

Vermillion County Commissioners

Special Meeting Minutes

December 01st, 2025

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
 - Hess Absent, Dunavan and Peebles Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes from November 05th, 2025
 - Peebles Motion**
 - Dunavan seconds**
 - All in Favor, motion carries**
- V. Approval of Claims from November 07th, 14th, and 26th, 2025
 - Peebles Motions**
 - Dunavan Seconds**
 - All in favor, Motion Carries**
- VI. Approval of Payroll November 21st, 2025
 - Peebles Motions**
 - Dunavan Seconds**
 - All in favor, motion carries**

VII. Public Comments: NONE

- VIII. Open Issues
 - a. HWY Bids opening for 2026
 - Commissioners Dunavan and Peebles opens bids from:
 - Keystone
 - McGuire Excavating and Trucking
 - Daniel Ribbe Trucking
 - Scott Oil Inc
 - Sunrise FS
 - Parke County Aggerates
 - Kanzier Excavating Co
 - Pro-Ag
 - Metal Culverts Inc
 - Roger Group
 - Milestone
 - Whole Sale Drainage Supple Inc
 - E3 Bridge
 - CivilCon

These bids are taking under advisement. Hwy will look them over and email Commissioners know the HWY's recommendations before the 17th, the next regular Commissioner's meeting.

Peebles motions to accept Bid Packets

Dunavan seconds

All in favor, motion carries

- b. Dana Demo request of the Redevelopment Commission, they are wanting Commissioners to proceed on the Dana demo recommendation. HWC has recommended a low bidder. With approval from Commissioners today, RDC can move forward with the bidding demolition.

Peebles motions to approve HWC’s recommendation for the Redevelopment Commission to move forward.
Dunavan seconds
All in favor, motion carries

- c. Resolution 2025-11, Commissioner RJ Dunavan reads the resolution

As it reads:

A RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING THE VERMILLION RISE MEGA PARK AS THE PRIMARY LOCATION FOR DATA-CENTER, DIGITAL-INFRASTRUCTURE, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN VERMILLION COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has encouraged counties to consider opportunities related to data centers, digital infrastructure, and advanced industrial projects; and
WHEREAS, Vermillion County recognizes that such uses can require substantial water, power, transportation connectivity, and land-use compatibility, and therefore must be sited carefully to ensure that development aligns with long-term community values and planning objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Vermillion Rise Mega Park is the county’s designated industrial location, possessing unique infrastructure advantages, appropriate zoning, and sufficient buffers that make it the most suitable and intentionally planned site for high-intensity industrial and digital-infrastructure uses; and

WHEREAS, the Vermillion County Comprehensive Plan places strong emphasis on the preservation of rural character, agricultural land, and the traditional landscape of the county, and calls for industrial development to be focused in appropriate nodes rather than dispersed throughout rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Vermillion County seeks to ensure that any project proposed outside Vermillion Rise respects these Comprehensive Plan goals and reflects the clear support and approval of affected residents and communities; and

WHEREAS, Vermillion County further acknowledges the importance of reliable baseload power to support appropriate industrial development, and supports reasonable efforts to maintain and modernize such resources when consistent with local land-use priorities and environmental responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County, Indiana, as follows:

1. Vermillion Rise as the Focal Point for Industrial and Digital-Infrastructure Development

Vermillion County affirms that the Vermillion Rise Mega Park shall serve as the primary and preferred location for data centers, digital-infrastructure facilities, and large-scale industrial projects. The County directs its economic-development efforts toward prioritizing Vermillion Rise for such uses.

2. Projects Outside Vermillion Rise

Any proposal for a data center, digital-infrastructure facility, or comparable industrial use located outside Vermillion Rise shall be considered only if:

(a) it aligns fully with the Vermillion County Comprehensive Plan, including its goals of preserving rural and agricultural character; and

(b) it receives demonstrated support from the citizens and communities directly affected by the proposed development.

3. Permitting and Review Standards

Vermillion County will continue to follow transparent, lawful, and responsible permitting procedures. The County may streamline processes for projects located within Vermillion Rise, while ensuring that all applicable environmental, land-use, and public-interest standards are maintained.

4. Coordination and Infrastructure Planning

The County will collaborate with utilities, state partners, and the Vermillion Rise Mega Park Board to advance infrastructure improvements necessary to support appropriate development at Vermillion Rise.

5. Community Engagement and Transparency

The County will maintain open lines of communication with residents regarding major industrial proposals, evaluate community impacts, and ensure that public input plays a meaningful role in determining the suitability of projects outside the Mega Park.

Hess has no objections, as President Dunavan states.

Peebles motions to accept Resolution 2025-11
Dunavan seconds
All in favor, Motion carries

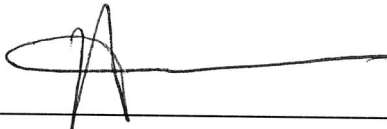
- IX. Adjourn
Peebles makes motion adjourn the meeting
Dunavan seconds, All in favor, motion carries.

AYE:

NYE:



RJ Dunavan

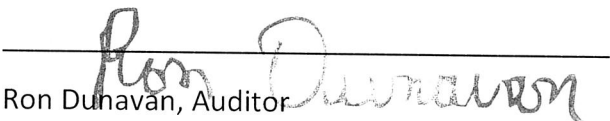


Misty Hess



William Peebles

ATTEST:


Ron Dunavan, Auditor

St. John