

Vermillion County Commissioners

Special Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2025

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call – All present
- IV. Approval of Minutes from April 1st, 2025
Hess motions, Peebles seconds
All in favor, motion carries.
- V. Approval of Claims from April 1st, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 28th, 2025 and May 2nd and 5th, 2025
Peebles motion, Hess seconds
All in favor, motion carries
- VI. Approval of Payroll April 11th, 2025 and April 25th, 2025
Hess motions, Peebles seconds
All in favor, motion carries

VII. Public Comments:

- Clate Sanquenetti- Vermillion County Resident I'm kind of disappointed that none of the commissioners were at the APC hearing. If you came, you would have seen all the people standing against this.

A commissioner's job is to represent local interest at every level. You need to represent us. You should be educating yourselves on the issues that are important to your constituents of the county. Your constituents don't want CCS.

There are maps that show pipelines from other places coming here to put their CCS waste under our property too. The Cayuga Duke plant even said in their RFP that they are considering CCS 2. And I know you went up there and spoke on how great they were and everything, but do we want a carbon dump in the North End too? Because it's coming.

Are you willing to have a dump in the north part of the county? You need to pass a moratorium and get protections in place from this nonsense. And I know I've seen a letter that Spur wrote that says how many jobs it's going to create and that they ought to come and tour the plant. It doesn't matter how many jobs this is going to create. It matters how many lives are going to be affected by this. 52,000 trucks a year coming up the highway if there's a wreck.

There's so much un-education from this, you guys need to start educating yourselves and find out what's going on. Thank you.

- Doug Martin- I'm the town board president of Universal. I don't have a lot to say. I've said enough already, and I think most of us have. I just want to say I know that the moratorium does not affect the Universal pilot program, but I do think there should be some type of moratorium passed so we don't have this all over the county. Thank you.
- Jack's Walls- And they're going to put this pipe, pump, whatever you want to call it. It's not a whale. Just about my side of my property. And I got grandkids that comes over and visits me to go fishing and we hunt there. And, and I don't know, maybe you don't listen to the news or whatever where these lines have failed before, the damage that it's caused. These trucks, I'm so afraid that many trucks sliding off the road or something. And if something ruptures on that tank, it's not going to be good for anybody. And I just, I can't understand this company and how it got this far. We're talking about human lives or drinking water. It's not going to just affect me, it's going to affect you all. You know, maybe that's not registering, I don't know but What are we

going to move to? You know I got 99.6 acres, 2 ponds, log a house on it. My property value is going to drop like a rock. Where am I going to go? So please your decision making. There's a lot of people here trying to. Talk about this and. You know, we've been here before, but we're here to back you up and we're hoping y'all is going to back us up. Thank you.

- Cindy Pyle, Vermilion County resident. I know you heard me a million times so far. I'm against this. We may not be able to stop this pilot project, unfortunately, but let's stop the rest. We need a temporary moratorium now so we can get things settled. But in my opinion, we need a permanent ban. We don't need any more of this. This one's bad enough. We don't need it anymore.
And I wish the three of you could have been at the meeting, at the public hearing. It would have been nice to have representation there.
This stuff is so bad. We don't need it going through our towns. Nobody wants this. We have 2100 members on the Facebook page and I know we've gotten hundreds and hundreds of signatures. Nobody wants this. We need a permanent ban, not just a temporary one. Thank you
- Jeff Steinbonn- So, on the transporting these things and trucks you have 5 different pieces on the front page here for the carbon dioxide. It's either going to be a dense liquid or it's going to be a super critical fluid.

Both of which have the ability to completely unload the truck. So, if it's super critical, it has a propensity to have a 1300-foot diameter kill zone. Then this Backpage of this shows how they can get from the atmospheric all the way up to the Super critical zone. The critical point on carbon dioxide is that 88° and 1070 PSI so; they're planning on having it at 2800 metric tons of carbon dioxide. The only way you can do that?

Is in a dense liquid. So, if you look at the third page of that piece, this shows how the density changes with the fluid. So, you have a line that's going up from 31.1. That's the same thing as 88°. That's in Celsius there for 31.1. And you see how it's low density where it's high, high temperature and lower pressure. Let's get the bigger pressure. You're going to have a higher density, but it's nowhere in the supercritical thing is it going to be bigger than a 770 or 770 kilograms per cubic meter. So, you can get up higher in the dense fluid. So, with the dense liquid it was still going to unload the machine. So, there's multiple things that are wrong with the class 6 of the application for the well. So, they have little or no experience in constructing operating supercritical fluids because it's going to have to be super critical by the time it gets down to the bottom.

Of that, well, they're going 5000 feet, that's going to be somewhere around 144°F and around 2300 PSI. And it's the same type of situation they have at Archer Daniels different over in Decatur, IL. so, we are already keeping and these folks plan on putting 16 times the rate. So, it's pressurizing underneath. So, the when they first load it, the carbon dioxide would dissolve into water and form. That's what's going to cause a core space is going to dissolve the dolomite underneath the shale. And so that is going to be a higher mixture of the total dissolved solids and that's what's threatening the lower aquifers and that's what the EPA's shut them down over in Illinois. Those are only two operating type 6 wells. There are and I got another e-mail that is disturbing from, Neyland Gupta They're seeking a permit to inject the 1.6 million tons. Which is twice the original volume that before for six years and wondered whether they can double that rate that's going to cause a higher pressurization and more leakage of the mud just going to get into the Aqua plant for a moratorium forever. Thank you, Sir.

- Penney Carpenter Vermilion County area plan. I was informed that WVR is in contact with someone at the county level. I know they're not in contact with me, so I'd like to ask each of you commissioners
 - o Misty, have you been in communication weekly with WVR?
 - Weekly, no.
 - o RJ?
 - WVR has emailed me like they have in the past with like the former EDA plan, but it's not been any more than 8 commissioners. It was just like the UDO. They asked us if we were going to pass the moratorium.
 - o Bill?
 - I have had no contact with them.
 - o John Spur.
 - Well, I'm not a commissioner, I'm a lawyer,

- Penney asks- but I would like to know.
 - Jon replies,- I was asked to, I was instructed by the commissioners to attend a meeting and report back what was said there, and I did.
 - Penney asks- So, have you been in contact with the with WBR since that meeting?
 - Jon replies- No
- Bill Wilson- I'm a serviceman. I took an oath in service to protect the United States and the people, and I will do that with my life. A few people were not at this meeting last week. I was surprised. You would have got a lot of good information. It was full.

Now, if you people, when you do like this other state I've seen on the computer, they didn't want to vote on this. I don't know if they didn't have the nerve or they're afraid of the big people or they were paid off or what. But a few people don't want to say. Let us vote on. What's wrong with that?

I'm all in this. I'm gonna do whatever I can to stop this. This is not good. I'll do it for the elderly, the people, young people, whoever. I'm all in and I can't believe people are not in this. Thank you.

