

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse


- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on May 28, 2019 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 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 May 14, 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 May 31, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe reported that Stan Pinegar, the new president of Duke Energy in Indiana, had toured Vermillion Rise during his visit to Vermillion County. Grewe also told the Commissioners that a group from the Pueblo Army Depot in Colorado plans to visit soon, as they are preparing to take possession of that property from the Army, and want to learn more about what to expect from Vermillion Rise who has gone through the process.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Tom Milligan from Vermillion Trails Alliance reported that HWC Engineering is working on engineering work for the Hillsdale trail project. Milligan said work on the Trailhead Park has been delayed due to weather, but the parking area and pavilion should be completed over the summer.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** No comments.
 - d. **Handbook.** Spurr said he will meet with Council Attorney Scott Craig and Payroll Deputy Anita Fultz to discuss the changes before taking it to the Handbook Committee.
 - e. **County Website.** No comments.
 - f. **Courthouse Phone System.** No comments.
 - g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** No comments.
 - h. **Community Crossings Grant.** The Commissioners received one bid for paving work to be completed through the Community Crossings grant program from Wabash Valley Asphalt for \$979,594.30 which is under the \$1 million budget for the project. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to award the bid to Wabash Valley Asphalt. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Petition to Vacate Public Alley/Street – Timothy Baysinger.** This petition to Vacate Public Alley/Street was approved in 2018 but Baysinger did not have the Ordinance ready to be signed at that time. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Petition to Vacate Public Alley/Street for Timothy Baysinger. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Recorder's Office – Redaction Service Agreement.** Recorder Jennifer Peebles asked the Commissioners to approve the renewal of a redaction agreement which must be renewed every four years, and requires the Commissioners signature. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the renewal of the redaction agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Florinda Pruitt questioned that decision, and stated that she thought the Commissioners only allowed contracts to be a year at a time. Spurr said he was not aware of any issue with multi-year contracts, but that the State Board of Accounts did not like contracts which automatically renew without any action by the county.


- c. **CASA – Eliza Porter.** CASA Director Eliza Porter explained to the Commissioners the need for office space for the program. She stated the CASA volunteers need space where they can meet with clients, preferably in the courthouse. Porter stated that because the CASA volunteers work with children who have been abused or neglected, the records of their cases are confidential, so a private meeting area is important. Judge Jill Wesch said that there is a conference room located just off of the courtroom which could be used temporarily, but requires anyone entering it to pass through the courtroom to do so, which might not always be allowable, if the court is handling a juvenile case which is closed to the public. There was discussion on the stage area of the auditorium being a possibility, but it was noted that it is an open area and would have to be enclosed, which has raised concerns in the past. Wilson asked if office space was available at Vermillion Rise, and Wesch said that was an option that could be considered. For the immediate future, the Commissioners asked Porter to use the courtroom conference room until a permanent space could be found.
- d. **Dangerous Exotic Animal Ordinance.** Zoning Administrator Penney Barton reported that the Area Plan Commission met after the Commissioners approved a dangerous exotic animal ordinance at their last meeting, and asked that the ordinance be amended to remove any animals that were native to Indiana. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to amend the ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. Spurr is to make the changes to the ordinance
- e. **IDEM Report.** Wilson reported an inspection was held at the Cayuga highway garage after the Indiana Department of Environmental Management received a report of logs and tires at the garage. He stated that there had been some tires there that were collected during tire recycling, but that they had been given to J & R Used Tire for disposal. Wilson provided a copy of the inspection report, which showed no violations.

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 11th day of June, 2019.




Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor