

**Vermillion County Commissioners**  
**Meeting Memorandum**

March 26, 2024

6:30 PM

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
  - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes for 03.12.2024
  - Luther makes the motion to approve the 3.12.24 minutes, Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 03.29.2024
  - Luther makes the motion to approve the 3.29.24 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 03.29.2024
  - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 3.29.24 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Economic Development Update
  - NONE
- VIII. Public Comment
  - NONE
- IX. New Issues
  - a. Solential Energy, LLC: Patrick O'Donnell
    - O'Donnell comes to speak about the possibility of implementing solar energy to county properties. Luther states that he would be interested in seeing how this could benefit specifically the Jail.
  - b. Clark Dietz
    - i. Bridge 37 DES# 2101716
      - o Luther makes the motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Bridge 37. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - c. Health Insurance Renewal Approval
    - Auditor Furry explained she was able to get the rates steady and unchanged for the next year. The deductibles have gone up, but those are set by the company and not county determined. Dunavan makes a motion to approve the 2024 health insurance renewal. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- X. Open Issues
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Amended Sewage System Ordinance 2024-02
    - TABLED
  - b. Status on County Owned Retired Copiers
    - Luther explains that the county has a list of copiers that the county owns and that they are needing to decide what to do with the printers. The Commissioner's agreed to start by giving Government entities a chance to get the printers first, then moving on with the non-for-profit entities. Auditor Furry will be sending out the emails to let the other local government entities know the printers are available.
  - c. County Handbook Review (Bi-Annual)
    - Luther explains that the county handbook hasn't been reviewed for a couple and years. He would like it to be reviewed just to see if we need to make any changes to it. Spurr states that he would be willing to get ahold of everyone of the committee and see when they can meet. The Commissioner's would like an update on the at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
  - d. VTA Update: Becky Holbert & Les Zimmerman
    - Holbert explains that Trail Head Park is looking good. She also mentions that we are going to have a nature state playground, which is going to be a playground that doesn't contain plastic. The BNO is the trail that starts in Montezuma and then crosses over into Vermillion County. This trail has been clean up, most of the debris has appeared due to flooding. Zimmerman who is also with VTA comes to explain that they were having a

hiccup with an easement. A conservation easement was on a strip of land by the Little Raccoon Creek and due to the easement, trees can't be cut down. They have now talked to US Fish and Wildlife and will be swapping easements with the government to continue the trail. Holbert also mentioned that the VTA received a grant from the State, which is what is paying for the work on this trail. No county money will be used on this project. They also mentioned the Cayuga trail and wanting to have a public meeting in Cayuga to get input as to ideas on how to continue with the trail.

- e. Annex: John Graves
  - Graves explains that the annex is almost complete. A few more pieces of trim need to be put up and the state inspector will be here on Thursday to give the final approval for occupancy. Soil and Water is planning on starting to move in on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- f. County Engineer
  - Yocum states that he is still working with Parke Co. on the county engineer. Luther also states he has started putting together a job description.
- g. Ambulance
  - Yocum states that we have had no discontinuance of service at this time. Luther also states that we have contingencies in place if something does happen.

XI. Announcements

- a. Victory Marathon: Becky Holbert
  - i. April 6, 2024 @ Vermillion Rise
    - 1. 5K start time is 8:45 AM
    - 2. Half Marathon start time is 8:30 AM
    - 3. Full Marathon start time is 8:30 AM
  - Holbert explains that they have had 164 people registered. She explains that they are still looking for a photographer. If anyone is interest in becoming the photographer, please contact Holbert.
- b. Town Hall – Highway Asset Management Plan on April 10, 2024
  - i. 9:00 AM – Cayuga Community Center
  - ii. 1:00 PM – Vermillion County Courthouse, Commissioner’s Courtroom
  - iii. 6:00 PM – Universal Town Hall
- c. 2024 Clean Up Days
  - i. SPRING: April 19, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM & April 20, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- d. County Bicentennial Celebration
  - i. April 27, 2024 at the Vermillion County Courthouse from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- e. Open House for Annex
  - i. April 27, 2024 at the Courthouse Annex at 1:30 PM.
- f. 2024 Tire Recycling at the RISE
  - i. May 11, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

XII. Public Comment

- Dunavan explains that he would also like to mention the how good the historical markers look since Sanquenetti took them down and had help getting them refinished.

XIII. Adjourn

- Luther makes the motion to adjourn. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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 RJ Dunavan

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 Britton Luther

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brenda Furry

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DATE: 4/9/2024