- Evelyn Davis. I am a Vigo County resident, but I'm less than a mile from the Vermillion county line.
- You guys have at least made a better effort to speak to us and listen to us than other people have. But I want to urge you to fight this with everything in your bones because these trucks is going to be up and down 63 over and over and over all day long through a lot of northern Vigo County, through Vermillion County and there was just two semi wrecks on I-70 last week, both first into flames. What's going to happen on trucks like this? An accident like that happens on 63, and it's probably far less highway prepared to handle this kind of traffic and like I said, the one here in Vermillion County is not all that far from Ernie Pie Elementary. And basically, if you know you have children, if this goes through, I would urge you to please put your children in Ernie Pyle so you will understand the effects of this if it happens.

You will also know the effects of everybody else is going to suffer and just please fight it with everything you have to protect our citizens, our children, the property. Because we keep hearing about trying to bring stuff to Terre Haute and to Vermillion County and all the stuff. Well, who's going to want to bring a new business here and try to encourage people to come if they're going to be putting them next to a toxic dump?

They have to think about the future of our county, not just in the short term and the long term. Because it's going to be harder and harder to draw people here if we have this toxic dump and it's too close to two schools and now they want to put one close to another school or two elementary schools in the North End with the county too. So please, please fight this with everything in your bones. Please. I'm asking you to do that. Thank you

- Mike Kelly. I live in Fairview. Uh, and I'm trying to save you some money, I think. I'm not an attorney, so I don't know the answers to these, but it looks like to me the state said they'd sue you if they didn't. We didn't change this rule or the, the ordinances. And what I was thinking about on that is that's kind of a threat to an elected official. And if you guys do that. And they change the eminent domain again. Where they can take your property and stuff. I was thinking wouldn't there be a class action suit among the several people or states?
- Spurr replies - It wouldn't be something that, this is what I've said repeatedly at these meetings, Universal Town Board, this, that would be something a private citizen or a group of private citizens to do. It's something that the legislature is prohibited the local government from doing. It's kind of, it's kind of like you're mad at the post office. So you're protesting at the license branch.
- Kelly- thought that on my own I'm not going to carry on anything.
- Spurr- No, you guys should I'll go get private attorney's or all of you get one private attorney Kelly - because I think if you took this to court and they looked at the changes and the safety aspect of it and the number of people who didn't want it. A jury of our peers probably would side with us. So maybe we ought to make a really big lawsuit.

And I'm against this and I don't want to for obvious reasons stated. OK, thank you.

- My name is Meg Steinbonn. I'm from Indiana.

I just want to say thank you. I just want to say that all these people here who own property right here, anywhere near where the pipeline could be or where the aquifer is going to be filled, should assess their property now. OK, Get it in writing. Assess all your properties so that when something happens, you know what it was worth because they don't care. Seems like it, right?

Thank you.

- Rick Trout- (Auditable too low to gather the beginning of his speech.) Next brilliant script missed almost on the other side of the curve nonetheless, how it made it to the statehouse without any conversation. This being stuffed into a bill and put into the statehouse without any of us, we the people knowing this. It's shameful, absolutely shameful. So now it's going to pass. All these things we're using today are going to be useless. Why all the imminent domain? I'm sorry you're all going to move. I spent my whole life. Well, my married life, buying a home, paying taxes. 5 acres.

Bottom line, I own it, planned on retiring here, but I'm getting home. Very possibly that you could condemn my property and tell me I'm going to have to move. I am going to get anything of what it's worth that I made the investment to it or any of the tax money. And that's bullshit. They say you do.

I'm very well aware I deal in business. I don't have a sign in my front yard saying no, and I'm not a political pusher or anything else. I'm a normal human being.

Living in a peaceful little spot and it's about to be turned upside down? Very possibly. If you do not want to miss more point to stop it, these papers that I've given you is the next-door state.

Big promises, big money, big drilling, big failure. That's the reason in red folder. They want to contaminate the water table. What the hell do you people want to do? Seriously, why would this not have been an absolute no? You got to be kidding me. Two strangers were at the last meeting. I've never seen them. I never know them. And you know what they were there for?

Same thing pardon for their team. They shouldn't even have been allowed in there, but it doesn't make any difference between simple like a human yet you know that's what you're supposed to do. But bottom line, why can you not inform? Why could this not been that we find out that it's at the State House in it frequently treatment to me. How the hell does that happen? I mean it wasn't no meetings on it wasn't no voting, no ability of us to say yay or nay. I mean what?

Just happens, it didn't magically happen. Money moves everything, we all knew it. So, my question is, is what are we able to do short of this moratorium? 5 steps behind the bad guys.

Is there any answers gentlemen, any at all?

Dunavan replies: I think a lot of your answers, you know, if I could speak, I want to speak on behalf of all the commissioners, but like you stated, the State of Indiana passed a budget the other day that it included in the domain almost. That's a good question for your state representatives. Our local state representative here voted for the budget.

You know, there's a Tonya pie. I've had a Terre Haute voted against it. You know, so I think those are questions for your state legislators. Unfortunately, this was a bill written by them and we and I think if I could speak for all of them, I think we all share the same concern that whether it's the federal government or whether it's the state of Indiana, bills are passed constantly without constituent, you know, input, you know, just like this pilot project. You know, we're stuck with that here in the county, but yet if you're in Warren County, you have to reach I might say wrong, 70% or 75% of the land owners agree. That would have been nice to have in Vermilion County, but unfortunately, we didn't get that, you know? 60% thank you, Clay corrected Dunavan.

So, you know, that would have been nice throughout the state, but you know, we have state legislators and I, and I think everybody should, you know, whether it's called your state legislators, call your elected officials. I've listened to a lot of concerns from the people in the crowd here. I've taken emails, phone calls and I hear all them and I've heard them from multiple years. And I, I understand those concerns.

Who in the state writes a law unless that was repealed? And the state legislators made it abundantly clear that the majority of them are not going to do that. You know, it's unfortunate, but I would encourage you to reach out to your state representatives and your state leadership.

Trout- Other than the contamination of the water is going to happen because the state wants to talk to the state representatives. Oh, yeah, we both the state representatives. Oh, yeah, we voted for all you guys. What the hell.

Dunavan- But again. This is this is a state thing. This isn't a commissioner. We didn't authorize this.

Trout- How come you didn't try and block it? I mean, couldn't we have had a big ass wallet and we could have all showed up and actually said no, IE the elected people?

I mean, that's what we elect you for is to protect us, right? That's what we pay frickin taxes for us to protect us. I don't feel too unprotected, nor do I feel included in the loop by any means because we weren't. I wouldn't even be here unless I was informed by other people that if I didn't come to the moratorium, I wouldn't even have been here at the last meeting.

