

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024

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 12.02.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 12.02.24 minutes. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 12.20.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 12.20.24 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 12.20.24
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 12.20.24 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - NONE
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. Vermillion Trails Alliance Update: Becky Holbert & Les Zimmerman
 - Zimmerman comes to talk about the BNO trail. After a year of negotiations with US Fish and Wildlife regarding an easement that they had on a piece of property that the trails alliance needed so they could put a bridge in and continue the trail. They were able to work out an agreement to swap easements. Zimmerman states that a survey was done and on December 4th they were able to bring the documents to the Auditor & Recorder's Offices to get them recorded. US Fish and Wildlife released the easement on the triangle piece and recorded the easement granting them an easement on the piece that the VTA currently owns because US Fish and Wildlife said it would be best not to have to deal with a government entity. The next steps are needing to purchase two pieces of properties one is from Swinford Farms and the other is from Keith Little Farms. They would like to use Jon Spurr to do the property transfer. Luther makes the motion to have the county attorney assist the VTA with the property transfers. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. 2024/2025 Bid Review

- Luther suggested to open all the bids and take them under advisement so that the Auditor's Office can put them on a schedule, so they can all be reviewed before any decisions can be made.
 - i. Fuel
 - o Illini FS bid was opened and reviewed.
 - ii. Aggregate: Stone, Gravel and Sand
 - 1. Pro-Ag
 - 2. Lincoln Park Stone
 - 3. S&G Excavating Inc.
 - 4. Kanizer Excavating (Hauling only)
 - o Yocum states that Roger's Groups bid was not received due to it being lost in the mail. All the commissioners agreed to let them turn in a bid after the deadline, due to these bids being awarded based on location to the garages. All the other aggregate bids were opened and reviewed.
 - iii. Corrugated Metal Pipe & High-Density Polyethylene Pipe, N-12
 - 1. E-3 Bridge 2024 Roll Over Bid
 - 2. Wholesale Drainage Supply
 - 3. Metal Culverts, Inc.
 - 4. Advanced Drainage Systems
 - o All the corrugated metal pipe bids were opened and reviewed.
 - iv. Bituminous Materials
 - 1. Asphalt Materials Roll Over Bid (Liquid)
 - 2. Milestone Contractors
 - o All the bituminous materials bids were opened and reviewed.
- c. BCS Management Economic Development Services Proposal: Lana Beregszazi
 - Beregszazi states that she is proposing while Vermillion County doesn't have an Economic Development Director that she would be willing to help with this so that nothing gets behind. The contract that has been presented can be canceled with a months' notice. Luther makes the motion to approve this contract as a task order under the current MSA with BCS. Yocum seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Yocum is going to be the contact for BCS.
- d. 2025 County Insurance Approval: George Smith
 - Smith with MJS Insurance comes to get approval for the 2025 county insurance. Smith states that workman's comp is based on the amount of payroll so as long as it goes up workman's comp will go up. Smith also suggest maybe having the risk control gentleman with ASTRA come back out and give ideas on what the county can do to help keep risks low. They just did the highway department a few months ago. Smith does recommend getting together with the Commissioners after the first of the year to discuss recommendations to help lower the county insurance.

Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 2025 county insurance renewal. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- e. Hamilton Center: Mandy Adams-Washburn
 - Washburn comes to give a brief overview of what the Hamilton Center is currently working on. During Thanksgiving they were able to provide 19 families with full Thanksgiving meals. They are also able to provide Christmas presents to 19 families which includes 2 families from Parke County.
- f. 2025 Board Appointments
 - i. Alcohol Beverage Board
 - 1. Mindy Bush
 - Luther nominated Eddie Kanizer for the Alcohol Beverage Board. Dunavan and Yocum nominated Bush. By majority Mindy Bush was appointed to the Alcohol Beverage Board.
 - ii. Area Plan Commission
 - 1. Joe Ellis
 - By agreement the Joe Ellis was appointed to the Area Plan Commission.
 - iii. Drainage Board
 - 1. Brent Morgan
 - By agreement Brent Morgan was appointed to the Drainage Board.
 - iv. Economic Development
 - 1. Roxann Scott
 - Yocum and Luther nominate Roxann Scott to the Economic Development Board. Dunavan nominates Ron Dunavan. By majority Roxann Scott was appointed to the Economic Development Board.
 - v. Health Board
 - TABLED: Due to needing three recommendations from the mayor due to change in the health board laws in July of 2024.
 - vi. Newport Rise
 - 1. No applicants
 - vii. Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)
 - 1. Brad Ringwald
 - 2. Patricia Richie
 - By agreement Brad Ringwald and Patricia Richie were appointed to the PTABOA Board.
 - viii. Redevelopment Commission
 - 1. Ashley James
 - 2. Oren Sutherlin
 - 3. Michael Hamilton
 - By agreement Ashley James, Oren Sutherlin and Michael Hamilton were appointed to the Redevelopment Commission.

