

## Vermillion County Commissioners

### Meeting Memoranda

October 26, 2021

8:15 a.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
    - i. Introduces NVHS Senior Tycee Crabtree
- IV. Approval of Memoranda
  - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 memoranda and the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 special memoranda and seconded by Britton. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims
  - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 claims and seconded by Britton. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll
  - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 payroll and seconded by Britton. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Open Issues
  - a. Health Department Update
    - i. Wendy Farley was present to give the update on the health department. There was one day this week that there had been 20 positive cases in 1 single day, but the numbers have still decreased from before. Vermillion County is now in the orange. 42% are fully vaccinated. 46% have at least one dose of the vaccination. There have been about 150 people call about the booster shot, and as of today they are starting to call and schedule for the booster shots. They have all three vaccinations in the booster now. At their last meeting they voted on Laurie Valera to replace Dr. Albrecht. Commissioners are not familiar with Ms. Valera, so they are not prepared to approve Ms. Valera as the new doctor just yet until they go over her resume and read through her references.
  - b. Vermillion Rise
    - i. Bob Grewe was present to give an update on the Vermillion Rise. They have drafted up an agreement for sanitary sewer. Thought the Rise would own facilities including the lift station. A sewer running from the lift station man hole to the jail would be the counties responsibility to maintain those connections. The rating on the sewer plant is 194,000 gallons a day in treatment capacity with a peak at almost half a million. They are only using about 35,000 gallons a day, so there is capacity for growth.
  - c. Vermillion Trails Alliance
    - i. Tom Milligan is present. They continue to work on the next level trails project. They have Thrive working on the project as a grant writer. Service is totally paid for by the VTA because it can't be part of the grant. They are working with land owners in the river bottoms to get a small strip of land that will get from the railroad right of way out to the public crossing.
  - d. Jail

- i. Britton reads the update on the jail. They have started with the foundations and the slab on gray. The pre-engineer building should be there around December 15<sup>th</sup>. Structural steel delivery is expected early 2022. Installing new duct work and sanitary piping and power feeds. The Duke Energy relocation is complete. They are still on budget and still on schedule. Contingency is really close to \$10,000 to what it was before. Expected to be done January 4, 2023.
  - e. Penney Carpenter- Permits
    - i. 75 permits for 2021 thus far. Around this time last year there were 81 permits, and around this time in 2019 there were only 57 permits. Since September, two of the permits are for new homes. One new home in Helt Township and one new home in Clinton Township. Approximately 16 new houses thus far for 2021.
  - f. Elanco Economic Development Agreement
    - i. Scott Craig is present along with Andy Mouser, Brant Wright, and Tom Pitman. Andy Mouser works with Bakertilly. Brant Wright works for Bose McKinney Law Firm, and Tom Pitman works for Barnes and Thornburg. They all speak about the developing of the Elanco project and the Economic Development Agreement. A motion is made by Dunavan to approve the Economic Development Agreement and seconded by Britton. All in favor, motion passed. A motion is made by Dunavan to approve the Resolution 2021-21 and seconded by Britton. All in favor, motion passed.
  - g. Asset Management Plan
    - i. Thrive – Jon Ford is present for Thrive. Ford is following up on his proposal for the asset management plan. Thrive’s plan was \$45,000 over 3 installments. They did about 100 traffic counts from September 2019 to April 2020. They are on schedule to do counts in Vermillion County through the RPO and through the INDOT match of 80/20 starting next July. They have 140 counts set including railroads and various roads. A motion is made by Dunavan to approve Thrive’s proposal pending council funding and adding the ADA at no additional cost and seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion passed.
  - h. Highway
    - i. Title VI / ADA Status (O’Heir) - has been in touch with a representative from INDOT and they are just shy of finishing the Title VI Transition Plan. O’Heir has been working with INDOT to get that plan done. The plan is 99.9% complete. A resolution for the plan has to be done. There has also never been a resolution for the ADA plan and there needs to be one done. O’Heir asks the commissioners to sign the Compliance for both plans. Commissioners signed.
- VIII. **New Business**
- a. Jennifer Peebles- Recorder’s Officer
    - i. A new company has requested to purchase monthly records, but Peebles needs the commissioners to sign off on it. The Recorder’s Office charges \$0.10 per page, each copy is watermarked, and they are put on a disk. The company pays for the postage all the Recorder’s Office does is put it on a disk and put it in the mail. A motion is made by Dunavan to approve the monthly user agreement and seconded by Britton. All in favor, motion passed.
- IX. **Public Comment**
- a. Sheriff, Mike Phelps said that Dunavan got ahold of him to speak to him about the speed limits, and how it is in question about changing the speed limit in

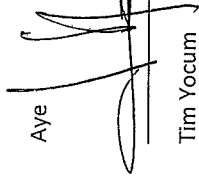
some areas. Phelps stated that him and his deputies will enforce whatever speed limit it is changed to and he will do whatever he needs to do.

- b. John Moore asks what the commissioner's deadline is for county appointments. The commissioners need some time to go over the applications and to be able to meet with each applicant, so the latest deadline would be December 1. A motion is made by Dunavan to approve the deadline 12/1 for county appointments and seconded by Britton. All in favor, motion passed.

X. Adjourn

- a. A motion is made by Dunavan to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Britton. All in favor, meeting is adjourned.

Aye



Tim Yocum

Nay

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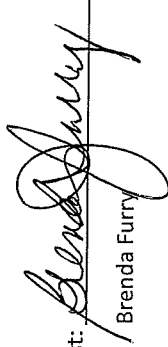
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