Dunavan- I would also express the concerns that you've made about them in a domain that was added in the most recent state budget that wasn't added by any, any sitting commissioner. And every commissioner sitting here has opposed eminent domain. OK, so your local state representative did not. OK, so that's a that's a discussion you have with them, not with us here locally.

Trout- Why aren't you at those meetings and making our voices known? That's why I'm asking you. I don't, I can't attend these meetings. I can't call people. I work 12 hours a day. I work every Monday through Friday.

Dunavan- Every commissioner sitting here at this table has full time jobs. And those bills that were put in, we weren't notified, just like you weren't notified.

Trout- Understood. So how?

Dunavan -At the State House at 10:00 at night when the nobody's there when that's happening. But you elect people in this room and at the State House. Those are the ones that voted for this eminent domain. Those are the conversations you need to be having with state representatives. And if you're upset with them, if they approve that in the domain.

Trout- I'm asking how are we going to have the avenue that when you guys work all day long and don't have the avenue?

Dunavan- I don't have that. I'm not elected to the State House. Mr. Peebles isn't elected to the State House.

Trout- I'm not elected to the State House either.

Dunavan- But you know who your state representatives are.

Trout- bottom line, underneath our feet, polluting the water turf. It's a gigantic waterfront.

Dunavan- I can assure you, once I found out that eminent domain was in that budget bill, I contacted Mr. Dearing, Mr. Yoakum, I contacted all my state representatives. I wasn't given anything. I wasn't giving anything other than I don't believe its eminent domain is what I was given and the budget passed.

So, I could share that concerns with you guys here tonight, but the budget passed.

Trout- OK, so now it's passed. Alright, so now no matter how much complaining we do, if they have eminent domain at the state level, that means they can, they can tell us audios, metals, right? Pretty much straight up, you guys are in that position. Eminent domain means we can do whatever the hell we want to with the land state of Indiana, no matter how much taxes you pay for it, no matter how much of A home you own, no matter any of that. Agree. Is that not what a minute domain means?

It really sucks, and that's what I'm here to say. It sucks. It sucks really bad and it should never make it there. And it should have had rallies beyond a couple of meetings on the tail end of the pony's tail.

All right. All right. Anyway, thank you.

- Kathy Brock- Hello. What I'm wanting to say here is we know that you're not our representatives. We all understand that there's not one person, I don't think in this room that is for Wabash Valley Resource. What they're doing is not one person.

You know, and we're not here, you know, trying to beat you up.

We're asking you to pass this moratorium. That's all you have to do. That gives us eight months to figure out what's going on. You know, that's all we're asking. We're not asking you to go to the state and try to change things. You can't do that. We can't do it either. We can't do anything with our representatives. We've already talked to them. So have you. But you have the power. All three of you have the power. The past is moratorium. That gives us a chance to figure things out.

That's all we're asking. Thank you.

- Trish Lingellier- I'm a resident of Vermilion County. And I would just like to go on record as saying adamantly against the CO2 sequestering, dumping, whatever you want to call it. And I don't care if it's Wabash Valley or whoever it is, any company. I mean, it's toxic. It doesn't matter whether we're trucking it, it doesn't matter whether we're throwing to the grounds or a whopper doom with it. It's toxic ultimately eventually is going to destroy our water, our most precious resource other than the people here. So, I just think I mean we're not even taking into consideration there weren't two major fault lines, which even makes it even more insane. So just want to go on record saying I'm very against it. I hope you have some moratorium I would like to I keep hearing people say there's nothing we can do about the pilot program, I'd like to think that there is something you can do about the pilot program as well that will eventually fail. As to whether it's our generation 100 years from now, it's going to fail. So, I would like to think that maybe you can get your heads together to figure out how we can get the pilot program out of the way too. Thank you.

Dot Far-Lindsey-I'm from Clinton as a resident and I have concerns because when I read the whereas it's there's been many of them saying the danger and you're here to protect the people, the water, the farmland and everything that's in this whereas tells me that we're moving forward and disregarding what is in here and what is supposed to be my understanding and correct me if I'm wrong.

We can't stop the pilot program, so our next choice is the temporary moratorium, so that should be passed. But I'm concerned about the language. Everything is about the language, and that's something that needs to be taken care of and looked closely.

We should stop using the language to be able to say no more pilots, no more expansions, no more hazardous waste. We should not be in a dumping site for poison. And I'm also a Councilwoman in the city of Clinton, and I'm concerned about what is going to happen if something goes awry.

And our neighbor is those who live in Universal and we need to make sure because we're all in this together, that we go ahead and be cautious and careful.

On the next step, because the first step is already taken care of from my understanding, correct? So now we need to be prudent about the next step and what's in the moratorium and how that's going to help us for the future. And I'm also concerned one last thing.

About after they leave in 12 years, we are left with what our economy. We're supposed to bring businesses in here who will want to get a household here, who will want to expand their existing business or let alone get new businesses in here. We need to really think this forward and we should take the 8 months or February 2026, whichever comes first and really do deep dive research and put a plan of action.

That is at least somewhat preventable. Thank you.

- Barb Adler- I'm from Vigo County. Our commissioners already sold us out two years ago when they okayed this whole thing, and I am walking around the community who doesn't even know what's happening to them. And I'm concerned, I've taught school for 41 years.

I'm not, and I don't mean to sit down grass. I'm not so worried about the people in this room. Goes well, probably I'll be dead before it gets really bad. Before our children in this county and my county and anyone down the river has no water.

Because when that man back there explained to you what it would do underground under that pressure, in that temperature, what it's going to do to the shale.

It's going to be like living in a hellhole if you can live.

So, I'm asking you as a person from outside of this community to protect the other communities. Give these people, they have fought so hard for two years. Give them eight months to go get their lawyer and try to file a class action suit and stop it. And if and if you can't see that, you're blind. And I'm, I'm sorry, I'm sorry that I'm loud, but like I'm so nervous right now. I do not like doing this. But you guys are like our last hope.

And I'm speaking for people that don't even understand. They're like oblivious to what's going on down in my county except for the 2 sitting here.

They're from West Terre Haute, so that's what I have to say. Thank you

VIII. Open Issues:

- a. Area Plan- Brad Johnson and Penney Carpenter- Vermillion County UDO update
- o This is really just a simple update the last Commissioner meeting you had asked for the three sections relating to carbon sequestration to be removed, which then sends it back to the Area Planning Commission at their next meeting, they did certify it as having been removed and voted on that. So officially those 3 paragraphs were removed. It was then advertised per state statute on April 30th.

That advertisement went in just saying that the county has and at that point per state statute is the date that that ordinance becomes effective. So, you actually have a new zoning ordinance, subdivision control ordinance in place as of April 30th.

Dunavan- And Brad, is that new UDO ordinance on the county website for public review?
Brad replies, Yes.

