

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

July 3, 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
 - Dunavan makes motion to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes, Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims
 - Luther makes motion to approve the July 7, 2023 claims, Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll
 - Dunavan makes motion to approve the July 7, 2023 payroll, Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - NONE
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. Clerk York: Court Collections
 - Clerk York would like to start sending cases to a collection agency. They will go back and collect fees for 10 years. Luther makes a motion to approve the Eagle Account Contract. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Sheriff Holtkamp: Requesting Improvement Funds for new tasers & body cameras
 - Sheriff Holtkamp would like to use some of the Improvement Money to get new tasers and body cameras. The tasers currently being used are about 15 years old. For all the Merit Deputies, it will cost \$50,695.20, the payments would be spread over five years in the amount of \$7,739.04 a year. They did receive a grant for \$12,000.00 from the LCC for the tasers. For all the Merit Deputies, it will cost \$61,141.48 over the course of five years. The annual cost will be \$12,228.28. These cameras will be cloud – based as well which will eliminate time spent on downloading the videos. They have also applied for a \$24,000.00 body cam grant; however, they haven't heard anything back yet. The dash camera's cost over five years would be \$147,412.80. They also can get the dash cameras with plate readers which would be \$186,290.40. Holtkamp did say that he doesn't believe every deputy needs this feature. Chief Deputy Hennis comes to speak, he states that the body cams are on a 30-month replacement, dash cams have a five-year warranty. The taser carriages are all included along with the training cartridges as well. This would be a contract that would renew every five years. Yocum states he thinks it's a wonderful idea, however he would like to see them apply for the Improvement money once the application is open.
 - c. EMA O'Heir: Burn Ban Extension
 - O'Heir states he had a meeting last Tuesday with the fire chiefs and sheriff to discuss the continuation of the burn ban. They proposed an additional 30-day extension to take it to the end of July. He would also like to have a county burn ban ordinance. He will come to the next Commissioner's meeting.
 - O'Heir also talks about the storm that hit the county on Thursday. It put about 4,000 residence and businesses out of power. If people are looking for somewhere to get out of the heat or charge their phones, Clinton City has the Community

Center Open, the fire houses are open or county libraries. They can also come to the Courthouse during the open business hours.

- d. Vermillion County Bicentennial (1824-2024)
 - i. Bicentennial Committee
 - ii. Budget Consideration (\$50,000.00)
 - iii. Potential Events:
 - 1. 200-Year Commemorative Parade
 - 2. Yearlong events, City & Towns
 - 3. Music on the Courthouse Lawn
 - 4. Courthouse & Annex Open House
 - 5. Bicentennial Year Book
 - 6. Celebration of Cities & Towns
 - 7. Farmer's Market on the Square
 - 8. Courthouse light show
 - 9. Fireworks
- Luther states he put this on the agenda to see if anyone was interested in doing something for the county's bicentennial. Luther is the point of contact if anyone is interested in helping with this.

IX. Open Issues

- a. DHS – Enhanced Funding Opt-In/Out (2024-2025)
 - i. Opt. IN – OUT now to September 1, 2023
 - ii. Resolution 2023-08 – Accepting State Public Health Funding
- Dunavan makes a motion to approve the Resolution 2023-08 Opt. IN the State Public Health Funding accepting state funding. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Dr. Markets speaks on the funding from the state. This money is NOT a grant, it is STATE funding. Local Health Department will have certain requirements that they have to follow.
- b. Union Hospital Annex
 - i. Lease Agreement
 - o Luther states he has sent out the lease agreement for the Union Hospital Annex last Thursday. Luther would like to have everyone's commits by Friday to send back to Union Hospital's attorney.
- c. Courthouse Annex – Project Delivery
 - i. Estimated Cost
 - ii. Bids received to date
- Mr. Graves is working on getting bids. He states he is having trouble getting bids. Dunavan and Yocum agree to spend the \$800.00 on the roof repair.
- d. County Highway – Organization
 - i. County Asset Management Plan Status
 - o Luther states due to the storm, he hasn't received any update on the Asset Plan. He hopes to have an update by the next meeting.
 - ii. CCMG 2023 Bids & Status
 - 1. Chip Seal and HMA Resurface (Rescheduled to July 11th)
 - Luther states the Chip Seal and HMA Resurface the bids had to be rescheduled to July 11th. The Commissioner's agreed to reschedule the bid package opening to July 11th at Noon.
 - 2. Bridge 31 (Let for bids)
 - The Commissioner's agreed to sign the Bridge 31 task order.
 - iii. Engineer Status
 - o Yocum states he will have a meeting with Parke County not this week but next week to discuss sharing a county engineer.
 - iv. Improvement Fund
 - o Dunavan states that they will have an update on at the July 18th meeting.

- v. Status of Miscellaneous County Properties and their classification
 - o Due to the storm, the Commissioner's haven't been able to go through the list of properties. The Commissioner's will look at the properties and have notes for the next meeting.
- vi. SBS Portals – Document, Scanning, Recording, Library Services
 - 1. Office Department Comments
 - 2. MSA signed by SBS Portals – pending Commissioner approval
 - 3. If approved –
 - a. Develop protocols and governance
 - b. Assign to IT Committee?
 - o Tabled until next meeting.
- vii. IDEM
 - 1. Consideration of Participation – Clean Community Program (formerly called the Clean Community Challenge)
 - o Commissioner's asked if Miss Yocum would forward the information on to the solid waste board.
- viii. Festival Guide and Funding
 - 1. Funding, 1127 Convention Visitor and Tourism Fund
 - Yocum believes the money from this fund should be spent putting local events in the Indiana State Festival Association book. The Auditor's Office will look and see if we can find another line item to take the money out of in order to meet this goal. The commissioner's put Yocum as point of contact for this project. They agreed to \$20,000.00 limit and to make sure the other commissioners are kept informed.
- ix. FY 2024 Budget Status
 - The Commissioner set another work meeting on Monday at 2:00 PM.

X. Announcements

- a. HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES!!!!
- b. Wabash River Run
 - i. Saturday, August 26th at Reeder Park in Montezuma.
 - ii. Registration opens at 11:00 A.M.

XI. Public Comment

- Illini FS:
 - o Comes to give an update on our new fuel supplier. Brian Neukomm, an energy management specialist at Illini FS. He gives an updated on how much fuel/diesel has been delivered so far for this year for the three highway garage locations. Illini FS also has offered to buy a couple of the county's garages fuel tanks and pumps. Yocum ask if they would mind if we put them on GovDeals to offer them to the public first. Dunavan states he will talk to Klyaic about seeing if he would like to get these pumps and tanks put on GovDeals.
- Tami Lowry 1st Deputy Clerk talks about the Exempt/Non-Exempt employees. She would like some clarification on exempt/non-exempt employees.
- Yocum asks if anyone has any questions for the IT Committee to let him know, they have a meeting coming up.
- Mark O'Heir notifies the Commissioner's that his old EMA dodge truck is setting at District 3 garage.
- Dunavan also states he would like to thank all the Highway workers, Emergency Management, First Responders, Firefighters, and volunteers who helped clean up after the storm.

XII. Adjourn

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

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Tim Yocum

RJ Dunavan

Britton Luther

NAY

ATTEST:

Brenda Furry

DATE:

7/10/2023