

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Memoranda

August 17, 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

- a. Present: President, Tim Yocum & RJ Dunavan. Britton Luther was not present
- b. Yocum started the meeting with having Attorney Jon Spurr speak on protocol for the Commissioners meetings. Spurr stated that the Commissioners have been told in previous meetings that it is the public's first amendment right to speak at the meetings, which is not correct. Commissioners meetings are for the Commissioners to discuss county issues and take care of County business. The Commissioners legally do not have to allow the public to speak at these meetings. The Commissioners are allowing public comment as a courtesy. It was also stated that when public comments are being made that the Commissioners would like the public to come to the podium to speak, it is for the recording of the minutes so that if someone wants to listen they are able to go back and listen to the minutes at a later date. The Commissioners will be putting together some procedures for the Commissioners meetings going forward.

IV. Approval of Memoranda

- a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the Memoranda and seconded by Yocum. All in favor motion carried.

V. Approval of Claims

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

VI. Approval of Payroll

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

VII. Open Issues

- a. Health Department update on COVID-19-Total Positive cases from August 1 to August 17 was a total of 122. 66 of these cases were between August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>. Total deaths in Vermillion County are 45. Advisory color will change to Red meaning high spread of the virus within Vermillion County. Vermillion County residents need to take precautions when in public areas, such as 6 feet social distancing and masking as another layer of protection. At this time masking is a personal choice. If you are sick please stay home. These simple steps can help stop the spread within Vermillion County residents. Fully vaccinated residents in Vermillion County is 5,642. The Health Department gave the Commissioners a handout on who is eligible for the third dose. See attached.
- b. Vermillion Rise-Bob Grewe was not available.
- c. VTA (Vermillion County Trails Alliance)-Bids for trail work was opened by the Commissioners and were taken under advisement. Bids to be awarded at the August 31, 2021 meeting.

1. S&G	\$469,340.00
2. White's Construction	\$314,999.00
3. Crain Excavating	\$364,241.00

- d. Jail- Requisition No.2 was presented for bills being paid out of the bonds for the Jail renovation. Please see attached Requisition. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve Requisition No. 2 and was seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried. Yocum requested that the Auditor supply the Commissioners with a running total of the jail expenses each month.
- e. Ron Mack Surveyor-Surveyor stated that he is asking the Council for \$12,500 to be transferred from Other Capital Outlays to Professional services to cover the engineering costs for the grant application to develop a regulated drain at the request of Cayuga Town Board & property owners. This has been an ongoing issue since the 1970's. The drainage board is going to move the meetings to bi-monthly due to inconvenience for the board members who are farmers. Mack stated that the procedures for the Drainage maintenance is still moving forward trying to put it into action. Mack also stated that the website is being updated and that the Indiana archives is helping put this information together to put on the website. The Database for the cornerstone is still a work in progress and they are working on the issues. Mack spoke about the Dana Ditch Board and the issues that we are having on making sure the monies collected are being distributed to the Dana Ditch Board. Jim Swift and his family are helping to get the cornerstone project going in the right direction.
- f. Clinton Library Appointment-The Commissioners only had 2 applicants for the Clinton Library Board. They received a letter of recommendation from the Director of Clinton Library requesting that the Commissioners appoint Rosemary Iacoli. Iacoli is currently on the board and would like to serve again. A motion to appoint Rosemary Iacoli to the Clinton Library board was made by Dunavan and seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.
- g. Brandon Ruth Resolution on Vaccine-Dunavan read the resolution that was presented by Brandon Ruth. Please see attached resolution. Commissioners take the resolution under advisement. Decision to be made at next meeting. Commissioners attorney Jon Spurr gave a definition of resolution. A Resolution is a declaration of support.
- h. Solar Ordinance-Still a work in progress. Commissioners to have another work session. Dates to be discussed will be at the next Meeting August 31, 2021.

VIII. New Business

- a. Paige Kilgore- Cyclical Reassessment- Assessor Paige Kilgore presented the Commissioners with a contract for Cyclical Reassessment work. This is a contract for assessing properties in the County. Kilgore's office does not have the manpower to do the assessing. Kilgore stated she only had one change to the contract and that would be that all new construction is to be assessed by her office only. A motion to approve the contract was made by Dunavan and seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried. Assessor to get a copy of the signed contract to the Auditor.

IX. Public Comment;

- a. Commissioners opened the bids for Bridge #90 project. Bids were as follows:

White's Construction \$375,000.00

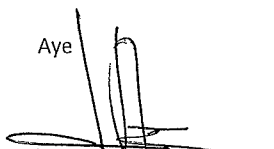
Milestone \$596,400.00

Commissioners took the bids under advisement. Commissioners to make decision at the August 31, 2021 meeting.

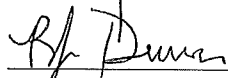
- b. Nancy Foltz-former resident of Vermillion County, whom still owes farm ground in Vermillion County, thanked the Commissioners for the precautions they are taking in Vermillion County for Covid-19. Foltz stated that the reason for her speaking at this meeting is to address the situation of Joe Ellis on the APC board. Joe Ellis was appointed to the board back in October of 2020 and he was not a resident of Vermillion County Indiana at that time. He has since purchased a house as of June 2021 in Vermillion County. She is requesting that the Commissioners investigate Mr. Ellis as he has not been a resident in Vermillion County for 6 months and 1 day which is the requirement to be appointed to a board. She would like Mr. Ellis to be dismissed from the APC Board due he doesn't meet the requirements to serve. She states that he has misrepresented himself and states that, this is fraud. Foltz stated she will request to be put on the agenda for August 31, 2021 with documentation to approve her case.
- c. Solid Waste is planning a County Wide Clean day for September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> for Districts 1 & 3. They will also be having Toxic day. The dates and times will be published at a later date. This will happen in the parking lot at the Rise. More information to come. The Soil and Water Department has donated \$5,000 for the toxic day.
- d. Commissioners will be taking sealed bids for surplus that the County has. Auditor to advertise in the paper.
- e. Barbara Phillips was wanting to know if they would be having another work session on the Solar Ordinances. Commissioners will set another work session at the August 31, 2021 meeting. Phillips stated she would like to see this move forward.
- f. APC will be holding a public meeting for the Wind Ordinance on September 2, 2021.

**X. Adjourn**

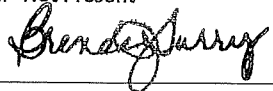
- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Dunavan and seconded by Yocum. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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 Tim Yocum

Nay  
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 RJ Dunavan

Britton Luther- Not Present

Attest   
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 Brenda Furry

Date: 8/31/2021