

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

August 15, 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
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - Luther makes a motion to approve the minutes from the 8.1.23 meeting. Dunavan seconds the motion to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims
 - Luther makes a motion to approve the 8.18.23 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion to approve the 8.18.23 claims. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll
 - Dunavan makes a motion to approve the 8.18.23 payroll. Luther seconds the motion to approve the 8.18.23 payroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - Becky Holbert with VTA comes to tell about the Over the River and Through the Woods 5K. She also gives an update on the BNO trail which is from Montezuma to Hillsdale. Tom Milligan also comes to speak about the BNO trail and proposes a property swap in regards to the trail. Yocum also asks Holbert for an update on the Indiana State Festival Booklet. She states that the county has 10 events that will be placed in the booklet.
 - Clate Sanquenetti comes to make the Commissioner's aware that a meeting will be happening on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 with Wabash Valley Resources LLC. The deadline for comments to the EPA is August 21, 2023 at midnight. Dunavan states he is writing a letter to the EPA.
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. Proposed Ordinance, Certification – Investigation of Death
 - Luther explains the need for the Certificate Investigation of Death. This ordinance will help the coroner from having to do autopsy's that aren't warranted by statute. It will help the county recover cost that should have been paid by a responsible party who was obligated to conduct an autopsy. The ordinance isn't complete yet, Luther is hoping it will be completed by the next meeting.
 - b. Petition to Vacate Public Alley – Doug Waters
 - Waters comes to speak about vacating an unplatted road. Dunavan makes motion to approve the petition to vacate public alley. Luther seconds the motion. Yocum abstains. All in favor, motion approved.
 - c. Disaster Emergency Declaration – June 29, 2023 Storm Event
 - O'Heir talks about the Disaster Emergency Declaration. So far, the county has turned in about \$85,000.00 worth of damages as of about three weeks ago. Luther makes motion to approve the Disaster Emergency Declaration. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- IX. Open Issues
 - a. Courthouse Annex Project – John Graves
 - Graves comes to speak and give an update on the work on the annex. Yocum asks if a Special Meeting could be set up to discuss the annex. The others agree. The meeting will be held on Friday, August 18th at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

- b. Tax Management Associates: Paige Kilgore
 - Dunavan makes a motion to approve the Tax Management Associates agreement to do a county wide Personal Property Audit. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. County Highway – Organization
 - i. Engineer Agreement – Vermillion & Parke County
 - o Yocum states that they working on getting some technicalities worked out. They are hoping to have more information soon.
- d. Regulatory Open Burning Ordinance 2023-05 – Mark O’Heir
 - Dunavan states that two meetings ago they did a first reading for this ordinance. Dunavan makes a motion to approve the 2023-05 Ordinance Regulatory Open Burning. Luther seconds the motion. The Commissioner’s discuss the ordinance. Luther has some concerns with the wording. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Improvement Fund Allocation Flyer
 - All the Commissioner’s agreed on the flyer and also to allow the application to go live.
- f. Misc. County Properties and Classifications
 - The Commissioner’s are going to keep looking at the list.
- g. Vermillion County Bicentennial (February 1st 1824 – 2024)
 - i. Establish Bicentennial Committee (Historical Society?)
 - ii. Allocation of funding - \$50K
 - The Commissioner’s would like an email sent out to the all-county email and see if anyone is wanting to be in charge of this event.

X. Announcements

- a. County Festivals & Events
 - i. Wabash River Run (August 26th)
 - ii. Little Italy Festival (September 1st – 4th)
 - iii. Newport Antiques, Auto Hill Climb (September 29th – October 1st)

XI. Public Comment

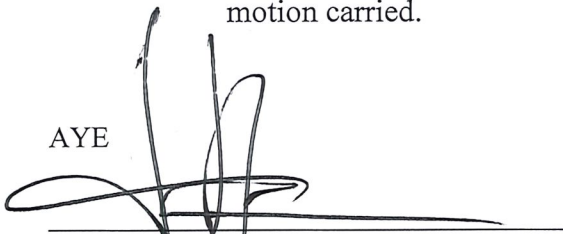
- Travis Newman talks about the Carbon Wells, Senate Act 451, which became public law 53. It is a pilot project is being defined by the State of Indiana. He also talks about the letters that the EPA sent out to households that it is going to affect.
- Clate Sanquenetti comes back to speak about wanting to obtain his mineral rights that are located underneath his property. He would like to get those with a clean slate with no taxes.

XII. Adjourn

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

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Tim Yocum

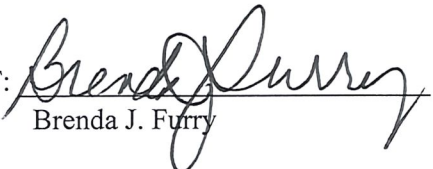


RJ Dunavan



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8/29/23