

## Vermillion County Commissioners

### Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on April 2, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioner's 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 March 19, 2019 regular meeting and the March 19, 2019 Special 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 April 5, 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 stated they were in Chicago last week with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for a food trade show. He said they are particularly interested in the contacts they made in relationship to food and beverage producers.  
He said they are pushing their regular meeting back to April 23<sup>rd</sup> because of the Easter weekend. He said they will still meet on the 17<sup>th</sup> to open bids for ESCA projects. He said they are having a special meeting tonight to consider a land option at 7:00 p.m.
  - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Tom Milligan from Vermillion Trails Alliance reported that they have trees setting in holes at the Trailhead. He said the first planned work day the ground was too wet and the second planned work day it rained. Milligan said they are in need of dry weather to keep working on the trailhead project. He said they now have 30 different species of trees identified. He said the trees were donated by Les Zimmerman and the VTA still has an opportunity for anyone interested to purchase a tree for \$100 with their name on it.  
Milligan also stated that they are having a Master Planning Session all day on Monday, April 1, 2019 at the fairground at 8:00 a.m.  
Kristy Jerrell with Jerrell Consulting told Milligan that the Department of Natural Resources has a forestry grant available and they could apply to get up to \$25,000 to plant trees. She said she would get information to them about the grant.
  - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** Sheriff Mike Phelps was not present to discuss the jail renovation or expansion.
  - d. **Handbook.** Spurr said him and Anita Fultz set down and went through the proposed changes and then sent it to Scott Craig to look over and make changes and then he said they would ask the committee to meet and discuss all the proposed changes.
  - e. **County Website.** No discussion, Phelps was not present.
  - f. **Courthouse Phone System.** No discussion, Phelps was not present.



- g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** Mark O’Heir stated that the additional appropriation is on the agenda for the next Council meeting, then it’s up to the Commissioners to start getting the work done.
- h. **Dangerous Exotic Animal Ordinance – Area Plan.** Penney Barton was not present at the meeting to discuss the Dangerous Exotic Animal Ordinance. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the Dangerous Exotic Animal Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- i. **Jail Project – CCI (Construction Control, Inc.) Contract.** It was stated that the CCI (Construction Control, Inc.) Contract is pending funding from the Vermillion County Council.
- j. **Ordinance for New Fund, #8125 Drug Court.** Spurr said this creates a fund to receipt money into. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Drug Court Ordinance crating a new fund #8125 for drug court. All in favor, motion carried.
- k. **County Leased Property.** Keith Hollingsworth was present to discuss the county leased property. He had the previous lease which stated that if someone bid more than his bid, he had the option to pay 1% over their bid to keep the lease. The Commissioners awarded the bid to Dustin Dunham on March 5, 2019 for \$1350. Hollingworth requested to pay the \$1350 plus 1% to keep the lease. This made Dunham’s lease void and the commissioners agreed to refund Dunham the \$1350 plus the material and labor for repairs that he made to the county property. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to void Dunham’s lease and refund his lease payment plus material and labor for work he had done, and sign a lease with Hollingsworth for one year for \$1350 plus 1%. All in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. New Business**

- a. **Vermillion County Economic Development Council – Comprehensive Plan.** Economic Development Director Dylan Rikken said they are wanting to work with the Area Plan Commission on updating the Comprehensive Plan. He said the last one that was done was in 2002. He said there’s opportunities called stellar communities throughout the state where you have to have an updated Comprehensive Plan within the last seven years. Grant Administrator Kristy Jerrell told the Commissioners they are wanting to start the income survey with the consent of the Commissioners. She said Economic Development is willing to pay for the cost of the income survey and the grant match and the County would not be out any costs, you would get a \$50,000.00 grant to do the Comprehensive Plan. She said the first step is to start the survey and they need the Commissioners to sign a letter. Wilson said he had no problem with it but wanted Area Plan, Economic Development, and Vermillion Rise, and the local attorneys to work together. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to sign a permission letter. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Border Bridge.** This is Bridge 80 that borders Illinois. This is an agreement between Vermilion County Illinois and Vermillion County Indiana for Vermillion County Indiana to cover 100% of the maintenance and inspections for Bridge 80 with any future rehabilitations or replacements costs to be split 50/50 between Vermillion County Indiana and Vermilion County Illinois. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the Border Bridge agreement until next month. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **County Highway Equipment Sale.** Crossley stated that the highway department is going to have an equipment sale. He said it will be advertised for sealed bids



and the bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Auditor's office and the bids will be opened on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Commissioners meeting.

- d. **Ambulance.** Wilson stated that back in March at the Public Safety meeting they discussed what it would cost to add an additional ambulance in the middle of the county. He said Eric Shaughnessy put together an estimate of what it would cost, he asked Shaughnessy to explain the cost.

Shaughnessy said he was asked at the March Commissioners meeting to put together a proposal for an additional ambulance to be staffed onsite 24 hours a day around the central part of the county. He said the additional cost to have a third ambulance staffed at the Paramedic level would be \$178,600.00 for 2019 and the cost for 2020 would be \$228,250.80. He said the third ambulance would be stationed at Vermillion Rise. Shaughnessy said the additional funds are less than the bid for two ambulances from the other bidder, so you would be getting three ambulances for less than the bid for two ambulances.

Tim Wilson said they will take it under advisement because Tim Yocum isn't hear to look it over, and if they are interested, he said they will take it to the Council because they will have the final say so.

Paul Lee said Shaughnessy did a proposal to cover the county why is it up to the taxpayers to add more money if he doesn't have adequate coverage, he said Shaughnessy's proposal was to cover the county and it's not the taxpayers fault he didn't allow enough money to cover the county.

Tim Wilson said the request come from a fire department and they are just looking into it.

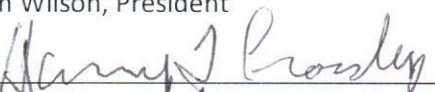
Paul Lee said by the way he (Lee) had four ambulances in his bid.

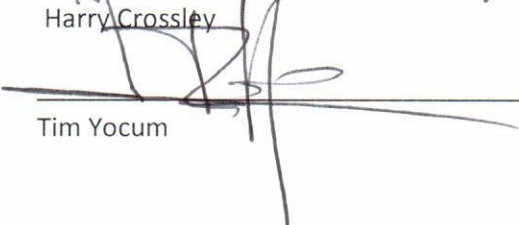
- e. **Park Employees Benefits.** Wayne Bush said we have four seasonal employees that started to work yesterday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and they work until November 1<sup>st</sup>. That is 7 months plus a day or two. He said he got an email stating the state guidelines are if you work 6 months and 1 day you have to offer insurance to the employees. Bush said only two of the employees had the insurance before and these are employees that have been working for the park board for over twenty years, he said the park employees do a fantastic job mowing and making improvements to the parks in Vermillion County. Wilson said we can't violate the law, he said to offer insurance to them. Tolbert said they can make the change in the handbook; do we need a resolution in the meantime? Spurr said the minutes from the meeting should be fine since they are getting ready to make several changes to the handbook and they can address this issue then. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to offer insurance to the park employees. All in favor, motion carried.

- IX. **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 16th day of April, 2019.

  
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Tim Wilson, President

  
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Harry Crossley

  
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Tim Yocum

Attest: Amy Tolbert  
Amy Tolbert, Auditor