

**Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memoranda**

August 3, 2021

8:15 a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**
- III. **Roll Call**
 - a. Present: President, Tim Yocum, RJ Dunavan, and Britton Luther
- IV. **Approval of Memoranda**
 - a. A motion was made by Luther to approve the Memoranda and seconded by Dunavan.
All in favor motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims**
 - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the claims and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll**
 - a. A motion was by Luther to approve payroll and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer Report**-Yocum acknowledge the report.
- VIII. **Open Issues**
 - a. Health Department update-Wendy Farley and Peggy Parsons gave an update on the Covid-19 virus. Total numbers of positive cases from July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021 were 50. This past week they had 30 positive cases reported. The first week in July they had 8 the second week they had 9 and 5 cases in the third week. Cases are slowly increasing.
July testing totals 75 June 20
July vaccine totals 177 June 152
Fully Vaccinated Vermillion County residents is 5,473
80.8 % of samples that are being tested are the Delta variant (state of Indiana) last month was 42.3% as of July 26, 2021
The health department finished the SV clinic on August 2, 2021 and will be going back on August 20, 2021 and September 10, 2021 for vaccine in middle school and high school.
Hours for testing and vaccine hours have changed:
Tuesday & Thursday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Health department gave a handout with information on the delta variant and the vaccine.
 - b. Vermillion Rise-Bob Grewe stated that they had borrowed money back in 2019 and would like to get the interest rate reduced by entering into a new agreement. He provided the Commissioners with a Resolution 2021-17 to allow them to enter into a new agreement for a lower interest rate with Farm Credit Mid-America. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve Resolution 2021-17 approving an interest rate conversion by The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority and was seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried. Grewe also stated that they have had a few inquires on the Shell building and that he thought that was good news.
 - c. VTA (Vermillion County Trails Alliance)-Les Zimmerman stated he emailed the invitation of the bid process to the Commissioners. He has put the two ads in the paper one week apart. He is working with local contractors to get their bids in. Friday, August 6, 2021 will be the opening of the bids. Zimmerman to keep the Commissioners updated on the bid process.

- d. Jail-Dustin Meeks from Baker Tilly explained the process of the bonds, interest of 1.82% and that the Bonds sold on July 22, 2021. He had paperwork for the Building Corporation and the Commissioners to sign after the meeting.
- e. Thrive West Central-did not attend meeting
- f. County Highway
 - i. Chip Seal Program-Started August 2, 2021 and will be working from the south to the north, hoping to be done at the end of the month pending the weather.
 - ii. Community Crossings-Asphalt Program- paperwork has been signed and will be sent to the State. Yocum stated that the Commissioners need to start looking to next years Community Crossings Grant and get the ball rolling for it.
 - iii. Status of Bridge #90-bids are due August 17, 2021
 - iv. Status of Bridge #15-Waiting on materials. Jon Spurr working on the case against the driver who had no insurance. Dunavan stated he also had a driver on 300 W who also had wreck and had no insurance to cover the damage. Dunavan to get with Spurr to get the issue addressed. Rhonda Hawkins asked a question about where the monies was coming from for these issues and Yocum asked her to come the podium to speak and she would not. Dunavan stated that the monies were coming from Cum Bridge. Hawkins asked another question about the fund being low and Dunavan stated yes it was low but that these are issues that we have to fix. The Commissioners are trying to prioritize which bridges and culverts to fix to try and stay within budget. Hawkins spoke again but it was inaudible.
 - v. Status of failed Culverts-Commissioners started compiling a list of roads and culverts that need updated.
 - 1. CR 775 S- A motion for an Emergency Declaration was made by Luther and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
 - 2. CR 1050 S – Being put on hold for now due to all the other failed culverts and bridge issues.
 - vi. Test Flight-PASAR Program-Luther was not pleased with the results of the first flight. This is a work in progress. They will be looking into different lens types and programing of the drone. This is at no cost to the County. They will be working to improve the flights.
- g. Ambulance Audit initiated- The audit was supposed to start on August 2, 2021 but was delayed but should be done in September.
- h. Little Italy Festival-Coming up Labor Day weekend.
- i. Solar Ordinance discussion-Luther stated that a draft has been prepared and would like to have a work session with the commissioners to get the document sent back to the APC board. Commissioners decide to set work session for August 9, 2021 at 3 p.m.
- j. Status of Comprehensive Area Plan-still a work in progress
- k. Clinton Library Appointment-Table to next meeting

IX. New Business

- a. Newport Hill Climb Bert-Morrison-Permission Courthouse Lawn-Morrison requested the Commissioners permission to use the Courthouse lawn for the Newport Hill Climb on October 1, 2 & 3, 2021. A motion was made by Dunavan to allow the Lions Club to use

the Courthouse lawn for the Newport Hill Climb and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Youth Ranch Donation from the Jail- Letter was given to the Commissioners thanking them for the generous donation of the freezers. Rhonda Hawkins from audience spoke up but was not able to hear her or understand her questions. Commissioners asked Hawkins to go to the podium to speak but she would not. Dunavan stated that the freezers were already given to the Youth Ranch as a donation at a previous meeting.
- c. Brandon Ruth came to see if the Commissioners had had a chance to look at the Resolution on No Vaccine Mandate or Passport Resolution. Commissioners stated that they need to look at the Resolution a little more and requested this be tabled to the next meeting. Rhonda Hawkins requested a copy of the Resolution. She also asked questions of Ruth but her questions were in audible due to not going to the podium.
- d. Resolution approving an interest rate conversion by the Reuse Authority-This was done in the first part the meeting with Bob Grewe.

X. Public Comment:

- a. Tim Yocum stated that the Broadband that was to be implanted in the County by Charter Communications has been put on hold due to Charter Communications has backed out of the agreement.
- b. Ron Mack questioned the Commissioners if they had made any decisions on the Cayuga drain. Luther stated that the process is not complete and that the Drainage Board would need to make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Luther stated they would talk about it in the next drainage board meeting.
- c. Solid Waste to hold another recycle day.

XI. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Luther and seconded by Yocum. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Aye

Nay



Tim Yocum

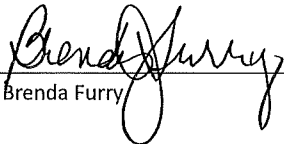


RJ Dunavan

NOT PRESENT

Britton Luther

Attest



Brenda Furry

Date:

August 17, 2021