Dunavan- OK, Because I do know we talked before and I know the other commissioners are still reviewing the document or have reviewed it. I'm still receiving concerns about, you know, the septic, you know, the two acres to one acre or some fence issues. So, I think once the commissioners maybe get together, if we do have things we'd like change, we would just send them back to you to have them change, Is that correct?

Brad- Yeah, it starts at the Area Planning Commission. So, there's a letter, you know, a written request typically is what triggers that. And then they go through the adoption process or crafting process

Dunavan- And you've agreed to stay on for like, was it a year to if there were any issues?

Brad- That if there's any errors or missions that type of stuff that are found, that we will take care of that of no additional cost.

If there's an oversight of some sort, if you change policy or change direction, we try to do that at a nominal cost.

Dunavan- OK, sure. Commissioners, any other comments, questions for Mr. Johnson? No, thank you.

IX. New Issues

- a. Ownership of one-ton red truck transfer to town of Cayuga- In your packet you have ownership of a one-ton red truck transfer to the town of Cayuga. Superintendent had reviewed that the town of you could approach the highway department about transferring a truck to the town of Cayuga. You'll see an agreement in here that.

States we would transfer the truck, but upon the town of Cayuga no longer utilizing it, whether that's one year from now or 10 years from now, they will return that truck back to the county. So, we need to approve that tonight if there's agreement to the motion.

**I have a motion by Mr. Peebles to approve. I have a second by Mrs. Hess.
Any further discussion on that matter. If not, I'll call the vote. All in favor. Aye, aye.
Motion carries.**

- b. Cost Principal and Procurement Policy- I'll make the motion. I have a motion by Mr. Peebles to approve the Principal policy as presented. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Hess. Do I have any further discussion?
Hearing none, I'll call for the vote. All in favor, aye, Motion carries.
- c. First Financial Bank- My name is Leslie Warner and we have presented information to each of the commissioners about a financial literacy program that the bank is offering for Vermillion County employees. It is no cost to the county. It is no cost to any of the employees.

We would distribute financial literacy pieces once a quarter to whoever you decide that one contact would be. We don't ask for your employee information anything like that. And then that one person would distribute the financial literacy information. If those employees are customers of the bank, then they would have other perks with that program as well. Including no closing costs on consumer loans and some credit card rewards points. Those type of things. I believe all of you received the information correct? Yes.

No, no long-term commitments cancelled anytime type of stuff.

Dunavan- Commissioners, any questions, comments for financial?

No, I think I think it's a good program because I mean, I think a lot of people bank with First anyway and have another thing offer. I think that'd be great. I don't know, Misty, would you recommend like HR being the point of contact or so Billy Bush? OK, if there's other questions. I entertain a motion to approve the agreement with First Financial Bank as presented to us tonight.

**Hess makes a motion. I have a motion by Misty Hess. I have a second by Mr. Peebles.
Any other discussion?**

Hearing none call for the vote all in favor aye motion carries. Thank you, guys and this day will get, you that contact for Billy Bush, our HR payroll. Thank you very much.

- d. Thrive- Hi, my name is Jordan Cunningham. I'm a grant writer with Dr. West Central. You guys should have received a contract for owner occupied with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This is for the owner occupied is a program that they we are going to apply for on behalf of Vermillion County. Excuse me. We have successfully done this with Montgomery County and we are currently doing the program administration with them. What it is, is a program that allows residents to apply for up to \$25,000 for radon remediation, roof repair, water, water heater, HVAC, those types of repairs at no cost to them. And they can apply through Vermillion County and apply for those services.

Dunavan- And Jordan. And there should be, I think we're supposed to sign 2 agreements and only one for the market analysis and one for the homes for the future.

Jordan- Homes for the Future is through Michelle Or Julie?

Dunavan- I know Scott Craig. Yeah, Scott Craig. An e-mail was one contract, but it had the old commissioner names on it.

Jordan- So, we should have received that today from Michelle.

Dunavan- Commissioners, any questions or comments on them? Both of these programs are being funded. The one program is going to be funded through Clinton Redevelopment Commission of the Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission and the Vermillion Rise. And then the other one, Homes for the Future, is being funded by the Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission at 50,000. If they give us a 55, 000,

we can get the whole half, \$1,000,000 for the county. Speaking to board members, I think they're in favor of going to that 55,000. There's no other comments or questions for thrive on entertain a motion for approval of the contract signing for the residential market analysis and the host of the future contract.

Motion by Mr. Peebles for both contracts. Do I have a second? I'll second it, second by Mrs. Hess, any further discussion hearing none call for the vote all in favor. Motion carries. We'll get those signed, get those sent over to you. Thank you.

- e. Area Plan- Brad Johnson & Penney Carpenter- Proposed Moratorium on Carbon Sequestration Projects. So, you've been distributed a draft or I shouldn't say a draft, a moratorium ordinance. This is a zoning ordinance, even though it doesn't necessarily look like a zoning ordinance. This moratorium is adopted through the through statutes for zoning. So therefore, it does start at the area Planning Commission. It's a unique again, all the planning and zoning stuff starts the APC and then comes the commissioners similar to the.

UDO, the ABC has to hold a public hearing, which is what was held last week, and then with an affirmative vote to certify it for a favorable recommendation, forwarding it to the commissioners. That's what you have in front of you. This draft was based on templates that the APC's consulting attorney Bob Eherenman prepared, I drafted then from his model and then had him proof it. So, he has actually reviewed and certified this as being ready for the APC meeting and therefore appropriate and certified for the county commissioners.

So that's where we're at the, I mean I don't know if you want to read through this or maybe you already have. It really is asking for eight months assuming that it's going to take a couple of months to adopt any kind of revisions to the UDO or any other ordinances that may come out of that eight-month process. To me, I look at it as a six-month window to actually get work done, and then two months to work through the adoption process for.

At this point, there's no drafts or there's no concept exactly of what the APC or what would be brought forward to the commissioners to try to mitigate, stop, slow down, whatever the terms are. Again, I don't even want to make promises because we don't have that information. But for instance, Bob Eherenman has made it clear that performance-based zoning standards can apply to any subsequent carbon sequestration projects, meaning that we can also, we can do things like separation from schools, churches, places of assembly, that type of thing. That's a performance-based standard. It doesn't ban necessarily that a performance-based standard is not a band, it's a making sure things are done with common sense and safety and life safety in mind, but it also can include things like truck route provisions and just a variety of things, we again, the whole if we find holes in state and federal regulations, again, Bob Eneman's recommendation is that we can through local regulations impose standards.

But where there are regulations at the state or federal government, we can't duplicate or try to supersede those regulations. But we need to have some time to research and figure out what are those voids, if there are any. And where we're not stepping on the toes of other regulatory agencies and putting regulations locally in place, that's another place that we can at least target and focus on and maybe be successful at.

