

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on September 3, 2019, at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. North Vermillion senior Jade Grubbs called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and County Attorney Jon Spurr.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims for September 6, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the payroll for September 6, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report.** No comments.
- VIII. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe was not available for an update due to showing the spec building to a potential prospect.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Les Zimmerman from VTA informed the Commissioners that VTA is applying for the Next Level Trails grant in phase two of the Next Level Trails funding. Zimmerman also stated that they will be submitting a grant for the Rail Road Grade in Hillsdale and VTA is requesting that the Commissioners sponsor that grant.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** Wilson stated that jail committee met last week and decided that there should be a joint meeting for the commissioners and the council and the accountant to discuss the jail renovation and funding for the jail renovation. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to arrange a joint meeting with the Council to discuss the jail renovation planning and funding. All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Handbook.** Spurr stated that nothing has been decided yet. Crossley said he is meeting with Anita Fultz after this meeting to discuss comp time for the highway department.
 - e. **County Website.** Wilson stated that the Commissioners voted to award the bid to Intelli-Leap at their last meeting and asked Sheriff Mike Phelps if he had notified them. Phelps stated that he was not going to contract them until funding is approved by the Council. He said an additional appropriation will go before the Council in October.
 - f. **Courthouse Phone System.** No comments.
 - g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** Wilson stated that all the work had been completed and asked if this should be removed from the agenda. Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir said he thought it should stay on the agenda until all the funding was received FEMA.
 - h. **Fire Alarm System.** No comments.
 - i. **Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance.** Spurr stated he is still working on this ordinance.

- j. **Contract with Historical Society.** This will go along with the Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance one it is completed.
- k. **Highway Engineer.** Wilson stated that him and Spurr are going to meet with an engineer to discuss what it would entail for the county to hire a full-time engineer.

IX. New Business

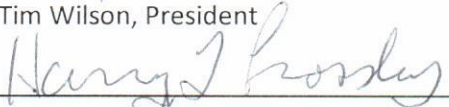
- a. **Treasurer's Office – Credit Card Processing Agreement.** Treasurer Florinda Pruitt presented an Amendment to the Payment Processing Agreement between Forte and the Treasurer's Office. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Yocum to approve the Credit Card Processing Agreement with Forte for the Treasurer's Office. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Carpet for Courtroom.** Judge Jill Wesch stated she requested to be on the agenda, Simpson stated she sent an agenda request form to her office but never received the request back. Judge Wesch said she is asking for the courtroom carpet to be replaced because it is bad condition. There was some discussion on the carpet and the commissioners agreed it would need replaced. Wilson asked Tolbert to see if there was money in Commissioners Court to be able to replace the carpet. Tolbert said she would check into it.
- c. **Culvert Replacement on State Road 71.** Ronald Francis, Land Agent for Butler, Fairman & Seufert presented a request for an easement to put in a culvert between 163 and Jackson Ave. on State Road 71. Butler, Fairman & Seufert will be doing the work for INDOT. Crossley stated there have been some issues in the past with the detours in that area. Francis said the State Engineer handles the detours. Crossley said he would meet with the State Engineer to come up with an alternate route through that area while the culvert is being replaced. Francis said work or begin next spring through mid-summer. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the easement for the culvert replacement on State Road 71. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Community Plan/ R/JL Solutions.** No one present to discuss this.
- e. **OCRA.** Paul Smith from OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) gave the Commissioners a brief overview of what OCRA does and how they can help small communities. He said their focus is on community development, rural development and economic development. He said they have several programs for smaller communities. Smith said he could come back another time and give a presentation.

- 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 17th day of September, 2019.



Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum
Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor