

Vermillion County Commissioners Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Tuesday December 15, 2015

8:15 a.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Vermillion County Commissioner's convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. North Vermillion High School Senior, Gretchen Vicars assisted in opening and calling the meeting to order. Vicars is the first participant in the new Commissioners Mentoring Program. Vicars led the pledge of allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Vice-President Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Phyllis Orman, First Deputy Amy Tolbert, and Attorney Jon Spurr.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes from December 1, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum. The motion carried.
- IV. **EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS.** After reviewing the claims docket, the claims were approved for release on December 18, 2015 on a motion by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum. The motion carried.
- V. **EXAMINATION OF PAYROLL.** After reviewing the payroll docket, the payroll was approved for release on December 18, 2015 on a motion by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum. The motion carried.
- VI. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.** Wilson acknowledged receipt of the monthly financial report.
- VII. **OPEN ISSUES:**
 - Feasibility Study. Tabled until the December 29, 2015.
 - Vermillion Rise Spec Building. Attorney Lou Britton stated that the Vermillion County Council had approved \$1.5 million in requested funding for the construction of a spec building at Vermillion Rise Mega Park. The money will be forwarded to the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority, who will then loan it to Garmon Construction, Inc. Garmon will construct a 50,000 square foot building out at Vermillion Rise. The money will be loaned with the stipulation that the Reuse Authority will be reimbursed by Garmon once the building is sold or leased. The Reuse Authority will then reimburse the county. Britton asked that the reimbursement agreement be approved. He said it explains in the detail all of the conditions of the arrangement so that the project can proceed. Yocum asked if the money would be transferred to the Reuse Authority immediately and Britton said it would. He said it would be illegal for the Reuse Authority to enter into an agreement with Garmon without having the funds already in place. Britton stated the funds would not be paid to Garmon until the building is weather tight. He said it could be held in an interest bearing account and the interest transferred

back to the county as it is earned. Wilson made a motion to accept the reimbursement agreement, seconded by Crossley. All in favor. Motion carried. Dan Swerner of Garmong told the commissioners that they look forward to creating short-term economic development by utilizing local services as much as possible during the project and also long term economic development by creating high paying jobs at the site.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- 2016 Bids:
 - Bituminous Materials. The only bid received was from Asphalt Materials Inc. for liquid asphalt. A bid bond was enclosed. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried.
 - Bituminous Materials. The only bid received was from Wabash Valley Asphalt Co., LLC for plant mix and patching materials. A bid bond was enclosed. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried.
 - Guardrail Supplies, materials and services. The only bid received was from James H. Drew Corp for guardrail supplies. A bid bond was enclosed. Crossley motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried.
 - Bridges. The only bid received was from E & H Bridge & Grating, Inc. A bid bond was enclosed. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried.
 - Aggregate. 6 bids were received. Walker Ag Group. A certified check was enclosed. S & G Excavating, Inc, a bid bond was enclosed. Parke County Aggregate, a certified check was enclosed. Roskovensky Aggregates LLC, a certified check was enclosed. Kanizer Excavating, no bid bond or certified check enclosed. Robertson Gravel. A certified check enclosed. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Wilson.
 - Fuel bid for highway. The only bid received was from Scott Oil, Inc. A certified check was enclosed. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried.
 - Fuel bid for Sheriff's Department. The only bid received was from Scott Oil, Inc. A certified check was enclosed. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried.
- Insurance-liability. Dave Marietta presented renewal information to the commissioners for the county's liability insurance. He noted that the current year's premium is \$165,032 with Travelers and they had given a renewal quote of \$165,996. He said Employees Mutual gave a quote for \$150,790. Wilson made a motion to accept the quote from EMC, seconded by Crossley. Motion carried.

- Veteran's Van Parke County. Veteran Service Officer Phil Hutson said Park County has recently purchased a van to drive veterans back and forth to the VA hospital in Indianapolis and Danville IL. He said the Parke County van transports Vermillion County residents at no charge. He said donations are being sought for a second van and he would like to make a donation. He said he has money left over in his budget to make the donation. The Commissioner's gave their blessing and told him he would need to approach the county council with an additional appropriation request. Wilson suggested he also approach the county ambulance service as well.
- Hunting on County owned property. Wilson said they have received numerous calls to hunt on county property behind the jail and the humane society. He said they always ask that the people contact the Sheriff's department to let them know they are there. He said they have a lease with Keith Hollingsworth and wondered if they were violating it. Spurr said there does not appear to be a written lease but stated Hollingsworth does pay the county \$300 per year to use the property as pasture. He said we probably should have a written lease. Sheriff Phelps said he has no problem with them letting people hunt on the property. They have a problem with people hunting without his department knowing they are there. He said they hear gunshots and raises some concerns. Wilson suggested that anyone hunting on the property be required to sign in at the jail. Wilson suggested they table the issue until January and that no hunting be allowed until they have discussed it further.
- Low pay stubs and W-2 website. Orman asked for the Commissioner's to approve a new program though LOW that would allow all employees to receive their paystubs and W-2's through a website. Orman explained that LOW is the current financial, payroll and tax program vendor. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley. Motion carried.
- Extension Contractual Services Agreement. Amendment #1. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley. Motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 29th day of December, 2015.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor