## Vermillion County Commissioners Meeting Memorandum

June 4, 2024 9:30 AM

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
  - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes for 05.21.24
  - Luther makes the motion to approve the 05.21.24 minutes with the corrections. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 06.07.24
  - Luther makes the motion to approve the 06.07.24 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 06.07.24
  - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 06.07.24 claims. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Economic Development Update
  - Heber gives an update on what has been going on with Economic Development. She took the Economic Development Basic course put on by Ball State University. She has also become part of the International EDC. She also states that she has talked with Mark Dowd who works for Senator Braun said that he is going to come by Economic Development on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and talk with him. The County Fair is coming up on June 15<sup>th</sup> June 22<sup>nd</sup>. ISBDC office hours are every month, the seconds Tuesday from 9:00 AM 11:00 AM and the fourth Monday from 11:00 AM 3:00 PM. Please call if you would like to schedule a meeting. Heber also explains that on June 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a museum trail. The details are still be finalized. The museum that it will include will be the Newport Jail Museum, the Dana Ernie Pyle Museum, and both LIFT museums, Wine & Coal, will be open on that day. They may have a few more added later. They also discuss the I-74 project about getting in public utilities.
- VIII. Public Comment
  - NONE
- IX. New Issues
  - a. Access of Supplies: Holtkamp
  - Holtkamp comes to discuss the quanza hut at the Rise has things left from when the jail construction was moved. He would like permission to get rid of the surplus items. It is open to the public. They will be publishing pictures on the Sheriff's Facebook page. All the Commissioner's agreed to allow the Sheriff to get rid of the surplus items.
  - b. Alley Vacation: Michelle Norman
  - Norman comes to discuss her alley vacation. She states that she does own both sides of
    the property where she is wanting to vacate. She is also only closing the alleyway that is
    touching her property. Dunavan makes the motion to approve the alley vacation Michelle
    Norman. Yocum seconds the motion. Luther opposes. Motion passed.
  - c. Alley Vacation: Tamara Lawlyes
  - Lawlyes comes to discuss vacating of her alleyway. She states it was suggested by the sheriff's department due to a conflict. Sanquenetti comes as one of the neighbors and states that the alleyway does have utilities located down the alleyway. He also uses that alleyway to get to the back part of his property. Dunavan makes the motion to deny the alley vacation by Tamara Lawlyes. Luther second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - d. CCAWVR: Clate Sanquenetti
  - Sanquenetti explains that some public emails from Gupta who is the owner of Wabash Valley Resources have been brought to light. The emails were written to IDEM and they were stating that WVR is wanting to pump the same about of carbon into the ground but instead of doing it in 12 years they would like to do it in 6 years. He also would like the

Commissioners to write a letter stating that they are against this project. The Commissioner's explain that they have already done this with a resolution. The Auditor's office provides Sanquenetti with a copy of resolution 2023-17, A Resolution finding that Indiana's statutes on carbon sequestration may be in violation of the state constitution.

## X. Open Issues

- a. Ambulance
- O'Heir explains that he has found a second ambulance for \$272,884.00 which includes the Stryker Device. He states that is also with the same company that we bought the last ambulance for. Luther states that the list the ambulances that they have been looking at are for the most part no longer available. All the Commissioners agreed to move forward on this ambulance. Luther mentions that he has looked into financing this ambulance in case the council doesn't want to spend the money all up front. O'Heir also mentions that he has went through the furniture/supplies located in the two facilities and has put together with the help of Julie a proposal and amount of money to offer Illiana for these items. Yocum also mentions that the City of Clinton has also offered to allow the ambulance and the staff to be housed in the Clinton City Fire Department building. The approximate rent would be \$1,500.00/month. He doesn't have all the details yet, but he just wanted to mention that possibility.
- b. Veterans
- Yocum explains that we they have interviewed 4 people for this open position. Yocum states that he believes that David Parsons should be appointed to this position. All the Commissioners agreed to appoint David Parsons as the Veterans position.
- c. Parke-Vermillion Shelter
- Yocum explains that a couple weeks ago a meeting regarding the shelter took place with Parke Co. Commissioners and Sheriff, Clinton City Mayor and Police Chief, and Vermillion Co. Commissioner and Sherriff. Yocum also states that they are a private entity. They are working on getting the
- d. Improvement Fund
- WATCH VIDEO
- XI. Announcements
  - Bicentennial Museum Celebration: June 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Vermillion County Fair: June 15<sup>th</sup> June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- XII. Public Comment
  - NONE
- XIII. Adjourn
  - Luther makes the motion to adjourn. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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