

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

May 6, 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 04.23.24 & 04.26.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 04.23.24 & 04.26.24 meeting minutes. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 05.10.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 05.10.24 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 05.10.24
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 05.10.24 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Economic Development Update
 - Heber comes to give an update on what she has worked on in April. She also states that the Bicentennial Celebration was a success and the 4th graders and schools loved the field trip and would like to do something similar every year. The Small Business Development Center will have office hours the fourth Monday of every month and the second Tuesday of every month. This is for every business not just new business. Heber will also be out of the office for training next week.
- VIII. Public Comment
 - NA
- IX. New Issues
 - a. 2024 Health Department Fee Schedule Approval: Dr. Market
 - Luther makes a motion to approve the fee schedule with including the units added in a column next to the prices on the fee schedule. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Amended Supplemental Agreement with Clark Dietz for Inspection Equipment
 - All Commissioners are in agreement with the amended supplemental agreement with Clark Dietz for Inspection Equipment.
- X. Open Issues
 - a. Clark Dietz
 - i. Task Order 8 Approval: Highway/THRIVE Centerline Miles Update
 - o NOT DISCUSSED
 - b. 2nd Reading of Amended Sewage System Ordinance 2024-02
 - Luther makes the motion to table the ordinance until the next meeting. Yocum seconds the motion. Dunavan votes against. All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. I-74 Corridor
 - i. Discussion – Announcement (Kick-off was 05.01.24)
 - ii. Letter of Support – IURC Sewer District
 - Yocum explains that this project had a kick off of 05.01.24. If anyone else would like more information about the project, they can contact Amanda Heber or more information is located in the Auditor's Office. Dunavan makes a motion to sign the IURC Sewer District for Aqua Indiana. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - d. Ambulance Facilities
 - i. Illiana/Perrysville/Other
 1. Testing (Asbestos, Lead, Radon)
 - Lewis comes to talk about using the Perrysville Fire Department as a station for the ambulance facility. He was able to get one contractor to come in and get an estimate for the work that would need to take place in order to house the ambulance and staff. The estimate for this project is If this is to get approved the contractor did say that he could start on the work within 1 – 2 weeks.

- Julie from Parke county ambulance explains that she would like to see the county lines blurred and place facilities close to the major highways. She would like to see facilities close to 234, 36, & 163 then the ambulances could move smoothly throughout both the counties. She also mentions that she received information on a bill that is being worked on at the state level that will end up changing the way ambulances respond. Instead of having the districts, it will blur those lines and they will be able to respond based on the response times and whoever is closest. If we can start blurring the lines now it will put us ahead, since it is looking like the state will be mandating this eventually. Parke Counties preference would be to keep the current ambulance facility. Luther makes the motion to ask the Shaunessey's to purchase the building for up to \$140,000.00. Yocum seconds the motion. Dunavan states that he believes Perrysville Fire Department is still a good location. Luther and Yocum vote yes and Dunavan votes no. Motion passed. The commissioners agreed to go ahead and schedule the appropriate testing for the purchase of the facility.
 - ii. Ambulance Contract
 - 1. Star
 - All the Commissioner's agreed that star's proposal was very well thought out and they did a good job presenting it. Yocum explains that the bid was approximately \$700,000.00 per year.
 - 2. Parke County
 - All the Commissioners agree that they are in favor of the Parke County proposal they all feel it is a better fit for the county currently.
 - o Luther makes the motion to approve the Parke County Contract. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Luther states that this contract is only for the end of the calendar year. They also mention that Parke County will be taking on all the Illiana full and most of the part time employees. Julie also explains that people who live within the county will receive a \$100.00 discount due to the them living within the county and taxpayer money being used to pay for the services of the ambulance. Luther suggests to come up with either a board or contract manager to help stabilize this contract. The commissioners agreed to allow Julie to make the decision on whether or not to purchase the medical from Illiana. O'Heir is going to work on the non-medical items to see if the county wants to purchase any of it.
 - iii. Ambulance Purchase
 - Yocum states that we have purchased one ambulance. Luther explains that we still need to purchase at least one more ambulance for the county by September. Julie wants to see another ambulance by August purchased so they have time to get it in operations so Parke County can take their ambulance back to service the Covered Bridge Festival.
- e. SR 63 Tunnel @ Cayuga Discussion
 - i. Next Level Trail Grants: Becky Holbert – VTA
 - Yocum explains that the Commissioners met last week with INDOT regarding the SR 63 tunnel. INDOT gave the county more time to find funding to keep the tunnel open. It is going to cost approximately \$500,000.00 to purchase the tunnel. This is a good and safe access point for anyone who is wanting to get to the river without having to cross 63. Yocum explains that if they can't find the funding for the tunnel this project won't happen.
- f. County Handbook
 - i. Internal Controls and State Audit
 - Yocum explains that the county is being audited. It is something that is done every year. The focus of this year's audit is federal funds.
 - ii. Status of Update
 - Spurr explains that no changes have been sent to him. Auditor Furry and Spurr just need to set a time to meet with the rest of the handbook board.
- g. Solid Waste Update
 - Shideler comes to give an update on the spring clean up days. We serviced approximately 535 loads. A fraternity came from Rose Hulman to help at garage 3. Chris Booe is the

new comptroller, which is also the new SWCD part-time administrative assistant. He would also like to thank everyone who provided food for this event.

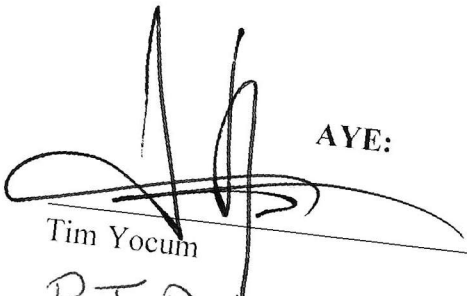
h. Parke-Vermillion Humane Shelter

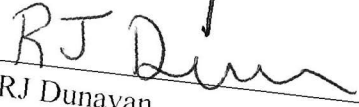
- Yocum states that he would like to set a meeting with the Parke-Vermillion Humane Shelter. The Commissioner's agree to allow Yocum to work on getting a meeting and being the contact for the Vermillion County Commissioners.

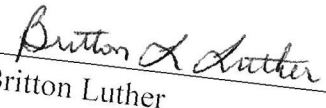
- XI. Announcements
- a. 2024 Tire Recycling at the RISE
- i. May 11, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- XII. Public Comment
- Dunavan wants to thank the RISE and everyone else who help with the 3rd Annual Mushroom Hunt.
- XIII. Adjourn
- Luther makes the motion to adjourn. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

AYE:

NAY:


Tim Yocum


RJ Dunavan


Britton Luther

ATTEST:


Brenda Furry

DATE:

5/21/24