

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2017

8:15 a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 8:15a.m.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Hillyer and County Attorney Jon Spurr.
- III. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to approve the minutes from the Special Commissioners meeting on March 27, 2017 and the regular meeting on April 4, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Claims and Payroll. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to approve the Claims and Payroll for April 21, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. County Treasurer's Report. Tim Wilson acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurer's Report.
- VI. Open Issues
 - a. Vermillion Rise. Tom Milligan said he really didn't have anything new to report. He said they have an executive meeting Wednesday April 19, 2017 and a regular meeting Thursday April 20, 2017. He said they're in negotiations with a big power company and as soon as they know the details they would be letting the public know. Tim Yocum wanted to know how Garmong was helping with the marketing of the spec building. Tom Milligan explained that they have their own marketing network and they target a specific market. We won't see this marketing, it is targeted at large companies. Milligan also said they are finishing up the landscaping and there is a small area that Garmong is going to blacktop. Mark O'Heir asked if the gates are going to be open to the public because it would cut down on response times if they could use the road at Vermillion Rise. Milligan said they are not right now due to the insurance. He said they are insured for a secure facility now but it is a possibility in the future. Tim Wilson said the gates are closed now because they had an issue with the public going to places they should not be. Milligan said they have plans for a road from Gate No. 8 on the west side of the entrance across from Vermillion County Jail. Milligan said they have plans for the road but not the funding. He said if the power plant happens, TIF District money would fund it. Yocum asked if the sheriff's department can currently cross Vermillion Rise. Milligan said Gate No. 8 is chain locked and not known if the Sheriff or officers have keys.

A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to have President Tim Wilson sign the letter confirming the county's loan agreement with the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. County Clean Up Day. No one here to discuss the County Clean Up Day.
 - c. Inspection and Repair of Stone of Exterior of the Courthouse. Sean Floyd from Liberty Group was here to discuss their proposal submitted at the last meeting. Floyd stated the courthouse is in good condition for being built in 1924. He said they would do a restoration cleaning, remove and replace damaged joints, and remove unused and abandoned metallic anchors and inserts and patch the stone to prevent further damage from water intrusion. Floyd said the work would be

done in approximately four weeks depending on the weather. He also said the work would be done after courthouse hours so to not disturb the business of the courthouse and the work would be done by Vermillion County residents. He also gave the Commissioners a copy of their insurance. A motion was made by Tim Yocum and seconded by Harry Crossley to allow the proposal from Liberty Group of \$40,165.00 subject to funding by the Council. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. Ambulance. Tim Wilson said that Jon Spurr has the list from the 3 committee meetings that were held with fire departments and people from the county. He said I think we decided we would take proposals on paramedic and advanced. He asked Spurr if that was correct. Spurr said you guys had a series of proposals. He said what you have to do next is decide in a public meeting what it is you want to ask for. Spurr told the Commissioners they come up with some ideas and the three of you tell me what you want to put in the proposal. He said the higher level of service that you want to ask for presumably the more someone is going to charge, then when we can get the numbers back from the proposers and then go to the council and say here's what we would like to do, here's what it will cost and see if the council will give you the money to do that. Spurr said the committee came up with a list of ideas of what to ask for and you guys need to look at that and say here's what we want to get proposals on. Tim Yocum asked if they should have a separate meeting for this. Spurr said it's totally up to them, just at this stage to go forward you have to do things in a public meeting on record and let the public have input on what your decision is. Wilson said at the next meeting have public input. Tim Wilson said if we get a lot back (proposals) can we have a separate public meeting to deal with strictly the ambulance? Spurr said that's where I am at. I just need to know what you guys want to put in there and then we can ask for proposals.