So again, this is based on Bob Eherenman's past work in doing moratoriums. That's based on what he understands from reading all of the legislation, including the; we have not gotten a memo yet. We have asked him for a memo regarding the state budget where they added that just to get his take on if there are any weaknesses there. We don't suspect there are, but it's good to just get somebody's outside opinion on what that really means for the county.

So that'll stop and answer any questions that you might have.

Jon Spurr: Did you get the cleaned-out version that I sent back?

Brad: I saw that, that it's just like zoning and that if, if the commissioners want to make changes is that that has to get requested back to the Area Planning Commission and they have to hold another public hearing and make those changes and certify those changes to

get an ordinance though, right? It is an ordinance, yes.

Spurr: So, couldn't we do it just as an ordinance?

Brad: Unfortunately, because it is part of the zoning statutes that it's adopted under we follow those processes for that.

Spurr: Could you have Bob addressed two additional things in his journal if he would address and I can get you these an e-mail, but it's 36-1-3-8 which is the power specifically withheld statute that bans local government from regulating. If he can just explain in a little more detail so we can attach that why this is legal and then, we've been talking about the budget. There's another one that we everybody should be reading, which is Senate Bill 457, which has been signed by the governor, which adds even more changes and authority to currency restriction. So, we should discuss how this won't run us afoul of that. And that's just so these guys can say they, they got advice from your land use expert that this was legal.

Brad: Let me just ask, it's statute 36-1-3-8. Is that what you said?

Spurr: 36-1-3-8 and specifically Subpart 7, power to regulate conduct that is regulated by state agency except as expressly granted by statute. And then if he could address how this is OK considering Senate enrolled, I'm sorry, Senate Bill 457, it's passed as far as I can tell, it's passed and been signed by the governor.

Penney Carpenter: And so, you talked about one in July. So, I didn't know what that...

Spurr: Yeah, because it's going to become effective July 1st and it deals with like permitting processes and stuff that carbon sequestration doesn't have to comply with if they're doing certain things. And again, I just think you should give the commissioners that from your guy to say here's why signing this would be legal.

Brad: Based on his review, I mean, I, I, I know he feels that this is legal and I understand that there are some moving pieces that maybe we need to address. What I would like to ask of you tonight is to move forward with this moratorium. And if we find out through a memo is we would come back to you with a revision to it that would be.

Spurr: Before last one was legal.

Brad: I never said those 3 paragraphs were legal. So, it just I said, I said that that is I said that those are Gray areas and it is untested.

Carpenter: It's and we wanted you to make a stand. We wanted to do 3 commissioners to make a stand. Listen, this moratorium is a brief. It was prepared and reviewed by Bob Eherenman, the attorney that we hired, a land use attorney out of Fort Wayne.

So far this year I've spent \$8206.00 on attorney fees. You know what I spent in a normal year \$4000? Just wasting taxpayer's money because you're worried about being threatened and bullied by Wabash Valley Resources.

It is straightforward. It is from the attorney. It's what he recommended. You wanted us to hire an attorney. Fine, we went. We hired an attorney. You want his opinion? He gave us our opinion. He's like, that's Gray area. If they don't want it, take it out. Finally take it out. We come back with this per his recommendation and now you're like, oh well, hold on. They're passing something else in July. You guys have to protect the citizens of this county.

Brad: It's hard to follow that. So, the I will make the commitment to you, if you move forward with this, to make any revisions that come out of a review for the Senate Bill 457 or the State Statutes 36-1-3-8, subsection 7 for Jon's request, I will ask a memo to be created to just justify. How this just happens.

Let me just give you a little bit of background on land use law attorneys.

In Indiana, 95% of them work for Wabash Valley Resource type companies, whether they're residential developers or commercial developers or whatever, and they do not want to work for municipalities. They don't get they don't like to work both for municipalities and the public or the private sector that they choose one side or the other. Bob Eherenman is one of the few that

has always represented cities, towns and counties. He's been in this business a long time. His reputation is imputable. He's worked for helping communities fight and successfully fight pipeline projects, mining projects, all types of stuff. He is our state's best public sector representative for anything related to Land's Law. I just don't know and I've never heard of anybody else. Every private sector Attorney that I asked. They all say call Bob Eherenman.

There's probably better in other states, who knows, but no one that really knows Indiana State statutes like he does and that follows it that this is what he does day in and day out. He's probably going to be practicing law for another 5 or so years. He's getting close to retirement age. We're hoping to just have his knowledge. He's a very good resource.

He does not want his name associated with something that's going to get overturned in court. And for that reason, I just know that he's comfortable with this based on his review. But as a courtesy and to make sure that we haven't overstepped, I do agree that we should pursue that.

So, what we would hope to do in the six months again is to just investigate as best we can where there may be some holes that we can plug, we can do something about subsequent projects. We made it clear at the public hearing on this moratorium that this is not applying to the pilot project. Greg Zeller was there; VP from Wabash Valley was there. They both heard it. Greg Zeller actually stood up at the meeting. He did not say that he was opposed to the moratorium. Matter of fact, he just promoted the you know what the project's going to bring to the county. But he did not specifically say, I'm against this, I don't want you to adopt it.

Matter of fact, he said that if I heard him correctly and if I'm wrong somebody correct me, but I heard him say that it's going to be two to three years before they even get their project, the pilot project off the ground.

Meaning that they may not even come in for two years for permits. So, asking for an 8-month moratorium is not it's not applying to them first of all, but second of all it would not be an impact to their project in all likelihood.

What we're concerned about is that we do not know, as was mentioned earlier, what other companies there might be that's currently filing for permits with the EPA. There's no obligation for them to notify local government or local property owners to file for EPA permits. There's no obligation for them to notify locals if they're applying for IDEM or DNR or any other permits for future carbon sequestration. So that's why we're suggesting trying to get this in place because we just don't know who else is possibly going down that pipeline, no pun intended, sorry.

But with this moratorium is they cannot come in and file permits. And that's what we're asking for. Again, be happy to answer any questions.

Dunavan: Commissioners, any questions for Brian or Penney on the proposed ordinance before us tonight?

Peebles: My question is if there are changes that need to be made, you have said you are willing to go through the process and make those changes so they are legally adopted and move forward legally, correct.

Brad: Yeah.

Dunavan: And those and those questions, it would be like a couple lines in the ordinance of that ride or

Spurr: I made changes to grammar. I've scrubbed out the last remaining references to the pilot program and I put a statement that mirrored what Penny said at the meeting that it wasn't intended to apply the pilot program. That's all I changed. It was I thought we were going to read that one tonight, not the previous one.

Dunavan: OK. And it's your opinion that well, I guess 2 questions. I guess they're kind of different opinions. You citizens is an ordinance. We could amend it?

Spurr: Well, that would be my thought. But if you know, if their specialist is saying no, we can't

then.

