

# Vermillion County Commissioners

## Meeting Memorandum

July 18, 2023

6:30 PM

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

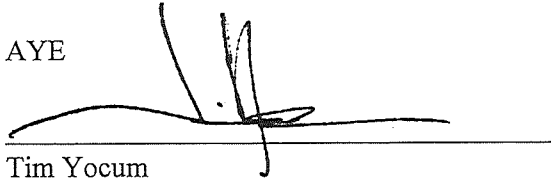
- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
  - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - Luther makes a motion to approve the 7.3.23 minutes. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims
  - Luther makes a motion to approve the 7.21.23 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll
  - Dunavan makes a motion to approve the 7.21.23 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer's Monthly Report/Interest
  - Treasurer Pruitt gives an update on the interest that the main bank account has made. She also mentions that the next tax sale is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Auditorium.
- VIII. Public Comment
  - Nancy Roberts comes to speak about the Carbon Dioxide Injection Wells that are trying to be drilled in Vigo and Vermillion Counties. The Commissioner's each gave comments about this issue. The EPA has set up a public hearing at ISU, in the Federal Hall, Smith Magna Carta Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM & 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM.
  - Dunavan speaks about brush dumping at the Cayuga County Garage. The majority of Commissioner's agreed to shut it down effective July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- IX. New Issues
  - a. Use of Auditorium during Newport Hillclimb: Newport Church of God (Letter)
    - All the Commissioner's agreed to allow the Church of God to use the Courthouse Auditorium during the Newport Hillclimb.
  - b. RISE Appointment (Replace Eddie Thompson)
    - i. Thank you, Eddie Thompson
    - TABELLED. If anyone is interested in applying, the Commissioner ask that they apply by Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. INDOT Letter for SR 163 Bridge
    - INDOT is wanting us to send letters from the community in support of keeping the 163 Bridge open with two lanes. The letters can be sent to Yocum.
- X. Open Issues
  - a. Mark O'Heir: Burn Ban Ordinance 2023-05
    - O'Heir talks about the burn ban ordinance. Dunavan reads Ordinance 2023-05 Regulatory Open Burning for the first reading.
    - O'Heir also talks about the storm that took place a couple weeks ago. They are having an after-action meeting at the Sheriff's Department on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
  - b. Improvement Fund Application: Dale White, Western Indiana Community Foundation
    - Dale White speaks about the grant application process for the Improvement Money aka ARPA Money. The Commissioner's all agree that they want to proceed with this process.

- c. Vermillion County Bicentennial (1824 – 2024)
    - Luther would like to get a planning committee together and find someone that is willing to be in charge of this event.
  - d. Union Hospital Annex
    - i. Lease Agreement
      - o Luther states this agreement had been forwarded to the Commissioner's. It's a three-year lease agreement. All the Commissioner's agree to the lease agreement. Dunavan does state he is still reviewing it and he would have his commits to Luther by Thursday.
  - e. Courthouse Annex – Project Delivery
    - Yocum states that he should have the total cost of the Annex within the next week.
  - f. County Highway – Organization
    - i. County Asset Management Plan Status
      - o Luther states that the road miles have been updated between the county LTAP and INDOT. It has been given to the county superintendent. He will share it with the foreman. Luther also would like the other Commissioner's to review it as well. Luther also states that he would like to present this plan in town meetings.
    - ii. CCMG 2023 Bids Analysis & Status
      - 1. RPE
        - Completed
      - 2. Chip Seal and HMA Resurface
        - Luther makes a motion to approve the Rieth-Riley Construction Co, INC bid pending funding. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
      - 3. Bridge 31
        - Still pending
    - iii. Engineer Status w/ Parke County
      - o Yocum states that he has a meeting with Jim Meece on Thursday about the sharing of an engineer. Luther also states that he has talked to Meece and they have met with another county that shares engineers. ITAP also told Luther that they would help identify an engineer or help get the positioned advertised. They are thinking it could cost around \$130,000.00 including the \$80,000.00 from state funding.
  - g. Document, Scanning, Recording, Library Services
    - Luther states that SBS Portals did sign the county MSA.
  - h. Misc. County Properties and their classifications
    - Dunavan states that a lot of these first ten parcels are little pieces of land that are next to roads. Luther suggests that moving onto the next list of properties that aren't slivers of land next to the road. Dunavan states that he will get working on the next list.
  - i. Advertisement of Community Events
    - Yocum states that he has been in contact with the Indiana Visitors Tourism Bureau about listing some of the county events in the publication they put out. A list of events has been created and it would depend on the funding on how many events will be able to be published. The Commissioner's agree to allow Yocum to make the decision on what events can be published.
- XI. Announcements
- Wabash River Run is taking place on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- XII. Public Comment
- Luther would like to formally have the APC look into the alleys/rights-of-ways.


XIII. Adjourn

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

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RJ Dunavan

  
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Britton Luther

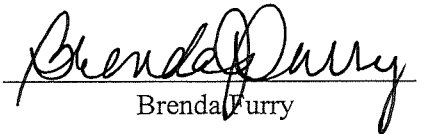
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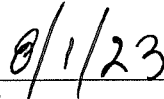
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