VII. New Business

- a. Judge Stengel – Overtime vs. Comp Time. Judge Stengel explained to the Commissioners that his staff has been working until 4:30 or 5:00 and working some Saturday's. He said this is due to the overwhelming amount of arrests. He said giving comp time is defeating the purpose, his staff has to take time off at a later date. He's asking to pay his staff overtime instead of giving comp time. He said hiring part time help is difficult to do since what they do is so specialized. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to allow overtime pay for the Judge's office staff. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Letter from Indiana Department of Correction. Tim Wilson read a letter from the Indiana Department of Correction. The Letter states that when the Vermillion County Jail was inspected on March 23 it was found to be noncompliant with the Indiana Jail Standards. The letter stated that the Vermillion County Commissioners were in noncompliance with the jail standards since it is their responsibility to provide and maintain a jail that meets the standards. They recommend that the commissioners pursue a jail needs assessment to determine future jail needs, staffing and building or expansion requirements. In the letter it states the Commissioners have 90 days to conduct such an assessment and develop a plan of action. Failing to do so could open up the Commissioners and Council to tort action or class action lawsuits. Tim Wilson said they will reply to the letter and state that they are already pursuing options to address the overcrowding issue, and will also ask the Council to fund more help at the jail.
- c. John Deere Lease. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to sign the letter stating the tractors that the Vermillion County Highway

Department are leasing from John Deere will be used for county use only. All in favor motion carried.

- d. Bridge 80 Plans. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to sign the Bridge Plans for spans over 20 feet Vermillion County Bridge No. 80 CR 325 W over Whippoorwill Branch. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Health Savings Account. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to dispense the \$1000.00 in the accounts of the employees who took the HSA plan all at one time. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. Joint Resolution Restricted Rainy Day LRS and Restricted Rainy Day MVH. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to sign the Joint Resolution allowing funds to be placed in Restricted Rainy Day Fund LRS and Restricted Rainy Day Fund MVH . All in favor, motion carried.
- g. Stamps. Clerk Amy Griffin stated that \$9400.00 worth of stamps were purchased in the Clerk's office the end of last year and taken to the Treasurer's office. There was an investigation by SBOA and the stamps are in the Treasurer's office. The letter from the State Board of Accounts stated the county would need a resolution if they were going to allow this to happen. Tim Wilson stated that he thought the stamps should be returned to the Clerk's office. Jon Spurr said he would look into this and directed the Commissioners to send a letter stating the stamps are not to be used until this is resolved.
- h. Walking Trail. Les Zimmerman stated that the trail coming across the bridge from Parke County is being done now and that they are trying to secure the land on the Vermillion County side to continue the trail. He said the land owner Keith Little is willing to donate it to the county with the stipulation that if it doesn't happen the property would revert back to him. The next step is to have Jon Spurr draw up a proposal and a deed for the property. A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Harry Crossley to move on to the next step. All in favor, motion carried.
It was also discussed to have Jon Spurr look into the Gioradano property lean.
- i. Community Crossing Grant. Tim Yocum said they are taking out the railroad grate at 400 N 75 W in Eugene. Yocum suggested they publish what road work they are doing with the grant money. A motion was made by Tim Yocum and seconded by Tim Wilson to publish the projects they are using the grant money for. All in favor, motion carried.
- j. Chunn's Ford Cemetery. Tim Yocum said he has permission from the property owner's to clean up the brush along the road around the cemetery. He said they are looking into putting an iron fence around the cemetery. He said this is at no cost to the county. He asked permission to use the county's chipper. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to use the chipper for clean up around the Chunn's Ford Cemetery. All in favor, motion carried.
- k. Wabash Valley Artifact Show. Tim Yocum mention the Wabash Valley Artifact Show that will be held at Vermillion County Community 4-H Building on Saturday, May 6, 2017.
- l. Tire Recycling. Harry Crossley reminded everyone of the tire recycling that will be held May 13, 2017.
- m. Tim Yocum asked about an update on the grandstand at the fairgrounds. Tim Wilson said there is money coming in for the rebuilding of the grandstand.
- VIII. Adjourn. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 2nd day of May, 2017.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest: _____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor