

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

December 19, 2023

9:30 AM

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 12.8.23
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 12.8.23 minutes. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 12.22.23
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 12.22.23 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 12.22.23
 - Dunavan makes a motion to approve the 12.22.23 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - Ron Mack comes to request a laptop so that when he is out in the field he can use the county GIS Map on the laptop since it isn't mobile friendly. He also talks about regulated drains and gives copies of letters of support from Soil and Water and the Farm Bureau. The Commissioner's request the surveyor to come to the next meeting.
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. Vermillion County 2023 Certificate Sale Calendar Approval
 - i. Resolution 2023-21
 - Stephanie Simpson comes to explain what the certificate sale is and how it works. In September, the county had a tax sale. Out of the list of properties, 35 of them, didn't sell. Those are now being put in the certificate sale, which will take place in 2024. The certificate sale also has a redemption time frame of 120 days instead of a year. Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 2024 Certificate Sale contract with SRI. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried. Donavan makes the motion to approve the Resolution 2023-21, establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioner Certificate Sale. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. County Insurance Renewal: George Smith
 - George explains all the insurance renewal documents. Luther makes the motion to approve the insurance renewals for the county. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. Request for Change of Zoning Classification: Penney Carpenter & Clate & Tammy Sanquenetti
 - Carpenter comes to explain that the Sanquenetti's is wanting to change the zoning from having Suburban Residential (S1) to a (B2) General Business zoning area. The location is in St. Bernice. Dunavan makes the motion to approve the zoning change petition 23-03 with the amendment to allow only general business. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. Illiana Contract Extension Approval
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the Illiana Ambulance Contract until June 30th 2024. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. New Ambulance Facilities
 - Yocum states that the county has been working on a new ambulance facility for the county. It will be located on the East side of the road up by Perrysville.
 - f. Ground Water Withdraw
 - Luther states that he would like to see some action taken at the county level since the state hasn't taken any action besides monitoring large withdrawals through DNR. Dunavan explains that this is in regards to the Lebanon project with the Wabash River. Dunavan also explains that the Indiana Economic Development is kind of picking areas to do large projects in, however Lebanon doesn't have enough water, so they have been talking about pumping water from the Wabash up to Lebanon. He also states that other

counties bordering the Wabash have made either an ordinance or resolution against doing this, he would like out county do to the same. Yocum states that he would like this added to the next agenda and would like to come back with more information.

IX. Open Issues

- a. Septic Ordinance Approval (2023-07): Dr. Market
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the Septic Ordinance 2023-07. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Update of new 2024 Holiday Calendar
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 2024 Holiday calendar. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Board Appointments for 2024
 - i. REDI Grant Appointment
 - o Yocum states that Vermillion County has an open seat on the REDI Grant Appointment. Rennel's comes to talk about what the REDI Grant. Luther makes the motion to approve Bill Rennels as the appointment for the REDI Grant board. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - ii. Alcohol Beverage Board: Mindy Bush
 - iii. APC: Joe Ellis
 - iv. E911: TABLED
 - v. Health Board: TABLED
 - vi. Innkeepers Tax Board: TABLED
 - vii. Newport Chemical Reuse Authority: reappointing all on the board currently, however they are going to stagger the terms. The terms will now be 3-year terms.
 1. Tom Milligan/2024
 2. Joe Ellis/2024
 3. Lacy Romig /2025
 4. Jeff Michalic/2025
 5. David Marietta/2026
 - viii. Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals: Brad Ringwald and Patricia Richey
 - ix. Redevelopment Commission: Ashley James, Oren Sutherlin, and Michael Hamilton
 - x. Newport Library: Robert Henry
 - xi. Wabash River Corridor: Les Zimmerman and RJ as the alternate
 1. WRHCC Appointment Resolution (2023-22)
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the WRHCC resolution 2023-22. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - xii. Drainage Board: TABLED
- Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 2024 board appointments that Yocum had read off. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. DNR Water Site up North
 - Dunavan states that the survey has been completed for the DNR water site up north. He states that they are wanting a name for the water site, they would prefer not to use someone's name.
- e. Vermillion County Bicentennial
 - The date is February 1, 1824. Yocum also states that he has met with Steve Axtell and Mr. Henry who informed him that the State of Indiana is looking for someone to be the new county historian, the State had to have the paperwork by December 10th. Yocum explains that he wrote a letter and sent in the appropriate paperwork to appoint George Sanquenetti as the historian. Yocum also states that they are going to do something for the Bicentennial, they just don't know the scope yet. Luther states that he will be making that announcement at the next meeting.
- f. IT Contract
 - Luther states that he was hoping to have an IT Director for the county. He states that if anyone is interested in the position to contact him. Luther makes a motion to approve the 2024 IT Contract with EAS. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- g. Opioid Settlement for Peer Court
 - Dunavan makes a motion to approve the councils request to use the Opioid Settlement funding to go towards Peer Court. Luther seconds the motion. Luther then asks if they are assigning the next 5 to 10 years of opioid settlement money to fund Peer Court? He states

that he isn't in favor of assigning all the money to the program, he feels it should be an annual request. Dunavan states that he is fine with approving all the money going towards Peer Court. Yocum calls for a vote, Yocum and Dunavan approve, Luther opposes, he wishes to approve the opioid settlement yearly. Motion passed.

X. Announcements

a. County Festivals & Events

i. Vermillion County Bicentennial (February 1st 1824 – 2024)

XI. Public Comment

- Mark O'Heir comes to talk about the complete Solar Eclipse that is going to happen on April 8, 2023. The eclipse will happen from 1:49 PM to 4:30 PM. He states that we do have a large event ordinance in the county and to make sure that if you are wanting to hold a large group you are following the county guidelines.
- O'Heir also talks about the Ambulance Facility Committee and what they are working on for the facilities.
- Bill Wilson from West Terre Haute comes to talk about the CO2 Wells.
- Amanda Heber with Economic Development comes to give an update on what is going on within the county. She states that we have 14 projects actively in the works throughout the county.
- Cindy Pyle came with some questions regarding CO2.
- Penney Carpenter comes to ask about the letter that was sent out from Economic Development, if the date was changed. Yocum states yes, the date was changed and it was sent back out.

XII. Adjourn

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

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Tim Yocum

RJ Dunavan

Britton Luther

ATTEST:

Brenda Furry

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DATE:

1/8/24