

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

September 19, 2023

6:30 PM

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
 - All Present, except Mr. Yocum
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 8.29.23 meeting minutes. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims from 9.15.23 & 9.29.23
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 9.15.23 & 9.29.23 claims. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll from 9.15.23 & 9.29.23
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the payroll for 9.15.23 & 9.29.23. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Monthly Treasurer's Report/Interest
 - Commissioner's acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Interest for August.
- VIII. Public Comment
 - Bill Rennels comes to speaks about the broadband project that the state has opened for the county. He is letting everyone know that on the county website under community, notices & press releases you will find information about the broadband project and if you feel you don't have access to high speed internet to please fill out the form and we will get your address added to the list and sent it.
 - Crystal Wake comes to speak about the CO2 wells. She would like to know the Commissioner's stance on the CO2 wells. She explains that she has already talked to Dunavan. Luther states that he doesn't agree with the project, but that his stance is coming from a different perspective than others. She also states that she would like the Commissioner's to write a letter stating that they aren't in agreement with the project.
 - Marvel Marshall comes to speak about wanting a copy of the autopsy of her husband from 2018. She has talked to the current and previous coroner and no one knows where his autopsy is located. Auditor Furry speaks up and states that she believes the past coroner brought everything to the courthouse and it was put into the basement. She would have to look to see if she could find it and she would get back with Ms. Marshall.
- IX. New Issues
 - a. Textmygov & Approval of Polling Locations – Gracie York
 - York comes to speak about textmygov application. It would be a way for the community to keep up to date on things that would be beneficial for the entire county. She states that she just wanted to start the conversation on this application.
 - York also comes to ask to approve the polling locations for the General Election. Dunavan makes the motion to approve the polling locations for the General Election. Luther seconds the motion to approve the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Joink Proposal – Lori Bouslog
 - Bouslog comes to about the Joink proposal for the County Fairgrounds for fair times. It would be placed in the 4-H Community Building. She did ask for the money in her 2024 budget packet. The letter in the packet from Thomas explains

what Joink is willing to absorb in cost for the community benefit. They are also willing to help run internet to the livestock showing arena. Bouslog also explains that now they are expected to do all the check ins for the projects online. The current provider is with AT&T, Luther states the current contract with AT&T should be looked at before we enter into an agreement with another provider.

- c. Emergency Siren Protocol: Public Understanding: Mark O’Heir
 - Luther asks that O’Heir come and speak about the county sirens and what the purpose of them are. We have 27 sirens within the county, we do have holes at the Northern and Southern parts of the county. They were originally placed in accordance with the VX that used to be located at the Rise. They can be set off at the Sheriff Department and the EOC which is located in the Clinton Municipal Building. If you ever hear the sirens going off, it is telling you to turn on the TV or your weather radio. The county does have Nixel which is paid for by Duke Energy. Nixel is similar to textmygov but it is only for emergencies.
- d. Toshiba Printer Agreement: Larry Dull
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the Toshiba Agreement. Dunavan would like to have time to review the agreement until the next meeting.

X. Open Issues

- a. Illiana Contract Amendment
 - Luther states that this contract adjust for the lease payment Illiana would be making to Union Hospital. This difference is provides for a reduction in the Illiana Contract cost with the County for the space they occupy in the Hospital Annex. This lowers the amount of money that the county pays them since they are reducing their foot print in the Union Hospital Annex where the Health Department just moved.
- b. 1st Reading Ordinance – Investigation & Certificate of Death 2023 – 06
 - Luther explains that this ordinance is complying with the State statue, allowing the county to recover its costs for autopsies that originally should have been paid by other medical offices. The county will now be able to recover their costs. Dunavan reads ordinance 2023 – 06 into the record by title, Ordinance 2023-06 An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County, Indiana.
- c. IY Liability Waiver & Indemnification
 - TABLED
- d. SR 63 Bridge South of SR 234 status/comment.
 - Dunavan states that he did request a meeting with INDOT about this project. He is waiting to hear back on a date and time.
- e. CO2 Sequestering Project Update
 - Luther mentions that the meeting that was suppose to be held on Wednesday, September 13th at the high school was canceled by Wabash Valley Resources due to a scheduling conflict.
- f. County Highway – Organization
 - i. Engineer Agreement – Vermillion & Parke County
 - o TABLED
- g. County Annex Update – John Graves
 - Graves gives an update on the annex project.

XI. Announcements

- a. Health Department moved to 700 S Main Street, Clinton
- b. County Festivals & Events
 - i. Over the River and Through the Woods 5K
 - ii. Newport Antiques, Auto Hill Climb (September 29th – October 1st)
 - iii. Vermillion County Bicentennial (February 1st 1824 – 2024)

XII. Public Comment

- Gary Tatlock would like to know about the ordinance that is going to be written by Area Plan. Auditor Furry gave him area plans contact information.

- Katrina Jones from Universal would like to know if Dunavan has had a chance to get ahold of DNR yet. She has other concerns and questions that she would like the Commissioner to work on getting her the answers for as well.

XIII. Adjourn

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

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Not in attendance at the meeting.

Tim Yocum

RJ Dunavan

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Britton Luther

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ATTEST:

Brenda J. Furry
Brenda J. Furry

DATE:

10/10/2023