. Zoning Administrator Penney Barton said that it would fall under the county's zoning ordinance, which already establishes a fine of \$10 to \$300 per day for violations. Wilson asked what would happen to animals seized under the ordinance, and Barton replied "baby steps." Yocum stated that if we enact it, we have to deal with it.
Sheriff Mike Phelps said the county needs to prevent such animals from being brought in to the county in the first place, and that, if they are brought in, we have the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) and other resources to deal with them. The ordinance does not mention seizing animals, and the question was raised regarding what would happen if a resident would continue to pay the fines on a daily basis and keep the prohibited animals. Wilson said he believes the Area Plan Commission's first goal was to establish that such animals are prohibited, and move forward from there. Spurr stated that he will work on addressing the concerns in the ordinance.
- e. **Jail and Courthouse Internet Contracts.** The Commissioners discussed a new 3-year contract with New Wave Business for internet service at the courthouse and jail. The cost will be \$840 per month, a savings from the previous \$1,240 per month contract. Crossley made a motion to approve the courthouse and jail internet contract with New Wave Business, seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Jail Project – CCI (Construction Control, Inc.) Contract.** The Commissioners stated that this contract is pending Council approval of the funds.
- g. **Recycling Plant on County Property.** It was stated that someone want to put a recycling plant on county property and lease the property for \$1 a year. Spurr said yes that is legal. Yocum said he wants to have a meeting. Spurr stated when they are ready, he will work on a lease.

IX. **Adjourn.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 2nd day of April, 2019.

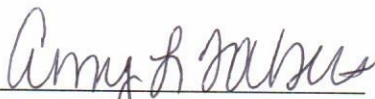


Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor