

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on December 10, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioners 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 November 26, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the claims for December 13, 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 December 13, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe was not present to give an update.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Tom Milligan reported to the Commissioners that the VTA has met with Indiana Department of Transportation railroad representatives and are working to arrange a meeting with CSX Railroad personnel to try to find a way to extend walking trails across the railroad line between Hillsdale and Montezuma. Milligan said they are hoping to sit down and figure this problem out. He also stated that a lot is going on in the background to make sure this is a good project.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** It was reported that there will be a jail committee meeting in the near future. Tolbert said there is a Baker Tilley Contract to consider. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the Baker Tilley Contract. All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Handbook.** Spurr stated that there is a handbook committee meeting after the commissioners meeting.
 - e. **County Website.** It was stated that Intelli-Leap will be contacting each office for information for the new county website.
 - f. **Courthouse Phone System.** Paul Fouts from EAS Technology Consultants said he is working on the RFP specifications.
 - g. **IT Issues.** Paul Fouts from EAS Technology gave the Commissioners the new proposal with the additional outside offices included in the refresh. The Commissioners stated that the additional funding would be requested from the Council at their next meeting.
 - h. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir said that FEMA had requested that the county resubmit information on work done in 2018, in order to be reimbursed for road repairs that were the result of flooding. O'Heir said that is an indication that FEMA is working on closing out the reimbursement grant.
 - i. **Contract with Historical Society.** Spurr said he is still working on the contract with the Historical Society.
 - j. **Highway Engineer.** No comments.
 - k. **Ambulance Service Contract.** The Commissioner's discussed a five-year extension of the contract between the county and Illiana EMS to provide

paramedic ambulance service to the county, which will also include the addition of a third ambulance staffed 24-7 at a location yet to be determined. They have discussed amending the current 3-year contract for several months. Illiana EMS will begin their third year this January. The cost of adding the third location would be \$639,258.80, an increase of about \$228,000.00 over the current contract amount. It would add six full-time positions to the Illiana EMS staff. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the new contract. All in favor, motion carried.

It was stated that this will require funding to be approved by the Vermillion County Council.

- i. 2020 Meeting Dates.** The Commissioners approved the meeting dates at their last meeting with changes being made. The Commissioners signed the 2020 Meeting Dates schedule.
- m. Buggys Pest Control.** Martin Russell of Buggy's Pest Control presented a proposal at the last meeting on November 26, 2019 to the Commissioners to provide service to the courthouse and jail. The Commissioners added the highway office located in front of the jail. Spurr said they would need to send a letter to Orkin terminating their contract. The current contract states that they be notified in writing and given 60 to end the contract. Spurr said that would make it around the first of March for the company to begin. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the new contract with Buggys Pest Control. All in favor, motion carried.
Spurr said he would send a letter to Orkin ending their contract.

VIII. New Business

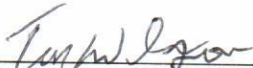
- a. Highway Department – Purchase of a Truck.** Yocum, who was not present at the meeting, put in a request for the commissioners to purchase a new 2019 Ford 1-ton dump truck for the highway department at a cost of \$57,686.00. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the request. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. OOR Grant Funding – Justin Taggart.** Justin Taggart from Community Action requested the Commissioners to serve as sponsors for Community Action Program to receive funding for owner occupied rehabilitation for low income residents. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to serve as sponsors for Community Action Program to receive funding for owner occupied rehabilitation for low income residents. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Government Closure Resolution.** The courthouse had been closed due to winter weather; it was noted that a resolution approving the closure is required for payroll purposes. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Government Closure Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Capital Improvement Resolution.** The Capital Improvement plan which directs 50 percent of the county's economic development Local Income Taxes to the highway department is required every two years. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Capital Improvement Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. 2020 Bids.** The Commissioners opened all bids and accepted all bids. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to accept all bids received. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. Sheriff's Department – Clinton Union Hospital Security.** The Commissioners discussed Clinton Union Hospital Security. Chief Deputy Mike Holtcamp explained that Clinton Police are currently providing the service, and will continue to do so, but that the city police are not always able to cover the

number of shifts required, as the hospital would like to have 24-7 security. Deputies would be able to work at the hospital during their off-duty hours. The hospital would pay the county for their services, and the county would in turn, pay the deputies at no cost in county funds. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the agreement for county deputies to provide security to Clinton Union Hospital. All in favor, motion carried.

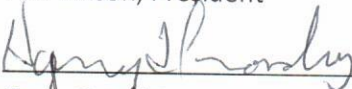
- g. Salaries.** Wilson stated that there had been discussion about salaries at Monday's Council meeting. He said no offense to anyone, but deputies put their lives on the line, and a highway guy gets the same \$1,000.00 raise. Then the highway guy asks why he goes out in the middle of the night and plows snow and makes less than someone in the courthouse. Wilson suggested that, prior to budget time this year, officeholders should submit the qualifications for their employees and recommendations regarding reasonable pay raises. Councilman Neil Costello suggested the Commissioners look into having outside research performed by independent people who could look at the salary structure and determine what people in various positions should be paid. He said it's not something you have to follow, but it could give you an idea where to go. The possibility of establishing a base salary for various positions, with additional pay based on longevity or on specific qualifications was also discussed.
- h. Willow Grove Avenue.** It was stated that there is a resident on Willow Grove Avenue who had piled dirt near the side of the road, in the county right-of-way, and asked County attorney Jon Spurr to send the resident a letter asking that it be moved.
- i. Next Commissioners Meeting.** It was stated that due to Christmas Eve falling on the Commissioners' next regular meeting date, that the meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, December 23, 2019. Appointments for 2020 will be made at that meeting.

IX. Adjourn

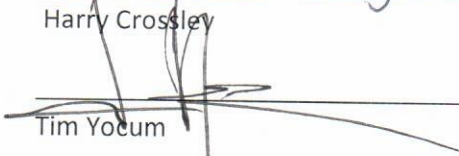
Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 23rd day of December, 2019.



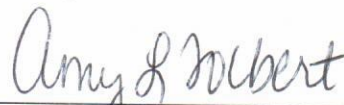
Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor