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Vermillion County Commissioners Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Tuesday January 26, 2016

8:15 a.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** North Vermillion Senior, Corey Davis assisted the Commissioners in calling the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.
- II. **ROLL CALL.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Vice-President Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Phyllis Orman, Chief Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert and Attorney Jon Spurr.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes from January 12, 2016 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 January 29, 2016 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 January 29, 2016 on a motion by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum. The motion carried.
- VI. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.** N/A
- VII. **OPEN ISSUES:**
 - Bridge 122. Yocum said that as of right now the status of the bridge is that they are currently looking at various options. He said the corrosion is not only an issue with the county but also with the railroad company. He said he would like to get the railroad company involved with the repairs. Crossley said if they don't care of their part then the trains will be knocking the piers out due to the corrosion. Yocum said since there may be a chance of getting some assistance on this project they should wait before they put out the bids. He said he hopes to have an answer by the next meeting.
 - Feasibility Study. Tabled
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Covered Bridge Certification. Crossley certified that Vermillion County has three covered bridges, seconded by Wilson.
 - Covered Bridge Fund. Yocum had some questions about repairs to the Covered Bridges. He said Becky Holbert had called him about doing some work on the Ernie Pyle Covered Bridge. He said the work that needs to be done would be around \$20,000 and asked if this was something that would fall under the Park Department or the Covered Bridge Fund. Orman said the reason for certifying the bridges is because they state will pay us to maintain them. She said as long as the repairs being done are structural it could be paid from the Covered Bridge Fund. Tolbert advised that the appropriation request needed to be made to the council before spending the money.

- Center Street in Clinton. Crossley said the City of Clinton has closed the east end of Center Street from 9th Street back to the softball field. He said it runs into the county portion of the road from 240 E, 1380 feet to the top of the hill. He said the county is going to put up a no outlet sign and a road closed sign. He said Tony Avenetti owns property on both sides of the road so he will be approaching the Commissioners soon to vacate that portion of the road.
- Highway Trucks. Crossley asked to be placed on the Council agenda in regards to highway trucks.
- Clinton City Lease. Mark O’Heir said Spurr has reviewed the lease. He said the only changes are that the county no longer owns the generator and will not be required to pay maintenance or repairs on it. He said they will continue to pay for the county’s share of the fuel. He said the City has signed the lease. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried.
- Vermillion Rise Update. Bill Laubernds gave a brief update on the water system. He said they expect to have the transmission main completed by the end of February if not before. He said that is several months ahead of schedule. He would like to arrange a meeting soon with the Commissioners and the Sheriff to discuss the next steps such as sending chlorinated water to the jail. He said he will keep them posted on the progress. Yocum asked if he had any news to report on the groundbreaking of the new building. Laubernds said they have not closed on the property yet. He said there are few issues getting resolved such as a partial lien release from the U.S. Army. He said they are looking at the design of the road and how it could be extended in the future if needed. He said they are also working on surface drainage for the whole property so that when building and parking lots are built they have proper drainage in place and can meet the state requirements. Yocum asked if mineral rights were included with the sale of the spec building and Laubernds said yes. Yocum asked when the estimated completion date is and Laubernds said hopefully by the end of summer. Laubernds said you may have notice when driving by that they are cleaning up the ravines so that people can get a better view of the building. Yocum asked if he had any news to report about the clean coal energy plant. Laubernds said they are in negotiations now and may have some really exciting announcement within the next 60 days. Yocum asked what the state of their air permits were and Laubernds said he thinks they are still waiting on information from the company.
- Personal Property Tax. Treasurer Wendy Farley said she would like to switch companies for personal property tax collections. She said personal property does not go to tax sale, it goes certified to the Clerk. She said the company would go after collecting the tax for us. She they current company, Eagle Accounts, is not very aggressive. She said Spurr has reviewed the contract with the new company and does not see any issues. She said it is at no cost to the county. Wilson made a motion to allow, seconded by Crossley. Motion carried.
- Grant for ADA complaint doors for the polling places. Yocum thanked Clerk Pruitt for obtaining the grant in the amount of \$43,000 to update the doors at the polling places. Pruitt said they have enough money to do the Cayuga and Perrysville American Legion and Dan and Hillsdale Fire Department.
- Property for walking trail. Yocum had some questions about the county acquiring some property for the proposed walking trail. He was not sure how to go about getting it started. Spurr said they can put it on the agenda and then start researching what needs to be done.
- Cayuga Precinct. Wilson said he would like the issue of moving the Cayuga Precinct voting location to the American Legion out on the next agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 9thday of February, 2016.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor