

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

April 23, 2024

6:30 PM

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
 - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes for 04.09.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 04.09.24 minutes. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 04.26.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 06.26.24 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 04.26.24
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 04.26.24 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - a. Vermillion Rise
 - o Jeff Maholic, Rise Board President, has come to give an update about the Rise. They are currently working on creating/archiving a new business plan. They have some buildings that are needing work. They have also taken back buildings from people who were renting that didn't have leases. Maholic says that they should have an updated business plan within the next 90 days. Luther also asked if they had applied for CCMG money. He asked if they could possibly look into applying for the grants.
 - Dustin Britton from Perrysville comes to talk about the Improvement Fund. He had applied for the grant for his disc golf, but hasn't heard anything about the money he has applied for. Yocum explains that the commissioners thought that they were going to have a larger amount of money to distribute, however that didn't happen. The council only gave them \$50,000.00 to spend. Dunavan is wanting to set a meeting either a special or work session to decide what happens with the money. Luther explains that he was against the program to begin with, but now that it has went this way he believes a decision needs to be made. The Commissioner agree to look at their schedules and get a meeting set for the Improvement Fund money.
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. CCGHC Update: Mandy Adams-Washburn (Hamilton Center)
 - Washburn explains that Hamilton Center was chosen to apply for a federal grant so that the Hamilton Center can become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). This will help Hamilton Center serve the community by responding through mobile crisis to behavioral health and addiction emergencies in the community, enhancing 24/7/365 crisis stabilization services throughout Western Central Indiana, integrating with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988), and coordinating primary healthcare needs. This will help also by reducing non-emergent emergency department visits, diverting individuals from incarceration to treatment, increasing access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and investing in healthcare workforce in our communities.
 - b. MOU Housing Study: Thrive West Central
 - Luther explains that Thrive West Central has provided a memorandum of understanding with an \$18,000.00 assignment for the completion of the Housing

Study. The study will provide the marketing information for the county wide analysis that would serve as the basis for any developer or builder to use in obtaining bank loans or advances in credit for housing. One suggestion Luther made was to use Ernie Pule School 20 AC +/- parcel and adjacent property to develop a veteran and /or senior housing utilizing a part of the school proper to the benefit of residents. This is only if the county were to purchase the building from the school corporation. The Commissioner's agree to go ahead and go to the council for the funding.

IX. Open Issues

a. Clark Dietz

- i. Task Order 8 Approval: Highway/THRIVE Centerline Miles Update
 - o Luther has some questions regarding to the change in centerline miles. He would like to table this until he has a chance to talk to Clark Dietz. All the commissioners agreed.

b. 2nd Reading of Amended Sewage System Ordinance 2024-02

- TABLED

c. Ambulance

- Yocum explains that they have a lot of moving parts going on right now with the ambulances. Dunavan has found a couple of other options for the ambulance facilities He has found a house in Cayuga, he is waiting on a response from the realtor to get some questions answered. Dunavan also mentions that he has found a building in Perrysville, however he hasn't gotten a call back from the owner on that building. He also had talked to Cayuga Fire Department; however, they don't want people sleeping in the building. Dunavan also states that Perrysville Fire Department has stated they would be willing to allow the ambulances to use the fire house. Brent Lewis from the Perrysville Fire Department comes to give more details on the arrangement. He explains that the location could be used as temporarily however some renovations would need to be made, such as a shower and bedrooms. He also explains that they would need help financially with the renovations from the county. Dunavan asks if they have thought about charging rent or leasing it. Lewis says yes but they would have to do more research on how much to charge because right now the Perrysville fire dept. isn't a fully manned station, it is just a volunteer fire department. Luther asks how long they would consider temporary being. Lewis explains however long it takes to get something permanent. Luther says that he would like to think more about the offer from Perrysville. Dunavan and Lewis are going to work together on getting estimates for the fire department for the renovations that would need to be made and bring them to the next Commissioner's meeting. If by then they don't have the information all gather they can set a special meeting to discuss it further. Yocum states that he has received a letter from Julie, Parke County Ambulance Facility she states that she would buy the property. O'Heir states that the smart way is to at least advertise \$150,000.00 in the additional appropriation and then do more research on the options presented. The commissioners agreed and the additional will be put into the paper for the May council meeting.

d. County Handbook Review Update

- Spurr explains that Auditor Furry and himself have sent out emails to see if anyone has any suggested changes to the county handbook. A short list has been compiled of the suggested changes. Spurr and the handbook committee are going to set a time for the meeting and go over the possible changes.

X. Announcements

a. County Bicentennial Celebration

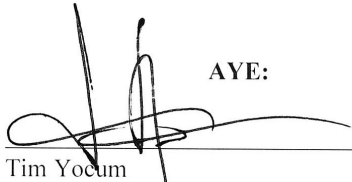
i. April 26, 2024

1. RFP Ambulance opening at 8:30 AM
2. 4th Grader Field Trip to the Courthouse & County Library


- ii. April 27, 2024 at the Vermillion County Courthouse from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - 1. Annex Open House at 1:00 PM
- b. 2024 Tire Recycling at the RISE
 - i. May 11, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- c. Fun Fest & Ag Day at the Fairgrounds from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- d. Early Voting @ the Courthouse from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- e. 2024-1 CCMG: County received \$1.5 Million for the roads from the State
- f. May 1, 2024
 - i. 1:00 PM I-74 Corridor Presentation on Wednesday
 - ii. 2:00 PM Executive for Ambulance Proposal Presentations
- XI. Public Comment
 - Dunavan mentioned that the Countywide Clean Up Days were a success and he wanted to say thank you to everyone who worked.
- XII. Adjourn
 - Luther makes the motion to adjourn. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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NAY:




 Tim Yocum




 RJ Dunavan



 Britton Luther

ATTEST: 

 Brenda Furry



 DATE: