

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

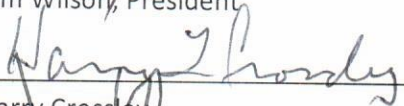
- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioner's convened in a regular meeting on September 17, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor 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 September 3, 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 September 20, 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 September 20, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report.** Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's report.
- VIII. **Open Issues.**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe was not present for an update. No comments.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Tom Milligan of VTA reported to the Commissioners that Ernie's Ride at the Rise was held Saturday with about 80 people participating. He said feedback about the event has been positive. Les Zimmerman stated that it was determined that the trail project in Hillsdale was not eligible for the grant for which the group had intended to apply, so they are pursuing other grant options. Zimmerman also stated that there has been some discussion about trails connecting Ernie Pyle's birthplace in Dana and Vermillion Rise.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** It was reported that there is a special joint meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 about the jail renovation/expansion.
 - d. **Handbook.** Spurr stated that members of the handbook committee have been discussing proposed changes with employees, and will meet again to discuss the changes further.
 - e. **County Website.** It was stated that a funding request was going before the Council in October.
 - f. **Courthouse Phone System.** No comments.
 - g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir stated that all paperwork has been turned in to FEMA for reimbursement. O'Heir stated that this should remain on the agenda until the funding is received.
 - h. **Fire Alarm System.** No comments.
 - i. **Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance.** Spurr said he is still working on the ordinance.
 - j. **Contract with Historical Society.** Tolbert stated that this will go along with the Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance once it is established.
 - k. **Highway Engineer.** Wilson stated they have two different ideas on hiring a county highway engineer. He said they would discuss it when all three commissioners were present.
- IX. **New Business**

- a. **WCIEDD (West Central Indiana Economic Development District) – Introduction of New Executive Director.** Ryan Keller introduced himself to the Commissioners as the new Executive Director for WCIEDD. He said that their agency is hoping to be more proactive and visible in the communities it serves.
 - b. **2019 Amended Holiday Calendar.** Wilson said that according to the Sate Board of Accounts, they needed to amend their holiday calendar for 2019. He said the courthouse has been closed on Friday of the Newport Hill Climb and the Health Department has been open that day, but closed on the Friday of the Little Italy Festival. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to amend the 2019 Holiday Calendar to reflect those changes. All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **2020 Holiday Calendar.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the 2020 Holiday Calendar. All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Judge’s Office and Courtroom Carpet.** A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the request for carpet in the Judge’s Office and Courtroom. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Redevelopment Commission Non-Voting Representative.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to appoint Daniel Strubinger as the non-voting representative of North Vermillion Schools on the Redevelopment Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Redevelopment Commission.** President of the Redevelopment Commission John Moore reported that demolition of one building in Cayuga was completed, and that he had a payment request for Kanizer Excavating to submit for payment. Moore also said that there is another building that needs to be demolished, which will require an engineer’s assessment, and that the Commission is looking at doing asbestos studies on two properties in Dana in order to get them torn down.
 - g. **Next Era Energy.** Zack Melda from Next Era Energy introduced himself and Hunter Armstrong. Melda told the commissioners that his company will be starting work on a new transmission line which will run from Warren County to the Duke Energy station in Cayuga. The line will run along State Road 63 for 15 miles, all in the right of way, and will be a \$20 to \$25 million investment. Melda said he wanted to work with the Zoning Administrator and the county’s highway engineer on any questions or concerns they might have. Since the county does not currently have a highway engineer, Crossley agreed to talk to him on behalf of the highway department.
- 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 1st day of October, 2019.



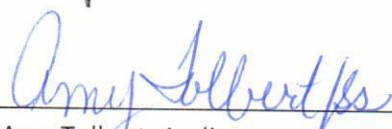
 Tim Wilson, President



 Harry Crossley



 Tim Yocum

Attest: 

 Amy Tolbert, Auditor