

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

February 28, 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
- IV. Present: RJ Dunavan, Britton Luther & Tim Yocum  
Approval of Minutes
  - a. Luther makes motion to approve minutes for the February 14, 2023 meeting, Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims
  - a. Luther makes motion to approve claims being paid out on March 3, 2023, Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll
  - a. Dunavan makes motion to approve payroll for March 3, 2023, Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
  - Vermillion Trails Alliance Update: Becky Holbert
    - o The trail is opening another 4/10 of a mile. The VTA is sending letters out to landowners around the trail to let them know that the purple paint is going to be marking the county's property lines.
  - New Issues
    - a. Vermillion County Health Department 2022 Annual Report: Dr. Paula Market
      - Dr. Market goes over the 2022 Annual Report. Some of the programs they have been doing through 2022 include, CPR classes, drug take back, COVID-19 Vaccine clinics throughout the entire county, and booster back (booster seat program), etc.
    - b. GIS: Standing Committee
      - Luther states a meeting was held about the county GIS mapping. Luther would like to create a standing committee of 3-5 people to help make the GIS work better.
    - c. Butler, Fairman, and Seufert Engineers: Michael Waldron & Jonathan Olson
      - They will be applying for the 2023 bridge inspections. They are here to introduced themselves.
    - d. Dossett Consulting Contract for 2023: Brenda Furry
      - Commissioner's would like to have them come to the next meeting March 14, 2023 and explain about what they do and explain a little bit about the contract.
    - e. Status of Vehicle Request: Ron Mack, Surveyor
      - Mack would like to have a vehicle for the surveyor's office. He would like to use a Jeep that is sitting at the county garage. Dunavan makes a motion to move the title of the jeep to the Surveyor. Yocum seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. Open Issues
  - a. COVID-19 Update: January 2023
    - Read the COVID-19 Update, numbers are lowering
  - b. VCEDC & Rise Agreement – Doug Hess
    - Economic Development Attorney comes to talk about the agreement. Yocum made a motion set up a meeting between the council and commissioners to discuss the agreement, Luther seconds the motion to set up a meeting with councils and commissioners.

- c. R/L Contract
    - TJ Collett brings forward the contract for R/L Contract. The contract is for two years if the Commissioner's decide to go to a one-year contract again, then it would cut the price in half. Commissioner's would like to have time to read the contract before they sign it. They will decide at the next meeting on March 14, 2023.
  - d. IT Standing Committee: Member Recommendations
    - Yocum states he has a list of five people Brandon Kelsheimer, Jason Zucca, Bart Turchi, Bart Mooney, Chad Lindsey This committee is going to be an advisory committee only. They will have meetings quarterly. All commissioners agreed on the above people.
  - e. Professional Services: Document Scanning & Handling Schedule Contract Negotiation w/ BerkOne (Following 2.14.23 Commissioner's Meeting)
    - NONE
  - f. Courthouse Occupancy & Space Use
    - Under development
  - g. Courthouse Annex
    - Architura provided the commissioners with plans for the annex. Dunavan states Soil & Water may be needing space for their offices.
  - h. County Engineer
    - Yocum has talked to Jim Meece and he is going to meet with another county in March that has already went through the process of sharing a county engineer and see what all is involved.
  - i. Opioid Funding Status: Fund Distribution/Use
    - Dunavan and the Auditor's Office is working on getting the application done. Auditor Furry mentions she had just received an email about being able to use the Opioid money as match money in order to apply for some grants that have just came out.
  - j. County Highway
    - i. Asphalt Bid Award
      - o We received two bids from Milestone for Bituminous bids. Yocum suggest that the Commissioner's should talk to the highway garage supervisors and see if Bituminous can be conveniently located so that any district can get to it. If it can't be done the Commissioner's agreed to go with the Veedersburg bid.
    - ii. Organization
      - o Luther explains his ideas for organization of the highway garages and how they could be made better in the future. The Commissioner's agreed that they need to go through the information that Luther has provided. They would like to set up a special meeting to finish the discussion.
  - k. Town Hall: Auditorium Use Standing
    - At the meeting Luther had in the Auditorium on February 21, 2023 safety of the public on the third floor was discussed. It is now being discussed that the court should be moved to the Auditorium to keep the main traffic of people on the first floor. It would also help maintain the security of the courthouse. The Commissioners agreed to keep looking into this further. Luther is going to talk to the offices this would involve.
  - l. Broadband Status
    - NONE
- IX. Announcements
- Yocum states, Duke Energy is a potential Combustion Turban (CT) site, pending corporate approval.

- Ambulance Property, engineer is ready to get the property surveyed. Yocum would like to apply for the Readi Grant to help pay for the new ambulance bays.
  - Jail has been finished since February 24, 2023. The jail was under budget by 1.28%. Along with the jail being completed, we do have a roof issue that is going to have to be fixed. In order to get the roof up to par with the rest of the jail, the Commissioners would like to go with the estimate for \$35,000 - \$40,000 range to get the roof fixed appropriately. Yocum also states that Jail Maintenance is needing a Genie Lift to help maintain the new addition to the jail. The proposed amount the lift would cost is around \$20,000.
  - Building Inspector, Yocum states we have two people who are interested in being the Building Inspector. Luther states he believes the Building Inspector's the permit fees should cover the costs of the building inspector.
- X. Public Comment
- Dan Furry comes to speak about vinyl chloride that gets brought through our county on the railroad. He feels that it is something the county may want to look into and see if they can prepare for it.
- XI. Adjourn
- Dunavan makes motion to adjourn, Luther seconds the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

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Tim Yocum

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ATTEST: *Brenda Furry*

Brenda Furry

DATE: *4/11/23*