

## Vermillion County Commissioners

### Meeting Agenda

July 9, 2019

8:15a.m.

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioner's convened in a regular meeting on July 9, 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, 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 June 25, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims for July 12, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the payroll for July 12, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Open Issues**
  - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe was not present at the meeting. Tom Milligan told the Commissioners that Vermillion Rise and Vermillion Trails Alliance are planning "Ernie's Ride at the Rise." He said it's a bicycle ride at Vermillion Rise which will highlight some of the history and development that has taken place at the property. The event is scheduled for September 14. Yocum asked if there are buildings at Vermillion Rise that are not available for rent, and if there is any reason. Milligan said that question could be better answered by staff at the Rise, but that some buildings might not be safe for use, or too costly to repair.
  - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Les Zimmerman stated that the trees planted at the Trailhead Park by Vermillion Trails Alliance have had about a 95 percent survival rate. He said they are in the process of obtaining a building permit for the planned shelter at the Trailhead Park.
  - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** The Commissioners discussed hiring Baker Tilley, formally known as Umbaugh and Associates, to serve as financial consultant on the jail renovation project, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Baker Tilley will determine the annual costs of the project, including ongoing costs such as staffing.

A motion was made by Yocum and seconded by Crossley to hire Baker Tilley as the financial consultant on the jail renovation project. All in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners also discussed whether Jack Krouse should be required to carry professional liability insurance in his role as consultant on the jail project. Spurr said that since the county was responsible for Krouse's costs, they would be paying for the insurance. Sheriff Mike Phelps stated that Krouse is working as a consultant for two or three other counties as well, and that if the commissioners want him to carry the insurance, they might be able to split the costs with one or more of those counties. Yocum said he would look into that possibility.
  - d. **Handbook.** Spurr said they have one draft of suggested changes and the handbook committee will be meeting before the August meeting to go over the changes.



- e. **County Website.** The Commissioners discussed having the companies who put in proposals for the county website come in and do interviews before making a decision next month.
- f. **Courthouse Phone System.** Phelps said the AT&T rep is on the ball finally with getting lines cancelled. Phelps said they are turning the circuit into a fiber circuit and then hopefully have no more issues. Phelps said he is hoping they are done soon.
- g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** The Commissioners opened several bids for the repair of roads that had been damaged in 2018 floods. These are eligible for reimbursement by FEMA. Bids received were from:

Eric Smith for \$8,200 for a culvert on County Road 50 East; \$9,500 for a culvert over Brouillettes Creek; and \$34,200 for work on County Road 1100 South.

Swingle Excavating for \$54,418 for work on County Road 600 North; \$19,105 for guardrails and paving on Meridian Road; and \$51,450 for work on County Road 1100 South.

Arkie Oaks for \$2,565 for paving only, no guardrails on Meridian Road.


Kanizer Excavating for \$4,840 for replacement of a culvert on County Road 950 South ; \$24,990 for work on County Road 1100 South; \$23,299 for the culvert over Brouillettes Creek; \$52,200 for the work on County Road 600 North; and \$14,800 for the work on Meridian Road.

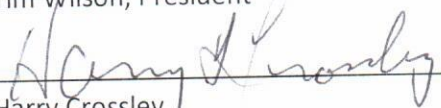
The Commissioners asked Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir to review the bids and make sure that they are within the amounts that FEMA will reimburse before they are awarded.

- h. **County Road 800 S Speed Limit Ordinance.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the County Road 800 S Speed Limit Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
  - i. **Broadband Ordinance.** Economic Development Director Dylan Riggen presented a Broadband Ordinance to the Commissioners for their approval. Riggen asked if they could make a decision on the ordinance today. There was some discussion on the Broadband Ordinance. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the Broadband Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
  - j. **Vietnam War Memorial.** Veteran's Service Officer Phil Hutson is to get prices on a Vietnam War Memorial.
  - k. **Covered Bridges – Fire Retardant Paint.** Yocum said he is still working on this.
- VIII. **New Business**
- a. **2020 Salary Recommendations.** Wilson read the letter that will be sent to the Council with the 2020 Salary Recommendation. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the 2020 Salary Recommendations letter that will be sent to the Council. All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. **County Road Traffic Studies, Road Signs and Markings.** Councilman Neil Costello spoke to the Commissioners about matters related to speed limits, traffic studies and road signs, based on his experience working for Vigo County.
  - c. **Fire Alarm System.** Terry Carrera said there is one fire alarm that is not working and needs replaced. The Commissioners asked Carrera to gets quotes to replace the fire alarm for the next meeting.

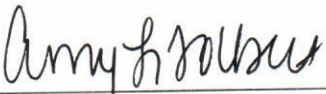
- d. **Newport Lions Club – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb.** Wilson read the letter from the Newport Lions Club requesting permission to stage the Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb October 4, 5 & 6, 2019. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the request. All in favor, motion carried.
  - e. **Letter from Newport Church of God.** Wilson read the letter from the Newport Church of God requesting to use the Auditorium for their annual chicken and noodle dinner during the Hill Climb. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the request. All in favor, motion carried.
  - f. **Probation Remodeling.** Ron Stateler said they received one bid from Jeremy Fortner for \$3,000 to put in a sliding door in his office. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the bid from Jeremy Fortner. All in favor, motion carried.
  - g. **Illiana EMS.** Eric Shaughnessy gave the Commissioners an update on response times and number of runs.
  - h. **Recycling Grant.** Yocum asked about the status of the recycling grant that the county had received. Zoning Administrator Penney Barton said the cost of the dumpsters had gone up enough that the county could not afford to buy two, but still planned to buy one for recycling.
- 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 23rd day of July, 2019.

  
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Tim Wilson, President

  
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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor