

**Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memoranda**

April 13, 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: Britton Luther, RJ Dunavan & Tim Yocum
 - b. Absent: None
- IV. Vermillion County Building Corp- Resolution 2021-12 Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of VC, Indiana Approving the terms and conditions regarding the leasing of certain jail facilities and taking other actions regarding the proposed lease was discussed and a motion was made by Luther and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried. Rick Hall Spoke to the Vermillion County, Indiana Building Corporation on the Resolutions of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Resolutions of the Initial Meeting of the Board of Directors. Oren Sutherlin and David W. Marietta were present and John Scott was absent. At this time the appointment of said directors to president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer were made and are as follows: David W. Marietta, President; Oren Sutherlin, Vice President and John Scott, Secretary/Treasurer.**
- V. Approval of Memoranda**
 - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the March 10, 2021 & March 30, 2021 memoranda, and seconded by Luther. A motion was made by Luther to approve the April 16, 2021 memoranda and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Claims**
 - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the claims for April 16, 2021 and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Approval of Payroll**
 - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the payroll for April 16, 2021 and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report/ Investment Report**
 - a. Yocum acknowledged the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report. Luther requested information on the Investments and requested the Treasurer for information. Treasurer to report information back to commissioners at a later date.
- IX. Open Issues**
 - a. Wendy Farley and Peggy Parsons gave an update on the Covid clinics. Farley wanted to give a big thank you to 4-H and the all volunteers. They asked the Commissioners to come and see the facility to see how the clinics works.
 - i. Cases since March 2020 total 1,655
 - ii. Positive Cases from 4.1.2021-4.12.201 15
 - iii. Tested 7,185
 - iv. Fully vaccinated 3,200
 - b. Vermillion Rise-Bob Grewe stated that the Vermillion Rise would be having a meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021. He also stated that the plumbing was an issue and that they would be looking into getting this issue fixed. The rise is getting an agreement together for the Commissioners to review about the water plans. IDEM was requesting what the plans were for the water at the Rise. Grewe went over it with IDEM and HWC. IDEM

was very happy with the progress and what we are doing. They also met with the Regional Planning also known as West Central Thrive and continue to try and see how they can find some large dollars from the Economic Development Administration for the roads out at the Rise. They are deteriorating. Grewe also gave updates on current employers at the Rise. Everything seems to be going well.

- c. VTA (Vermillion Trails)-Tom Milligan stated that the 5K Mini Marathon was a complete success. The Rain held off so it worked out great. The Community came together and everything work smoothly. They had 160 runners/walkers. The only issue was the plumbing. The Rise will definitely be working on fixing this. Milligan stated that the they could not have done this without the director Ethan Paige. This event exceeded the expectations of everyone. Dunavan stated that everything went well except the plumbing issues. Milligan stated that they did have a back up for that and will work to get those little things fixed before the next race. Dunavan and Yocum to race next year.
- d. Jail Renovation-Luther gave an update on Jail renovation. Engineering estimates came back and they are looking at an 18-month & 24-month trajectory for the inmates. The 18-month would be to move all inmates out of the facility. Maintaining a 15% occupancy, which would be the staff and a few inmates. The 24-month would be keeping the inmates in the facility and just moving them around to different areas during construction. The cost difference is \$855,000. They are looking at doing the 18-month trajectory and go ahead and vacate the jail. The county will still receive the funding for the jail from the state which is approximately \$35 per inmate per day. The cost to house the inmates at another facility is \$37.50 per inmate per day. The cost to the County would be \$2.50 per inmate per day. Moving the inmates would be the ideal decision for the construction of the jail. There could be additional costs above and beyond the \$37.50 per inmate per day for transportation to and from court hearings and of course medical expenses. Sheriff Phelps has spoken with other facilities on the moving of the inmates and has an idea of what he is wanting to do. Friday, April 16, 2021 we will be going out for bids. We are on schedule for the process to be completed in 18-months from July 1, 2021. Cost of materials for the jail have risen (metals & HVC units). They have escalated in price since December. Also, there are a couple of power poles that will have to be moved by Duke which should start before the construction of the job in July. We are looking at the sanitary sewer system, which is the grinder, and replacing it. This was not contemplated in the costs at the beginning. We are looking into replacing it. Water line from the rise did come in higher than estimated by the engineer that was projected. Garmong cannot participate in the bidding due to be the CMA company. Bids are open to everyone else with the lowest and best bids.
18-month moving inmates is estimated at \$22,908,659.00
24-month leaving inmates in facility is estimated at \$23,762.946.00
A motion was made to do the 18-month project at \$22,908,659.00 by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor motion carried.
- e. Permit Application-Right of Way-Prints were given to Luther for the Newport Project. Need to work on a Right of Way Permit on what is allowed and what is not allowed. Need to work on issues to get this process straightened out. Luther is working on the details.

X. New Business

- a. Claims and Salary Ordinance- First Reading of Ordinance 2021-4, taken under advisement.
- b. Jill Pastore-Community Outreach Coordinator Child Adult Resource Services Inc. Gave a brief description on services provided regarding a grant opportunity that “encourages local units of government to develop innovative strategies and cultivate strong community partnerships to address the negative social, economic, and health effects of COVID-19 on Hoosiers with disabilities and to increase community and workplace inclusion” for people with developmental disabilities. She would like to know if Vermillion County would be interested in applying for this grant. This is based out of Parke County and they would like to extended to other counties including Vermillion County. There is no cost to the county. Parke County was awarded \$200,000. Vermillion County could get from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Vermillion County has 20-30 residents that use these services. Dunavan believes this is a win-win for Vermillion County and that we should move forward with the next steps. Pastore to get the agreement information to the Commissioners for the next meeting.
- c. Proposed Residential Solar Energy Amendment to Vermillion Co Zoning-Penny Carpenter states that the Vermillion County Area Planning gives a favorable recommendation of this ordinance. First reading of Ordinance, taken under advisement.
- d. Joink-Timothy McCombs spoke to the Commissioners about the blank right of way and the services that they are performing. McCombs stated that they want to provide service to as many people they can. McCombs to get the Commissioners a map of all lines they are working on. County needs to have work session to get a master plan on the broadband for the County. Economic Development is working on Broadband issue also. Jon Spurr to look into getting more information on Broadband & COVID-19 dollars.
- e. County Coroner Update-Mr. Wheat was unable to attend.
- f. Ambulance Update-Eric Shaunessy gave an update on the services provided. Luther stated he would like to have an audit on the Ambulance Services. Shaunessy stated he would not show his numbers at a public meeting. Luther stated he would have a professional audit service handle it.

XI. Public Comment-Penney Carpenter gave a brief update on Area Plan on the Comprehensive Plan. The Area Plan committee with HWC will be working to get this Plan to tailor the plan to Vermillion County. There were numerous issues and inaccuracies with the new plan. Once they have a plan they will bring it to the Commissioners on what they have and where they are going with it.

Yocum stated he is going to have the Assessor, Paige Kilgore speak at the next meeting on Property Tax, due to the changes. Tax payers have had a lot of questions and we would like some clarifications.

XII. Adjourn

- a. A motion to Adjourn was made by Dunavan and seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

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Attest:

Brenda Jurey

Date: 4/27/21