- ix. Newport/County Library Board
 - 1. No applicants
- x. West Central Thrive
 - 1. Tim Yocum
 - 2. Doug Meadows
 - o TABLED
- g. Email Assignments
 - Commissioners agreed to start forwarding emails to newly elected officials on 12.31.24 at the end of business.
- h. Commissioner Luther Statement
 - Luther reads his statement. I present a challenge to Vermillion County we have a good County but we need to aspire for a better one we must embrace certain principles. We have to have empathy for our fellow citizens. We must understand the government's role. We must recognize that County government is organized to address the essential needs of its citizens, providing a common basis for the common good. This government is not an instrument of change but rather the leadership and support that facilitates it. Citizens engagement, the true engine driving our county is its citizens who volunteer their time and resources using their knowledge, education and experience to make this a better place. The dialogue and compromise is a discussion a compromise a set of shared values the Commissioners, the commissions, the committees appointed by elected officials are entrusted to find the best representatives. Our neighbors, our acquaintances and our friends must step up and if we, you do we can make our hope for positive change. Community participation these commissions and committees are a collective of citizens it takes the whole of the community to participate actively most of the changes we seek require our collective effort. What I've learned is that the Commissioners are but one cog in the wheel of county government. Government needs to move slowly and deliberately, when it does, otherwise the result is often less than what we have to hope for. Thank you.
- i. CCMG 2024-02 Clark Dietz Task Order for Bid Packages
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the CCMG 2024-02 Clark Dietz Task Order for the bid packages. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Open Issues

- a. 2025 Commissioner Meeting Approval
 - TABLED
- b. Ambulance Facility
 - i. Clinton/Ambulance – 10 Year Amendment Approval
 - ii. North Facility
 - 1. Funding
 - 2. NVSC Property Lease
 - 3. Contract – Architect – Plans/Specifications/Bid Documents
 - iii. Funding for South Facility

1. Funding
 2. Property
 3. Plan Development
- TABLED
 - c. County Engineer
 - TABLED
 - d. Internal Policy's – SBOA
 - i. Cost Principles Policy
 - ii. Procurement Policy
 - iii. Credit/Debit Card Assignments
 - TABLED
 - e. Weight Limits on Roads
 - TABLED
 - f. County Home Lease
 - i. Lease
 - ii. Fencing Cost
 - TABLED
 - g. Cell Phone
 - i. Cost
 - ii. Policy
 - iii. County Phones Assignments
 1. Prosecutor's Office Pending
 - TABLED
 - h. County Parks
 - TABLED
 - i. Courthouse (Carrera) Quote Status
 - i. Roof Replacement Review
 - ii. Limestone Restore/Clean/Seal
 - TABLED
 - j. Public Defender – Cost Recovery
 - i. Construction Cost
 - TABLED
- X. Continued Agenda to 2025
- a. Union Hospital Security Agreement Review
 - b. 2025-XX Ordinance: Unified Development Ordinance and Zoning Map: Penney Carpenter & Brad Johnson
- XI. Announcements
- The Commissioner's agreed to move the 12.31.24 meeting to 12.19.24 at 2:00 PM.

XII. Public Comment

- NONE

XIII. Adjourn

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

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NAY:

RJ Dun

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Misty Hess

William R Peebles

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ATTEST:

Ron Dunavan

Ron Dunavan, Auditor

2/4/2025

Date