

## Vermillion County Commissioners

### Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on June 11, 2019 in the Commissioner's courtroom.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, and First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson. County Attorney Jon Spurr was absent.
- IV. **Plaque Presentation.** The Commissioners presented a plaque to the North Vermillion Softball team in recognition of their Sectional and Regional wins and advancing to the Semi-State for the first time. Present to receive the plaque were Keely Bush, Ashton Steinbrenner, Cierra Chevront, Jayde Norris and Kahrie Balding. Crossley stated that they have similar plaques for the South Vermillion baseball and softball teams, which also advanced to the Semi-State in their respective classes, but no one was able to attend the meeting to accept them. Crossley said he would deliver the plaques to Athletic Director Tim Terry.
- V. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Claims and Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims and payroll for June 14, 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 absent due to a conference in Washington. Tom Milligan stated that Vermillion Rise is in the process of showing the shell building, and other buildings on the property, to companies with interest in the site. Also, they are in the process of selling agricultural land. He said 80 acres have been sold with another 100 in the process of being sold. Yocum asked the reason for the sale, and Milligan replied that Vermillion Rise had to borrow money for infrastructure projects, and that "Plan A" for re-paying that money was to have a large tenant at Vermillion Rise whose tax money would cover the repayment. He said in the absence of such a tenant, "Plan B" is to sell farmland.
  - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Milligan stated that Vermillion Trails Alliance is continuing to work toward applying for grant money for development of trails in the Hillsdale area. Milligan also stated that lumber has been cut from Les Zimmerman's property for the shelter at the Trailhead Park, and the shelter should be built within the next month to month or two.
  - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** Sheriff Mike Phelps said he needs to set up a jail committee meeting.
  - d. **Handbook.** Nothing new to report.
  - e. **County Website.** The Commissioners received three proposals for development of a new website for the county. Proposals were received from Revize in the amount of \$15,700, plus \$2,800 per year to maintain the site; Intelli-Leap in the amount of \$17,000, plus \$2,500 per year; and Granicus in the amount of \$35,000, plus \$6,000 per year. The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of Wilson, Councilman Ronald Dunavan Jr., Tolbert, and Phelps.

A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to take the proposals under advisement. All in favor, motion carried.

- f. **Courthouse Phone System.** Phelps reported on his efforts to address the phone system at the courthouse. Phelps said there have been issues with the current phone circuit, which does not work properly during periods of rain and wind. Phelps reported that he had made contact with AT&T, and that the county will probably need to renew the current contract, which is for 36 months, in order to maintain the discount offered to the county. He said if the county does not renew the contract the cost will increase from \$490 per month to \$4,000 per month. Phelps said that AT&T would like to address the issue by switching the courthouse to a fiber optic service at a cost of \$700 per month. He said they have also agreed to let the county out of a contract for a data line between the courthouse and jail, which will save about \$400 per month, so the county could afford the increase to \$700. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to sign the AT&T contract. All in favor, motion carried.

- g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.**

**IX. New Business**

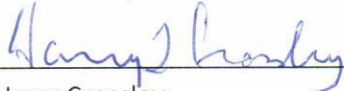
- a. **Union Hospital – Memorandum of Agreement.** The Commissioners discussed a memorandum of understanding which will allow Union Hospital Clinton to continue to provide free and reduced prescription drugs to those who have no insurance or who have reduced benefits. Hospital Administrator Stephanie Laws said the hospital has been part of this program for several years, but the Commissioners are required to sign the memorandum for it to continue. Laws said that last year the hospital provided \$1,272,000 in free and reduced prescriptions to patients in the area. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Union Hospital. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Transfer Fee Ordinance.** Tolbert told the Commissioners that the transfer is going up July 1<sup>st</sup> to \$10 per parcel and she had Spurr prepare an ordinance for the Commissioners to sign. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to sign the Transfer Fee Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **County Road 800 S Speed Limit.** Crossley stated that he had received a request from two residents who walk along County Road 800 South, west of State Road 63, to reduce the speed limit on the road. He said the residents had stated that there is no posted speed limit, which means the limit is automatically 55 mph. They asked that the limit be reduced to 30 mph between State Road 63 and County Road 250 East. The Commissioners asked Spurr to prepare an ordinance to reduce the speed.
- d. **Congressional School Fund Report.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to sign the Congressional School Fund Report. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Road Cut Permit – ORC – Real Estate Solutions for Infrastructure.** The Commissioners had some questions about the Road Cut Permit, no one was here to discuss the permit. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the Road Cut Permit request until they find out more information. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Changes to Park Board Appointment.** It was stated that this will be a Council appointment and Council Attorney Scott Craig will prepare the ordinance.
- g. **Vietnam War Memorial.** Wilson stated that he felt the county should have a Vietnam War Memorial on the courthouse property, and asked if money was

available, Tolbert said that there was money in the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund that could be used.

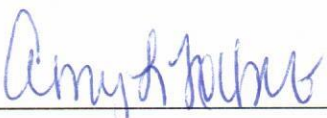
- h. Broadband Ready Ordinance.** Economic Development Director Dylan Rigger asked the Commissions to review and consider approving an ordinance declaring the county broadband ready. He stated that the ordinance does not create a financial commitment for the county, but is simply a statement by the Commissioners that they are willing to work with internet providers who are interested in bringing broadband service to the area. The Commissioners will consider the ordinance at their next meeting.
  - i. Weeds on State Road 63.** Yocum said that he had spoken with Indiana Department of Transportation personnel about weeds along State Road 63, which were obstructing drivers' visibility. He said that INDDOT representatives had asked him for a list of areas where there were issues, and stated they would address the issue. It was stated that mowing crews were already out working along the highway.
  - j. Covered Bridges – Fire-retardant paint.** Yocum asked if the county should look into the cost of painting the county's three covered bridges with fire retardant paint. Yocum said he would get more information.
  - k. Caterpillar Lease.** The Commissioners discussed leasing a backhoe loader from Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to enter into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. All in favor, motion carried.
- X. Adjourn.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
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Tim Wilson, President

  
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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor