

Vermillion County Commissioners  
Meeting Memoranda

September 14, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Memoranda
  - a. Present: President, Tim Yocum, RJ Dunavan, & Britton Luther.
- V. Approval of Memoranda
  - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the Memoranda and seconded by Yocum Luther, abstained, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims
  - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the claims and seconded by Yocum. Luther, abstained, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll
  - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve payroll and seconded by Yocum. Luther, abstained, motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer's Report- Yocum acknowledged the report.
- VIII. Open Issues
  - a. Health Department update on COVID-19-Total number of positive cases from 9.1.2021-9.13.2021 were 139 cases. Total deaths since March 2020, related to covid were 50. Total testing from 9.1.2021-9.13.2021 were 138. 5,970 Vermillion County residents are fully vaccinated. The hours have changed at the health department for covid testing and vaccination: 12-6 Tuesdays & Thursdays and 12-3 on Saturdays. They will be increased as needed. The vaccine clinic at the South Vermillion High School is finished and will be finishing the Middle School vaccines when they return after September 20, 2021 for ages 12 and up. The Middle school has not been in session due to high number of students in quarantine. The Health Department has been informed by the State that the advisory level for Vermillion County will stay in the orange. The Health Department is still seeing a number of positive cases in Vermillion County and within these cases we are seeing more cases within households.
  - b. Jail- Nothing to update at this time- tabled to next meeting.
  - c. Appointment for Reuse Authority Board- Tabled to next meeting.
  - d. Solar Ordinance-Tabled to next meeting. The ordinance that was previously in place is still standing. Commissioners need to make amendments to the ordinance.
- IX. New Business
  - a. Wind energy Conversion System Amendment to the Vermillion County Zoning Ordinance- Penny Carpenter-The APC began in 2020 working on alternative energy amendments, The APC will have met 20 times in 2021 in regards to WECS with each meeting lasting a minimum of two hours most hitting the three-hour mark. Some meetings were standing room only. We held three town-hall meetings, every person who owns property in Helt and Vermillion Township including Newport and Dana received a postcard notifying them of the town-hall meetings. The draft has also been reviewed by the Barnes & Thornburg LLP law firm. Their comments and suggestions were incorporated into the draft. The entire Wind Energy Conversion system Amendment along with the appendixes was ran as a legal notice in the Clintonian newspaper on

- Saturday August 28, 2021. APC held their public hearing on September 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The APC is making a recommendation on the Wind Energy Conversion system Amendment to you tonight. Bob Alexander spoke about who the zoning commission was, what its purpose is and what needs to happen going further. He thanked the Commissioners for their time. Dunavan made a motion to take the ordinance under advisement and Luther seconded the motion. All in favor, ordinance was taken under advisement.
- b. Professional Services Clark Dietz Agreement for the Community Crossings projects. A motion was made by Luther to approve the Agreement with the condition that Clark Dietz do a break down of the hours worked on project and was seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
  - c. Universal Interlocal Agreement-Wood AVE- Luther made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County, Indiana and the Town of Universal and was seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried. See attached.
  - d. Transfer of EM (Mark O'Heir) vehicle to Assessor's office- Paige Kilgore request- Tabled to next meeting.
  - e. Update on Wabash River Run-River Rescue Practical- Tabled to next meeting.
  - f. Ambulance-Audit to be finished by the end of the month.
  - g. Highway-Tabled to next meeting.
  - h. Dunavan opened the sealed bids for the Surplus and read aloud the bids. Bids were taken under advisement and will be awarded at the next regular meeting.

**X. Public Comment-**

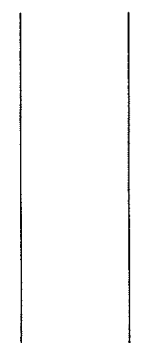
- A motion to adjourn was made by Luther but failed to have a second. Penny Carpenter stated that there were people here that would like to speak during the public Comment and Commissioner Yocum stated that he would take public comment but it must be brief.
- Jack West would like to get some deer crossing and speed limit signs put on 200 E, Clinton IN. Said it is an issue and would like the Commissioners to please put the signs up. Luther stated he would look into it.
- Barbara Phillips wanted to know when the commissioners would be deciding on the wind ordinance. Commissioners stated that they will be making their recommendations at the next meeting.
- Dunavan requested that the comp-time deadline be extended to November 1, 2021. A motion was made by Dunavan to extend the deadline to November 1, 2021 to use up the comp time. Luther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Yocum requested that Penney Carpenter give the commissioners the totals per month on permits. He also requested a list from the E911 director of all address that have not been updated. Yocum would like these to be presented once a month to the commissioners.

**XI. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor, meeting was adjourned.

Aye

Nay

Tim Yocum

RJ Dunavan

*Britton Luther*

Britton Luther

Attest: *Brenda Furry*  
Brenda Furry

Date:

*9/28/2021*

