

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

October 24, 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
 - Luther makes a motion to approve the 10.10.23 meeting minutes. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 10.24.23
 - Luther makes a motion to approve the 10.24.23 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 10.24.23
 - Dunavan makes a motion to approve the 10.24.23 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - NONE
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. Opioid Funding – Ashley James
 - Council President, James comes to speak to the Commissioners about using the Opioid Funding to fund Peer Court. During budget hearings they received positive feed back about the program. While they were working on the 2024 budget they were looking at either funding it through the general fund or the opioid funding. Peer Court Administrator, Tia Heid applied for the funding when the application was open. Luther has some questions that he would like answered. The Commissioners agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting, 11.7.23.
 - b. Area Plan Commission – Penney Carpenter & John Moore
 - Carpenter comes to talk about the Area Plans Resolution that they passed at their 10.12.23 meeting. The only item that they changed from the one that was presented at the last meeting was they wanted number 1 on the second page to be more detailed in the wording. Carpenter also mentions that on November 9th Area Plan will be hosting an open house from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 301 South Main St. Clinton & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the courthouse for suggestions from the public about updating any of our zoning ordinance.
 - c. DNR Water Access
 - Dunavan states that DNR is interested in acquiring a piece of property in Eugene Township and putting in \$40,000.00 in making the property a public access point to the river. He also states that the letter provided was just an introduction letter and that if the project is favorable that they present something with more detail. Luther asks who is going to own the area? Dunavan explains that the conversation he had with DNR was that they would ask the county to donate the property but that DNR would maintain it. Luther also mentions that a permanent easement would be beneficial to have as well. Dunavan is going to continue to work with DNR on this project.
- IX. Open Issues
 - a. Improvement Money Funding – 1st Round
 - Mr. White with the Western Indiana Community Foundation comes to talk about the improvement money grant. He explains that during the month of September we had 7 applications submitted. White also explains if the county would like them to manage the Improvement Money Funding Grant they can and he also

explains what the next steps would entail. The Commissioners invited any of the grant applicants that want to give a brief overview of their projects to come up.

- i. Vermillion County Disc Golf Club = \$14,150.00
 - o Dustin Britton comes to give a brief overview of Disc Golf Club located in Cayuga. Within the grant application they are wanting to use the money for tee pads, purchase equipment to make signs, and to buy equipment for members of the community to be able to play.
- ii. Black Diamond Fire Department = \$25,000.00
 - o Dakota Wilson, fire chief of Black Diamond comes to explain what they would like the money for. They would use the money to get a new fire hose.
- iii. Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation Dist. = \$50,000.00
 - o Eric Shideler, Vermillion County Soil & Water District. He would like the money for a Conservation Education Unit.
- iv. The Falcon Fund = \$78,075.00
 - o Molly Thomann, co-founder of the Falcon Fund. The money would be used to benefit North Vermillion students in grades 7-12. The money would be used to help the students with things like caps and gowns, AP exams, college visits, scholarships, etc.
- v. Reading Boot Camp INC = \$250,000.00
 - o Kathleen Simpson Alfke & Scott Simpson would like to use the money to update to their central headquarters located in the old Hillcrest building.
- b. Carbon Sequestration Resolution – 2023-17
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 2023-17 resolution with the change to page 2, number 1 to match the Area Plans resolution. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

X. Announcements

a. County Festivals & Events

- i. Vermillion County Bicentennial (February 1st 1824 – 2024)

XI. Public Comment

- Mike Kelly asks about contaminating aquifers with the carbon wells.
- Doug Bohannon also comes to talk about the carbon wells.

XII. Adjourn

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

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Tim Yocum

RJ Dunavan

Britton Luther

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Furry

DATE:

11/7/23