I mean, could we enact this one but get started on making some changes and then you could have cover for like a month or two while we worked on. So, I'd like to get, I don't want someone misinterpreting the references to the pilot program to then try to say we're trying to regulate the pilot program and the states already approved that and then knock our moratorium out, correct? That, that's probably my biggest concern, the grammar, I don't, I mean, grammar I don't care about, but that's probably my greatest concern with it is that somebody gets to defeat it simply because we left the word pilot in there, correct?

Brad: Yeah. I think what Jon just said, what I was recommending, which is move forward on this so that it's actually adopted the way moratorium work and Jon, correct me if you know something different, but most of them are upheld as long as they're for a reasonable amount of time.

It has it can't be permanent. It can't be permanent. It doesn't mean regulations can't be adopted that make it permanent. Like it's if there's a zoning, if there's a way in zoning to stop subsequent projects, it's not a moratorium that creates that. It's more time. It's just a tool to give us time to study or to write regulations.

Dunavan: So right, if approved and I there could be a stipulation states that, you know, the commissioner's attorney will work alongside you or the attorney from Fort Wayne to clean up whatever language at your next meeting and if there need to be changes I will then come back to the Board of Commissioners

Spurr: And you guys do have the authority to instruct them on your own to make a change. So there there's a separate provision where you can say look change this and then they have to it basically reverses the process that they're doing.

Brad: It's the same process we did with the UDO. Downside is that we're then holding.

I would want to change the February date to get more lined up with an 8-month time frame because it says whichever comes first if it if it's going to take. And that's why I'm saying if we move forward with this today, you keep the February date. We start working and then we promise to come back. If there's legal language that needs

Dunavan: So, tonight, we could instruct our County Attorney if he finds language that needs change, that if the commissioners are in agreement that he would just work directly with you to get that changed, we would make a revision to this one and then you would send it back to us.

Hess: And we're thinking though, this will take how long to do that. What's the process on that and how long is it going to take?

Brad: It would go to the next Planning Commission.

Peebles: Do we have to reread it as an ordinance to adopt it and all that in 30-60 days, whatever

Brad: you would just, you would just reference this ordinance and make an amendment to that ordinance. So, the APC is who actually would make the amendment, make the changes. You'd see it as like a red pen changed document and that's what comes before you. And you would just say, yes, we agree with the red pen changes. And so that's how it would happen. And the next ABC meeting is on that would be able to be talked about is the June 12th.

Spurr: We'd have an amended one at the 1st July at our meeting in July

Brad: YES

Dunavan: Jon, as our attorney, would you feel comfortable?

Jon: (inaudible) something down tonight and then we can we can make a few tweaks and

Dunavan: we authorize you to go ahead and whatever change you see fit.

Spurr: You've got my draft, right?

Brad: That's the first thing for us is to get you a memo from Bob saying, you know, responding to those two citations that you mentioned. And then if there's that, that may also include an amendment language to this and then you can add your error or whatever else.

Dunavan: Commissioners, any other questions or comments before I entertain a motion on the ordinance? Before I start,

Pebbles: yes, I have a comment. Where can I get one of those red shirts? When are we, when are we going, when are we going to the State House and having this protest legally? How do you say it peacefully, peacefully, legally, and if we have to file for primaries to go over there to do it, we need to get that in the pipeline, no pun intended. OK, I will be there with you in a red shirt on that day.

Dunavan: All right. If there's no other comments or questions or concerns, I'll entertain a motion.

Spurr: (Inaudible) approval of the Indiana Department of Administration? That's where you apply to protest the State House. Sorry RJ

Dunavan: does disorders need does it need rent allowed?

Spurr: I don't think so. I would imagine everybody's here just read it anyway, unless somebody just wants to hear it.

Dunavan: OK, I'll entertain a motion then for this ordinance before tonight 2025-6. **I'll make a motion. I have a motion by Miss Hess. Do I have a second? I second, second by Mr. Peebles.** Any other further discussion for the vote? I will say, as a Board of Commissioners, are we in agreement to authorize the County Attorney to work with Brad and the attorney from Fort Wayne to go ahead and clean up?

Peebles: Absolutely. If language needs cleaned up.

Hess: yes, I will include that in the motion as well.

All right, call for the vote. All in favor, Aye, motion carries.

- And thank you. And I would like to just add a couple comments since we're talking about the carbon now.

In the past there's been a lot of concerns brought forth about, you know, Wabash Valley saying this is a safe project. And I don't think the Board of Commissioners have ever instructed our County Attorney or the commissioners themselves to say WVR if you believe in this, then you need to sign it on site at the Wabash Valley site. There's plenty of other concerns with the aquifer, with the mine ground down at Universal. And if there's no objections from the commissioners, I would like to instruct our County Attorney to make those requests to WVR that they move the pilot project back to the site of Wabash Valley if they believe the science, they should move it, you know, if they really believe that it's safe and let them.

Yeah. You know, if they can do it for Viggo County, I believe they can do it for Vermilion County, so.

So, the Board of Commissioners are in agreement with that I would like to instruct Jon Spur to make that request to WVR, whether that's our attorneys, whether that's Greg Zeller, whoever that may be.

But I'm open to discussion. Motion by Mr. Peebles, second by Mr. Any further discussion on that hearing? None call for the vote, all in favor.

Jon, if you would make those requests, that'd be beyond our force. Thank you.

f. HWY- Ordinance 2025-07 Speed limit on Potter's Lane

Dunavan: Now, Jon, do these have to be read the ordinance for speed limits or not?

Spurr: I mean, it's a speed limit. I don't think there's anything hidden in it.

Dunavan: just for a brief overview recommended by our highway department. County ordinance number should be 2025-07, right? An ordinance setting a speed limit on Potters Lane. There's no current speed limit on Potter's Lane. The highway department is recommending a speed limit of 20 mph be set out there.

So, with that, if there's no objections, I'll entertain a motion to approve that ordinance tonight.

We'll make a motion. I have a motion by Mrs. Hester. I have a second. Second by Mr. Peebles. Any further discussion hearing? None. Call for the vote. All in favor. Aye. Motion carries.

- Bridge 122 Change Order 1- Yocum So there was a change 122, they said it wasn't anything major.

Dunavan: And that's with is that Clark dates?

Yocum: No, this one's with RQAWRQAW.

Dunavan: All right, I'll entertain a motion to approve the change order for Bridge 122 as presented by the Highway Department.

Pebbles: What was the change?

Dunavan: How do you get some details on that bridge? 122 through Hillsdale, right?

Yocum: They said it was something with an INDOT memorandum.

Dunavan: Yeah, I think it says on here this is 0 cost change order for in dock instruction memo 24-3.

So, the longer there's any cost, just something from in dot that's requiring them to do this. **I'll make a motion, motion by Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second? Second by Hess, any further discussion. All in favor. motion carries.**

- Stripping Project Contract Approval and Signature-
Alright, striping project contract approval and signature.
And this is the Clark teach one calling?
OK. And this is for the one that's going to take place in 20/27/2028.

