

**Vermillion County Commissioners**  
**Meeting Agenda**

September 24, 2024

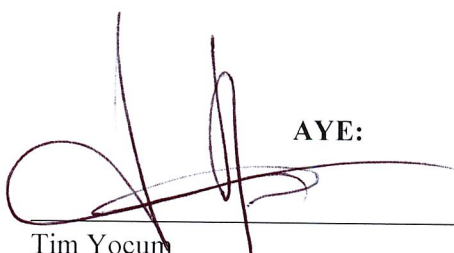
9:30 AM

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
  - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes for 09.10.24
  - Luther makes the motion to approve the 09.10.24 minutes. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 09.27.24
  - Luther makes the motion to approve the 09.27.24 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 09.27.24
  - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 09.27.24 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Economic Development Update: Amanda Heber
  - Heber gave an update on everything Economic Development has been working on. The I-74 project final plan is done and Lana with BCS has it. They have had meetings with all the different utilities. She has also visited the Parke County childhood care facility which just opened. The county festival trail is coming to an end with the Newport Hillclimb on October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. She is working with the high schools and local colleges to create a course in the high school to help/encourage a path to entrepreneurship. Heber also states that on the Economic Development they have started a feature Friday for local businesses. If you would like your business to be a part of this, call Economic Development for more information. They are working on creating a submission form for this as well.
- VIII. Public Comment
  - NA
- IX. New Issues
  - a. Ordinance 2024 – 07 Purchase of the Ernie Pyle Building
    - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 2024-07 Ordinance, Purchase of the Ernie Pyle Building. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. County Home Lease
    - i. Lease
    - ii. Fencing Cost
  - TABLED
  - c. Cell Phone
    - i. Cost
    - ii. Policy
    - iii. County Phones Assignments
      - 1. Prosecutors Office Pending
  - The cell phone policy was discussed. Commissioners were wondering if we could combine these accounts and get a better rate on the phones. Also, needing to compile a full list of everyone who has a county paid cell phones.
  - d. Union Hospital Agreement Review
    - Luther states that he is meeting with the Sheriff on Friday regarding this agreement for security for Union Hospital.
  - e. Mainstream Support (IP) Status
    - Dunavan stated that we are waiting to hear regarding the grant. The Commissioners did send a letter of support with no financial commitment.
- X. Open Issues
  - a. Vacation of Drains
    - i. Vacated Dana Drainage Line “B” Public Drain
    - ii. Vacated John L. Brown Public Drain

- iii. Vacated Elder Hulbert Ditch Public Drain
  - iv. Vacated E.B. Bell ET AL. Public Drain
- TABLED
- b. County Parks
  - Need to talk to the parks department and ask for copies of all the paperwork regarding what parks the counties is actually responsible for.
- c. Codification Proposals
  - i. American Legal Contract
  - ii. Assign Point Person
  - Luther makes the motion to approve the American Legal Contract. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Courthouse (Carrera) Quote Status
  - i. Roof Replacement Review
  - ii. Limestone Restore/Clean/Seal
  - Luther states that Terry is working on getting all the information for these items gathers.
- e. County Handbook Status & Update (Spurr – Furry)
  - i. Cell Phone Approval and Use
  - ii. Credit – Debit Card Policy
  - iii. Automated Timesheet Accounting & Use
  - Auditor Furry states that she is working on reading through and making suggestions on where things need to be changed in the county handbook. Once she has finished she will turn it over to the handbook committee for review.
- f. Courthouse Annex Signage
  - i. VCSW
  - ii. Public Defender
  - Luther states that the soil and water sign should be getting installed before the Hill Climb. Public Defender didn't necessarily want a sign they just would like something on the windows. The Commissioners all agreed to put something on the windows.
- g. Public Defender – Cost Recovery
  - i. Construction Cost
  - Luther explains that in order to get reimbursed for some of the cost on the public defender's portion of the remodel of the annex we have to do an analysis to see how much rent to charge. Spurr stated that he looked and found on the states website it has information and information on how to determine what to charge for rent. Dunavan is going to work on this project and update us at the 10.22.24 meeting.
- h. Ambulance Facility (Point Person?)
  - i. OCRA Grant Funding
    - 1. Jerrell's Estimate
  - ii. Ambulance Facility
    - 1. Property Acquisition
    - 2. Contract-Architect-Plans/Specifications/Bid Documents
  - The commissioners state that the council did approve the funding for the architecture firm to continue working on building first ambulance facility up North. The commissioners will meet with NVCSC on Thursday at 10:30 AM to discuss how to proceed with the purchase the land for the facility.
- i. Internet Service – Garage 1 & 3 Status
  - i. Joink Garage 1: \$199.00
  - ii. Joink Garage 3: \$199.00
  - The commissioners discuss getting internet garage 1 and garage 3 for the timeclock system. The commissioners are wanting to verify these are the best options for these two locations. Miss. Yocum is going to verify with EAS and get their recommendations for the next meeting.
- j. Historical Marker Status, Recognition & Support
  - i. Chunn Historical Marker
  - ii. Piankeshaw Historical Marker
  - iii. Proposed County Historical Marker
  - Yocum states that the Piankeshaw Historical Marker was approved through the Indiana Historical Bureau Division the Chunn Historical Marker wasn't approved however the Vermillion County Historian is looking at other options for this marker.

- XI. Announcements
  - a. County Burn Ban Notice
    - i. Effective 09.17.2024 – 10.17.2024
  - b. Newport Hillclimb
    - i. October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- XII. Public Comment
  - NA
- XIII. Adjourn
  - Dunavan makes the motion to adjourn. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

  
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Tim Yocum

  
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RJ Dunavan

  
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Britton Luther

ATTEST:   
Brenda Furry

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DATE: 10/8/24  
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