Vermillion County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2019 8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on July 23, 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 July 9, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the claims for July 26, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the payroll for July 26, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer's Report. No comments on Treasurer's Report.
- VIII. Open Issues
 - a. Vermillion Rise. Executive Director Bob Grewe stated that he missed the last commissioner's meeting because he was attending a manufacturing event in Des Moines, Iowa. Grewe stated that event resulted in several leads and a site visit for Vermillion Rise.
 - Grewe also reported that there was another visit to the shell building, and that he is also following up on a state inquiry.
 - Grewe also stated that Vermillion Rise is working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on a comfort letter that will hopefully address environmental concerns about the property. Grewe said some of the interested prospects have had concerns about environmental contamination due to the history of the property's use by the Army, and the letter will provide confirmation that there are no environmental concerns.
 - **b.** VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance). Les Zimmerman from VTA stated that work on the parking lot at the Trail Head Park is moving forward. They are also making efforts to protect the trees from deer.
 - Zimmerman informed the Commissioners about the upcoming Ernie's Ride at the Rise, which will be held September 14th. He said the event will include a bicycle ride through Vermillion Rise, and feature information about Vermillion Rise and about Ernie Pyle.
 - c. Jail Renovation/Expansion. No comments.
 - **d.** Handbook. Spurr stated that there is a handbook meeting scheduled for August 6th
 - **e. County Website.** Tolbert stated there are two companies that the Commissioners will review before they make a decision.
 - **f. Courthouse Phone System.** Tolbert stated that Sheriff Mike Phelps is making progress on the courthouse phone system.
 - g. FEMA/MVH Grant. Crossley said that two of the projects in his district that are eligible for federal reimbursement due to flood damage are now complete and documents will be provided to Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir. Wilson said work in his district will start this week.
 - h. County Road 800 S Speed Limit Ordinance.

- i. Vietnam War Memorial. Veteran's Officer Phil Hutson gave the Commissioners a quote from Mack Monument Company for a bronze statue featuring military boots, rifle and helmet, mounted on a mahogany granite base, for a Vietnam War memorial to be displayed at the courthouse. The quote he presented was for \$5,960. Hutson said the Commissioners will need to decide where to place the memorial.
 - A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the quote for \$5960 from Mack Monument Company. All in favor, motion carried.
- j. Covered Bridges Fire Retardant Paint. No comments.
- k. Fire Alarm System. No comments.

IX. New Business

- a. Jack Krouse Liability Insurance. Wilson stated that they are not requiring Krouse to have liability insurance.
- b. Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Contract with Historical Society. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the contract with the Historical Society. All in favor, motion carried.
- **d.** Road Cut Permit Joink. Joink is requesting a road cut permit for 11285 S 250 E, Clinton, Indiana. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the road cut permit for Joink. All in favor, motion carried.
- **X. 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 6th day of August, 2019.

Tim/Wilson, President

Tim Yocum

Amy Tolhert Auditor