Yocum: Yep, 2027.

Dunavan: OK. And that's the \$40,000 project, well more than that, but 40,000 cost?

All right, Commissioner, I'll entertain a motion for the striping project contract approval and signature with Clark Dietz. I'll make the motion. Motion by Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second? Seconded by Mrs. Hess. Any further discussion hearing? None. Call for the vote. All in favor. Aye. Motion carries

- ATT Contract- Partial HWY, some extension office and some jail. Every couple years, needs renewed.

I'll, I'll entertain a motion by the commissioners to approve the AT&T contract renewal before us. Can I make a motion? I have a motion by Mrs. Hess I have a second, second by Mr. Peebles. Any further discussion hearing? None call for the vote. All in favor. Aye, aye. Motion carries.

- Opening BIDS for CCMG-2025-1

Opening bids for Community Crossing 2025. One, Kylie, there's two of these, correct? There's a strike or not striving. Pardon me. Chip and seal and overlay. All right, we'll start with sealed bids for chip and seal. This first one is from Evergreen Rd. Works, and I'll let Misty read the amounts aloud.

- Evergreen Rd. works, the amount is \$176,904.77 Chip Seal
- Pavement Solutions Incorporated is \$ 179,111.72 Chip Seal

- Milestone Contractors is \$1,310,898.80 Hot Mix Overlay
- Reef Riley \$1,228,082.74 Hot Mix Overlay

All right, Commissioners, if there's no objections, we'll take those all four under advisement, give them to the Highway Department and Clark Dietz and let them review them and then present their recommended choices.

- g. Paige Kilgore- Assessor
The purchase of a Microsoft Surface Tablet.
An item for the IT has been outdated. EAS says it's no longer worth anything. She received a quote from EAS for. It is \$10.

So, with that quote, she's agreed to purchase that for \$10 from the county as long as the commissioners are in favor of that tonight. **So, I'll entertain a motion. If there's no objections to that, I'll make a motion. I have a motion by Mrs. Hess. I have a second, by Mr. Peebles. Any further discussion?**

Hearing none call for the vote. All in favor aye motion carries.

- h. **EGIS-** Hi, Commissioners, my name is Lauren Ganapini. I'm with the egis Group. I was just here to introduce ourselves to our civil engineering firm based in Indianapolis, third generation Hoosier owned, established in 1945.

We've done work in 90 of the 92 counties here in Indiana, recently acquired by a company called the Egis Group, which turned our company global.

So, we went from a firm headquartered in Indianapolis of about 200 employees to now 20,000 around the world, which is kind of opened up our resources, technology and toolbox, which is a really cool thing to see keeping the headquarters nationally here in Indiana.

So, I know I sent over a brochure of all of our services. So, we do all traditional civil engineering services, bridge design, rehab, road and Hwy. design services. You know, survey, environmental, water resources, land acquisition, trails. We have architects. So, we also are in the master planning, comprehensive strategic planning business. For example, we just helped the city of Sullivan finish their comprehensive plan for the city.

We also have services and program management, so emergency response. We work with FEMA a lot. We're helping the city of Sullivan still to this day with their disaster relief, with the tornado that destroyed a large portion of the city.

So really what I think sets us apart is that we offer turnkey solutions for our clients and believe very strongly in customer service and being available. So, we're based in Indianapolis. I've spent about 12 hours now in Vigo County, in Vermilion County today. So, you could say we're dedicated. I'm not a technical staff. I'm not an engineer. I'm on the client services side.

Umm, so if there are more technical questions, you know, we're always happy to umm, connect you with our, with our experienced staff. But I just wanted to say hi and introduce ourselves and hope that we can be of service and help the community and the county achieve their goals and, and the visions that they have. So, thank you for having me. Thank you.

- We have the courthouse quotes from Terry Carrera. This was something started last summer, fall. One is for cleaning the exterior of the building and the second one is to fix some of the spindles, I believe. Is that right? There're some things failing on the outside of the courthouse. Both quotes are before you. The cleaning one is for let's see here. That is for cleaning and seal the limestone. That goes for \$83,400 to fix.

Some of the spindles that are outside above the doors that are breaking off. That quote is

before you for \$78,333.

The commissioners have no funds in the maintenance fund for this or in commissioner's court. So, if you'd like to review these or for an agreement to send them before the council to see if they would like to fix the courthouse or have it cleaned, but we could send both quotes to them for their review and or approval.

Peebles- We need to keep the building from deteriorating, so we need to we need to proceed with putting them to the council. Sure. **I'll entertain a motion then to send both quotes to the County Council.**

So, Atlas is the one that would repair the spindles and then the hydro clean exteriors. It's a different company. They would do a commercial.

Cleaning of the organic growth out there and then they would also seal the limestone. They did tell us the courthouse is in rather good shape for its age. Even though it's I think burned down, I think two or three times, it's in pretty good shape. However, things are deteriorating. So, it would be prudent to spend some money and invest in it. And Terry did, like I said, work for about 6 months trying to find multiple companies and there just isn't out there isn't very many out there that even work on courthouses this old. So, if you guys are in agreement we could entertain a motion to send both of these before the County Council.

I'll make a motion, Motion by Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second? I'll second it. Second by Mrs. Hess. Any further discussion? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote. All in favor, Misty, if you would compare those and send those to the council, I don't know what budgets they would potentially take them out of either.

- I did receive an e-mail late today. I want to bring you guys attention. Mike Turner was at our last meeting about the EDA on the I-74 area, about how it had grown from 900 acres to, I want to paraphrase, 5000 , 3000, several. And he had asked us if we would, you know, at this meeting when he was here last, if we would change our mind on that and recommend the redevelopment, change the EDA area down to the original 900 acres, 1000 acres. I told him I would bring that up for the board tonight if you guys were prepared to act on something like that or if you wanted another meeting to discuss anything.

Peebles: My only question is the money through taxes coming from an area of 900 acres versus an area of thousands of acres, yeah, several thousand. It's going to be near impossible to make any upgrades for drainage or anything like that in that area if we only have a 900-acre tax base on. Are we talking about the tip area?

Dunavan: the EDA area TIF district where they had and it included originally it was only a small portion of that 900 acre which included the I74 corridor, the 136 and clear to the state line that encompass that. When they expanded it, it went clear to River Rd. which is 300 E where you potentially will see no development because the road is 8 feet wide. It's hard to get a fire truck back there.

I'm, I guess I'm on the opinion, I'm not opposed to reducing it. We can always change it, I guess, you know, but I think the argument of the, the citizens I've heard in the northern part of the district is it had started out at 900 acres and then expanded into something more. And even though, you know, we had said we have no plans for development on the 300 E or these acres.

