

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

March 28, 2023

6:30 PM

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
 - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - Luther makes motion to approve the 2.14.23 minutes, Dunavan seconds the motion to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims
 - Luther makes motion to approve the 3.31.23 claims, Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll
 - Dunavan makes motion to approve the 3.31.23 payroll, Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - NONE
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. Newport Lions Club: Erin Laney
 - All Commissioners agreed to allow the Newport Lions Club to utilize the Courthouse and Annex grounds for the Newport Hillclimb.
 - b. Status of Ordinance for Economic Development (1st reading)
 - NONE
- IX. Open Issues
 - a. Dossett Consulting Contract: Jeff Dossett
 - Jeff Dossett comes to speak about what his company provides for our county. Dunavan makes motion to approve the contract. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Courthouse Annex
 - Luther goes through the Annex Floor Plans. The plans divide the annex into two separate entrances for the Public Defender and Soil and Water. All the Commissioner's agreed they plans were headed in the right direction.
 - c. County Highway
 - i. Organization
 - o Luther speaks about his proposal for the highway garages. Luther would like to see the county highway department be structured more efficiently. He would like to see us go to having one highway superintendent, with two highway supervisors located in the southern end and the northern end of the county, then using the middle garage as an area to house equipment. Luther also states that if we ever get a County Engineer, they aren't going to want to deal with three different highway departments in our county and then go to another county and have to deal with just one highway department. Yocum says he has talked to Jim Meese, Parke County Commissioner, Parke and Vermillion Counties have a meeting on April 3rd with another county that is sharing their engineer. Luther states he believes having a county engineer would really help the county tremendously.
 - o Dunavan gives his input on what to do with the one highway garage. Dunavan states he doesn't want to see Garage two be shut down. If the council would fund a superintendent, he would be on board for that.

He would also like to see one of the three garages foremen become the superintendent over the highway department with an extra pay increase of whatever the commissioners would decide.

- Yocum gives his input on what to do with the one highway garage. He is in favor of having one highway garage. He believes that the equipment and man power should be delegated to where it is needed no matter what garage district it is in. He is also in agreeance with having a superintendent over the one highway garage. He would like to see each garage get some form of electronic devices that would help keep all the information digital. Yocum would also like to see morning meetings between the highway superintendent along with the highway workers so they talk about things in the morning before they begin working. He also is in favor of keeping garage two open.

- d. ARP Monies Allocation: Proposed
 - Each Commissioner goes through their wish list of what they would like to see the ARP money go towards.
- e. GIS Committee: Appointments
 - Luther states he has provided a list of names for the GIS Committee along with a description of the GIS Committee to review until the next meeting.

X. Announcements

- a. Clean-up Days: April 14th & 15th

XI. Public Comment

- Ambulance Bays Plans
 - Luther shows the building idea for the ambulance bays. Yocum states the county has found an area for an ambulance bay. Luther also mentions that this isn't the first design and that it just came out earlier in the evening and the ambulance committee hasn't had time to review but that this was just the latest design. Costello and Luther both mentioned that hopefully this design will be able to be copied to maybe one or two more locations within the county. The Commissioners are hoping to use the Redi Grant that will be opening soon to help pay for some of the construction of the building.
- Doug Hess, economic development went to Indy today for HB1046, regarding the Vermillion Rise and the CCMG Funding for roads. Hess also mentions that they have been talking with the Governor's Office about the Hub Zone Identification we will lose that our status on June 30th, they are working on getting it reestablished.

XII. Adjourn

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

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NAY

Tim Yocum

RJ Dunavan

Britton Luther

ATTEST:

Brenda Furry

DATE:

4/25/23