

Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Memorandum

November 19, 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 11.04.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 11.04.24. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims for 11.22.24
 - Luther makes the motion to approve the 11.22.24 claims. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll for 11.22.24
 - Dunavan makes the motion to approve the 11.22.24 payroll. Luther seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment
 - Rise: Jeff Maholic
 - o Maholic gives an update on the Rise.
- VIII. New Issues
 - a. MakeMyMove: Scott McCauley
 - McCauley comes to propose a collaborative agreement between MakeMyMove, IEDC, and Vermillion County. They are inviting the county to join an innovative program to relocate new households to our community. IEDC's groundbreaking statewide initiative provides supplemental funding to municipalities.
 - b. 2024-11 Resolution Approving the Declaration of the I-74 Commercial Development Corridor: Scott Craig
 - Craig comes to talk about the I-74 Project. This project has been being worked on for since last fall. In order to start continue developing this project, 4 steps have to be done. First the Redevelopment Commissioner had to approve the project, second Area Plan has to approve of the project, third the legislative body has to approve, and then a public hearing will be held. In September the Redevelopment Commission approved the project. At the Area Plans November 14th meeting they approved the project. Craig comes today to ask for the Commissioners approval of this project. The Redevelopment Commission is looking at having a public hearing on December 18th at Economic Development in Cayuga at 10:00 AM. The Economic Development area is including the West, North, and East Allocation areas. The TIF districts are going to be set up in three areas, the interchange area I-74 & 63, the State line North of I-74 and South of the state line of I-74. They are working on a utility expansion including sewer & water (AQUA) internet, etc. The purpose of a TIF is to create taxes and then use that money to put back into the area for more growth. Luther makes the motion to approve the 2024-11 resolution Approving the Declaration of the I-74 Commercial Development Corridor. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. Contract Approval for Grant Writing Services for CCMG 2025 – 1 Call: Melissa Wible
 - Luther makes the motion to approve. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. Contract Rollovers for 2025
 - i. Asphalt Materials
 - ii. E3 Bridge
- Tabled until the 12.17.24 meeting.
- IX. Open Issues
 - a. Ambulance Facility (Point Person?)
 - i. OCRA Grant Funding
 - 1. Jerrell's Estimate
 - ii. Ambulance Facility
 - 1. Property Acquisition
 - 2. Contract-Architect-Plans/Specifications/Bid Documents: Michael Conly
 - Conly is with Architura which is the company working on creating our plans for the ambulance bay facility up North. He came to present the building plans to the Commissioners. The estimates for one building are looking to be about \$700,000.00. Conly does state that within the plans, they did do a stick building (pole barn style) and the metal fabricated frame in the plans. Yocum and Dunavan both state that they would like to see about getting the facility on Cayuga water instead of having a well. Conly says that he can look into this.
 - b. 2024-10 Ordinance: Unified Development Ordinance and Zoning Map: Penney Carpenter & Brad Johnson
 - Johnson explains that he has done some research regarding the portion on carbon sequestration. He states that the county does have the authority to regulate utilities and that the purpose of zoning is to help protect public health and safety. He also states that if someone tried to get a permit for this project with the UDO that is in place currently that it would be denied because in the current UDO carbon sequestration isn't allowed either. Spurr states that the APC has presented to the Commissioners a proposed Unified Development Ordinance that, among other things: prohibits pipelines carrying liquids or gasses at pressures higher than 1,200 PSI, prohibits pipelines carrying gasses that are heavier than air and harmful to humans, and prohibits carbon sequestration injection. Wabash Valley has opined that the county doesn't have the authority to ban a pipeline. Indiana Code 36-1-3-8 (Powers Specifically Withheld) says that a unit of local government cannot regulate conduct that is regulated by a state agency, except as expressly granted by statute. Indiana Code 14-39-0.5-1 appears to grant the state Natural Resources Commission the authority to regulate carbon dioxide. Indiana Code 8-1-22.5 appears to give authority to regulate gas pipelines to the Utility Regulatory Commission. Indiana Code 34-14-1-1. Says that Courts of record within their respective jurisdictions have the power to declare rights, status, and other legal relations whether or not further relief is or could be claimed. The declaration may be either affirmative or negative in form and effect. The declaration has the force and effect of a final judgment or decree. He also states that he believes the APC should be the ones to file the paperwork with the court. Johnson also suggests that if the county is going to file the appropriate paperwork with the court than they should hire an attorney that has more knowledge about carbon sequestration. The Commissioners still have questions regarding the UDO and agreed to set a work session on 11.27.24 at 9:00 AM with the APC to go over this document more thoroughly.
 - c. Policy's Needed per SBOA
 - i. Cost Principles Policy
 - ii. Procurement Policy
 - TABLED
 - d. Weight Limits on Roads
 - TABLED

- e. County Home Lease
 - i. Lease
 - ii. Fencing Cost
 - TABLED
 - f. Cell Phone
 - i. Cost
 - ii. Policy
 - iii. County Phones Assignments
 - 1. Prosecutors Office Pending
 - TABLED
 - g. Union Hospital Agreement Review
 - Luther needs to know if they are wanting to change the agreement from \$38.00 to \$58.00 to help cover the other cost involved in this agreement. Dunavan says to talk with Parke and see if they are willing to change the amount of money. Luther states he will get a hold of Parke and see what he can get worked out.
 - h. County Engineer
 - Luther states that he has had someone reach out that is wanting to apply for the county engineer position. He is going to call him and get more information.
 - i. County Parks
 - TABLED
 - j. County Handbook Status & Update (Spurr – Furry)
 - i. Cell Phone Approval and Use
 - ii. Credit – Debit Card Policy
 - iii. Automated Timesheet Accounting & Use
 - TABLED
 - k. Public Defender – Cost Recovery
 - i. Construction Cost
 - TABLED
 - l. Veteran’s Officer Position
 - Dunavan asks what they want to do with the open VA position if they wanted to reach out to the other people who had applied or if they wanted to advertise the position again. They all agreed to have Dunavan reach out to the other people that they interviewed to see if any of them are interested in the position.
 - X. Announcements
 - a. County Burn Ban
 - i. Effective 10.08.24 to 12.02.24
 - o The commissioners agreed to lift the burn ban as of 11.19.24.
 - b. Moved/Time Changed for Commissioner Meetings
 - i. Meeting on December 3rd moved to December 2nd at 9:30 AM
 - XI. Public Comment
 - NA
 - XII. Adjourn
 - Luther makes the motion to adjourn. Dunavan seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim Yocum

AYE:

RJ Dunavan

NAY:

Britton Luther

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Furry

DATE: 12/4/24