We could reduce it down to that, but again, that's just for discussion tonight. Or if you would like to act on that, we could request that the redevelopment board change their plan. And they're also some language in that current EDA plan that says they may have to use them in the domain. And I'm a strong opponent of that. I don't like using that at all. I think of any utilities are to be used, you know, the county right of way would be used. We're not going to force a landowner to sell land to run a pipeline through their property, or at least that's my opinion of it anyway.

So anyway, open to discussion whatever you guys think.

Peebles: Doesn't need to be 9000 acres is it?

Audience: Just a little bit less than 1000 meters currently, but originally.

Penney Carpenter: Is less than adopted, so it goes from the state line to the Wabash River from Warren County down to 1450 which is 11,000.

Dunavan: So, I think the original 1000 acres would, you know, support my idea of potential growth, which would be the 136 area, potentially Rileysburg Rd. potentially 74 S of 74 N of 74. So, I would have no objections to requesting the redevelopment board changed the EDA plan and request them to bring that down from 11,000 acres.

Hess: Back to the 900 acres?

Dunavan: I would be open if they said, hey, we need 1500 because we need that, you know, whatever that number is, I would be open. But I'm open to going back to the original 900 or 1000.

Audience: Yeah, I think it was like 983. I don't know exactly.

Dunavan: Yeah, but the original plan was strictly for the water to the welcome center, running water potentially to the beef house and getting growth there. I think their idea was let's just expand it bigger and bigger and, you know, maybe it got a little too out of control. You know, I think it's a huge difference.

That's a big difference. Umm, But I told Mike I'll bring that up tonight and then discuss that with you guys and see what you thought.

Peebles: Without having Economic development here to explain what the purpose is for that many acres, what the intent is for in the future. It is very difficult to make a decision on this.

Dunavan: Then with that, would the commissioners be opposed to, because we don't really have economic development in the county right now, all we have is redevelopment. Would the commissioners be opposed to emailing redevelopment, having them explain the 11,000 acres and if there's an agreement among the commissioners, ask them to reduce that or work with them on that. Are there any objections to that or any thoughts on that?

Peebles: I can see some reduction, but to reduce it down to 900 acres is going to be, I mean that's not going to be worth anything. You know that tax money off of 900 acres, is it going to pay for new stop signs?

Penney Carpenter: Correct me if I'm wrong. Highland Township the 900 acres is where they're going to collect the TIF money from, OK. The other part is where the money can be. It can be used in that area.

See what I'm saying, anything is developed from Dallas what it is, but when it develops, that money would be captured and then used.

Dunavan: It could be. And that and that was the, you know, the counter argument was, you know, if infrastructure Internet service needed to be ran to say County Road 300 E, you could utilize that money from the TIF district.

Carpenter: And the reason it grew so fast is my understanding. Now it's just there you go. He knows all about it. There was a possibility of something being developed on 1450 in the near future and they wanted to capture that taxes if it was going to happen.

But I don't have anything that says it's going to happen. But there are rumors that there was gonna solar was gonna come in there. So that's the reason I do believe they went that large.

You have anything you want to say because this is Mr. Harry from Highland Township. He's been in every meeting about this tip stuff.

Dunavan: Yeah. So, so there may be objection to just reaching out to redevelopment and saying, hey, we have some potential concerns on the 11,000 acres or 9000, whatever that number is, and see what their opinions are on reduction, if they can be reduced and if so, what would they feel comfortable reducing it at?

Peebles and Hess: I'm good with that. OK. I will send an e-mail to redevelopment then for that. All right. Thank you.

- Last three things we got on here. The commissioners have been working towards setting some public ambulance meetings. We have Director Lanzone here from Park County. We greatly appreciate you and Park County helping us out. The commissioners have agreed to set three public hearings. I commissioned people's request and each commissioner's district so each part of the county's represented. Those dates are as follows.

May 22nd at the Cayuga Fire Department Community Center.

May 27th at Clinton with a place to be determined very soon.

May 29th at the Dana Firehouse

All meetings will take place at 6:00 PM.

We will have some parameters set up and we'll announce here shortly on how those meetings will go. But we'd like the community's input and look forward to hearing from them. So how those are your calendars if you're interested in those?

- Last two things are just some announcements. The Board of Commissioners, first one, we started a junior county commissioner program with North Vermillion and South Vermillion starting in August.

We will have three students join us for Junior Board of Commissioners. They will meet before the commissioners. They will be sworn in by Judge Reed.

They will be given items to work on proposed to the county, whether it's trails or its highway, whether it's roads. So, if you know anybody in North Vermillion or South Vermillion school district and high school, they can reach out to either principal, either guidance counselor or the auditor's office here. There's an application online you can apply that. We look forward to having them. Second announcement we have is the Board of Commissioners.

- Are announcing a Vermillion County Adopt A County Road program. Similar to the state of Indiana where you can adopt A Rd. A section of Rd.

There's going to be guidelines where you clean it so many times and the county will go out and put a sign up and reference to your group organization. You don't like to see people litter on our County Road. So, we think this is going to be a good program started that groups can get involved. We will make that available in the auditor's office and at the highway department as well for you to apply for that.

I think that might be it, Commissioners, is there anything else?

- This is usually done in January. Uh, we didn't do this in January. commissioners are supposed to disclose any conflict of interest with the county. So tonight, I'll ask the commissioners if they've signed any conflict of interest statements and if they have they, they will be recorded in the clerk's office. Misty, have you signed any conflict of interest?

Hess replies: No.

Dunavan: I have as a commissioner. Mr. Peebles?

Peebles replies: Yes, I have.

Dunavan: And those are for public view in the clerk's office for those.

They can be things of like former commissioners, if you're a tow truck driver, you're like me that have a restaurant. We feed people in a countrywide cleanup day and you just have to file those with the court. So those have been done. Anything else for the board tonight?

No. If not, **I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. I'll make that motion. Motion on. Mr. Peebles. Do I have a second? I'll second it. Second by Mrs. Hess. All in favor? Aye. Meeting adjourned.**
Thank you.

X. Adjourn
Peebles motions, Hess seconds
All in favor, motion carries

Meeting re-convened for a Vacated Alley for Janice Reedy, Wm Ramsey, Gilford Hudgens:
All adjacent landowners are in favor of closing the alley?

Landowners Replies: Yes.

Commissioners, only item on the agenda is to approve and vacating of an alley. All adjacent property owners are in agreement and have filled all the proper paperwork. Was advertised in the newspaper.

Motion to approve the vacating of the alley. Hess motions to approve the vacating of the alley. Peebles seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

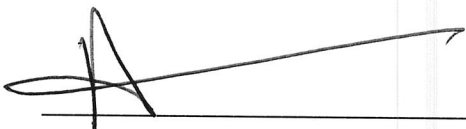
Adjourn
Hess Motions, Peebles Seconds
All in favor, motion carries.

AYE:

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RJ Dunavan



Misty Hess



William Peebles

ATTEST:

Ron Dunavan, Auditor

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