

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on October 15, 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 October 1, 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 October 18, 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 October 18, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Open Issues.**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** No comments. Wilson stated that Bob Grewe was out of town at another meeting.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Nothing new to report.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** No discussion.
 - d. **Handbook.** Spurr stated that they are having a handbook committee meeting following the commissioner's meeting. He said after the committee meets, they will bring their recommendations to the commissioner's.
 - e. **County Website.** No comments.
 - f. **Courthouse Phone System.** No comments.
 - g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir said they are just waiting on reimbursement.
 - h. **Fire Alarm System.** The Commissioner's reviewed the only proposal they received on the fire alarm system. The proposal was from ICS Innovative Communication Solutions, Inc. for \$24,834.00. Wilson asked Tolbert to see if there was money to pay for this and if not then the commissioners would ask the Council for an additional appropriation.
 - i. **Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance.** Spurr said he is working on this for November.
 - j. **Contract with Historical Society.** Spurr still working on the Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance which goes along with this contract with the Historical Society.
 - k. **Highway Engineer.** Wilson stated there is money available from the state for an employee of the county. Wilson said they need to decided which direction they want to go.
 - l. **County Insurance.** At the previous meeting on October 1, 2019 the Commissioners voted to change their agent from USI Insurance Services to MJS Insurance, due to concerns about the service the county is receiving from USI. Deputy Auditor Anita Fultz informed the Commissioners that the insurance committee had voted to keep USI as the county's agent until the 2020 renewal. She said the renewal is in May, which means it would be open to agents in March. Fultz said she felt that, at that time, the contract should be open to all agents, and the county should pick the best choice. Fultz said that a satisfaction

survey had been conducted among the employees, and 21 percent had said they were very satisfied with USI, 21 percent said they were satisfied, and 40 percent were neither satisfied for dissatisfied. She said only 7 percent stated that they were very dissatisfied with USI. The Commissioners also received a letter from Vermillion County Council member Ashley James, who is on the insurance committee, and who also stated she did not feel that changing agents at this time is in the county's best interest.

Crossley stated he thinks we ought to give everybody a chance to vote on it. Wilson stated that he does not like to back track on his decision but since the committee made that recommendation, we'll wait until March and open it up to everybody. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to reverse the previous meeting's decision and remain with USI as the agent for health insurance until the renewal. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Estimate for IT Infrastructure / Cyber-Security Refresh.** Paul Fouts from EAS Technology Consulting gave a presentation for a refresh of the county's IT systems. The refresh would include new computers, servers, updated software, UPS (uninterruptible power supplies) and software licensing. The total cost of the refresh would be \$456,814.93, which includes all software licensing fees for the first year. For the next two years, licensing fees would be \$24,958.15 per year. For years four through six, the total licensing fees for all three years would be \$33,070.14.

County Clerk Amy Griffin said she has been having computer problems due to the age of the equipment, and that her own computer has not worked since Thursday. She noted that, with the city of Clinton's election coming up, it is important to get those issues addressed as soon as possible.

Fouts also stated that with the systems currently in place, the county is also not meeting the Secretary of State's requirements for cybersecurity, and that there are currently no offsite backups for data stored in the courthouse computer system, in the event that data should be lost due to a fire or other catastrophe. The commissioners agreed to ask the Council to approve funding for the refresh. The estimate provided by Fouts is good for 30 days, until November 5. It was stated that the request could not be put on their agenda until the November meeting, which is after that date, since the October meeting is tonight. The commissioners decided to request that the council call a special meeting to approve the funding. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. All in favor.

- b. **Community Crossings Grant.** Crossley reported that paving work in the county, funded by the state's Community Crossings grant program, has now been completed.
- c. **Vermillion County Soil and Water Conservation District.** Eric Shideler of Vermillion County Soil and Water Conservation District invited the Commissioners to attend a meeting in Parke County at the Parke County Fairgrounds October 29, 2019 to hear a presentation on a state conservation award for which Vermillion and Parke counties have jointly applied.
- d. **IT Proposal – Chad Lindsay.** Chad Lindsay of Chad's Communications Solutions (CCS) presented a proposal to the Commissioners to provide IT consulting services at a cost of \$14,000 per year. Lindsay's proposal includes attending meetings when requested, reviewing all proposals for IT services, reviewing projects once completed, reviewing invoices and providing guidance on payment, coordinating third party security and external vulnerability scans, and reviewing the results with the commissioners and council as requested. Any

other services would be billed at a cost of \$90 per hour for time, and material at cost plus 15 percent, with a maximum of \$2,500 per month, unless prior approval was given. There was some discussion on the proposal, and it was stated at one point that Sheriff Mike Phelps was still performing the IT consultant duties, and wanted to stop doing so after the proposed refresh is complete. Councilman Randy Dreher said his understanding was that Phelps had already quit as IT consultant. Tolbert explained that the county is already using EAS as its IT consultant, and that the contract is renewed yearly. She said she believed that Council President John Michael Major had requested the proposal from Lindsay. The commissioners agreed that no action needed to be taken until the current contract is up for renewal.

- e. **Randy Dreher.** Dreher suggested that someone look at the audio equipment in the meeting room, as the county had spent a lot of money on it, and it is difficult for people in the audience to hear. He specifically mentioned that those sitting at the front are difficult to hear. Wilson held up one of the desk microphones closer to him and asked if he could be heard better. It was stated that the equipment is new, and may still need some adjustments to make sure people can hear properly.

Dreher also asked if the county received Community Crossings grant money for 2020, and Crossley said they were going to apply in February.

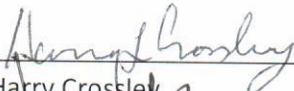
- f. **Countywide Cleanup Day.** Zoning Administrator Penney Barton reported that the next Countywide Cleanup Day is set for October 25 and 26, at the District 1 (south) and District 3 (north) highway garages. The District 2 garage, located near the Vermillion County Jail, was used less than the other two at previous cleanup days, and will not be used this time. It was noted that Clinton is also holding a cleanup Day on October 26.

- 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 29th day of October, 2019.



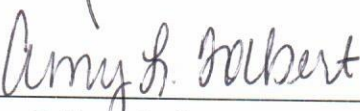
Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor