

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on June 25, 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.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes from the June 11, 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 June 28, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Treasurer' Report.** Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurers' Report.
- VII. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe told the Commissioners that he recently attended a conference in Washington and that he spoke with several prospects who had expressed interest in Indiana locations. He also said that he is meeting with representatives of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources later today, he said it's the first meeting with the DNR in over a year. Grewe said there had been a letter of intent to transfer a large piece of forested land to the DNR, and he was hoping to reengage with them on that topic.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** No one present to give an update.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** Nothing new to report.
 - d. **Handbook.** Spurr stated that he was meeting with Council Attorney Scott Craig, and Anita Fultz after the meeting to discuss changes to the handbook.
 - e. **County Website.** Sheriff Mike Phelps told the Commissioners that the website committee had narrowed the field of companies who had submitted proposals from three to two, and that the two remaining candidates have each been asked to give a demonstration to the committee before a decision is made.
 - f. **Courthouse Phone System.** Phelps said they are waiting for them to disconnect the line between the courthouse and jail.
 - g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.**
 - h. **County Road 800 S Speed Limit Ordinance.** The Commissioners discussed an Ordinance for the reduction of speed limit on County Road 800 S. Crossley had requested that Spurr prepare an ordinance to reduce the speed after receiving a request from two residents who walk along the road, and were concerned about vehicles driving through the area at a high rate of speed. The speed limit is 55 mph unless otherwise posted. The ordinance would reduce the limit to 30 mph from State Road 63 to County Road 250 East. Phelps asked if the commissioners have had studies conducted or just set the speed limits to what they consider appropriate. He said some of the speed limits that have been set, such as the 30 mph and 40 mph areas on Old State Road 63, south of U.S. Highway 36, are not appropriate. He said people are not going to obey that, and he said he can't say he blames them, as Old State Road 63 is rated for higher speeds than that. Phelps said he felt it would be appropriate to have studies conducted, rather than just throwing a number out there because somebody is happy with it. He said there was no need to reduce an entire road to 30 mph because there was

one house there. Crossley stated that people walk on County Road 800 South, which has no shoulder, and that cars fly by.

Phelps said he hoped that a licensed driver would slow down if he or she saw someone walking on the road. He said a 30-mph speed limit in a town is logical, but 30 mph because someone walks on the road is not, because people will not follow it.

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. **Road Cut Permit – ORC – Real Estate Solutions for Infrastructure.** The Commissioners lowered the bond for the Road Cut Permit. Crossley said they are only boring under the road. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to lower the bond for the Road Cut Permit for ORC-Real Estate Solutions for Infrastructure. All in favor, motion carried.
- j. **Dangerous Exotic Animal Ordinance – Area Plan.** The Commissioners discussed a revised Dangerous Animals Ordinance. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Dangerous Animals Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- k. **Broadband Ordinance.** Economic Development Director Dylan Riggen will bring this before the Commissioners at their next meeting.
- l. **Vietnam War Memorial.** Crossley stated that Clay Mack is working on an estimate for a Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be displayed on the courthouse lawn.
- m. **Covered Bridges – Fire Retardant Paint.** Yocum was not present to discuss this.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Transfer of Vehicle from Sheriff to Probation.** The Probation Department is requesting the permission of the Commissioners to transfer a Dodge Charger, that was going to be disposed of by the sheriff's department, to the Probation office. It was stated that the lights and sirens will be removed before it is turned over to the Probation office. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to transfer the Dodge Charger from the Sheriff's Department to the Probation Department. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Redevelopment Commission.** John Moore reported that the commission is working on cleaning up blighted properties, and that a brownfield grant is being pursued since there are some properties in the Cayuga area that will require some remediation.


Moore also said that the commission will take over management of the White Construction Tax Increment Financing District from the Clinton Redevelopment Commission in July, and are looking at expanding the district, since there is other property in that area that might be suitable for development.

- 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 9th day of July, 2019.



Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest: Amy Tolbert
Amy Tolbert, Auditor