

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Vermillion County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 8:15 a.m. on May 16, 2017.
- 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 May 2, 2017 meeting. 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 release on May 19, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report. Tim Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. Open Issues
 - a. Vermillion Rise. Tim Milligan said they continue to respond to leads. He also stated that Garmong is helping on the marketing of the spec building. Milligan said negotiations continue with Southern Power. He said the next meeting is Thursday May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Vermillion Rise and he said anyone who is interested in hearing what they are doing and want to know more are welcome to come to the meeting, it is open to the public.
 - b. County Clean Up Day. Penney Barton said they just need to pick a day. Tim Yocum asked about the Vermillion County 4-H and the Boy Scouts helping. Barton said she would contact them to see if they would be interested in helping.
 - c. Bridge 80. Wilson signed the Compliance Certification from the Indiana Department of Transportation for Bridge 80.
 - d. Walking Trail. Les Zimmerman stated that a group of several individuals has been meeting regarding the proposed walking trails in the Hillsdale area. He said the committee met for the second time to discuss the walking trail they are working on. He said they are attempting to acquire the railroad grate. Crossley asked if the proposed trails would cross the railroad tracks, and Zimmerman said that is something they are working on, there is a route they are considering that would cross the tracks at an established crossing. Zimmerman also stated they are trying to figure out how to handle donations. He said they are not a 501C3 non-profit organization. He said they will be talking with INDOT. Zimmerman said the members are Tom Milligan, Eric Shideler, Becky Holbert, Laura Ruth, George Sanquenetti, Tim Yocum, Larry Southard, Dillon Riggen and himself. There was a Resolution involving property donated for walking trails presented. The resolution stated that landowners may donate property for the purpose of trails, and that the landowner may still claim fair market value of the donated property for any lawful tax purpose. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to approve the Resolution Involving Property Donated for Walking Trails. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim Yocum said he had heard that some residents had questioned why money is being spent on trails, and he wanted to clarify that no money has been spent on

the trail project. Yocum stated that all the work has been donated and all of those involved in the project are volunteers.

- e. Ambulance Proposal. County Attorney Jon Spurr read the specs for the Request for Proposals for Ambulance Service. The Commissioners discussed running the advertisement in the newspaper two times. Wilson stated the proposals are due in the Auditor's office by 2:00 p.m. on June 23, 2017. They will be opened at the June 27, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to advertise the proposal request two times. All in favor, motion carried.

Crossley asked that if an out-of-state company was awarded the contract, whether the commissioners could require the company to keep the current ambulance service employees if they were qualified. He said that there are about 25 local residents whose jobs could be affected by the contract. County Attorney Jon Spurr said it would be somewhat difficult to tell an employer who they have to employ. Spurr went on to say that once proposals are received, funding will be requested from the Vermillion County Council to fund the contract. Spurr also stated that if the Council would not fund costs proposed then they would have to see what they would fund and lower our standards.

- f. 1375 South replacement of culvert – Bid. The Commissioners received one bid for \$43,300.32 from Lubovich Excavating for replacement of the culvert on 1375 South. They will take this under advisement and award the bid at the May 30, 2017 meeting after Crossley confirms that funds are available.
- g. Community Crossing Matching Grant. Yocum stated that the Commissioners have \$200,000 set aside to attempt to obtain funds from the Community Crossings grant program. That amount could be used as 25 percent matching funds to obtain an additional \$600,000 from the state for roads. Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir reported that the county had received a \$90,000 disaster relief payment from the state from the 2013 flooding, which was never appropriated and should go to the highway department. The Commissioners agreed that this amount would be added to the funds that will be submitted to the grant program.

VII. New Business

- a. Resolution Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan. The resolution is for a Capital Improvement Plan which will allow 50 percent of the county's Economic Development Income Tax money to continue to be directed to the highway department. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to approve the Resolution Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Interoffice Property Transfer Resolution. The proposed resolution requires that there be an agreement between the office holders involved, and that the transfer be discussed at a meeting of either the commissioners or council so it would be public record. There was some discussion on this resolution. Clerk Amy Griffin stated that she thought there should be some type of time limit. There was discussion whether it should be six months or 120 days before the office holder left office. They decided to have Jon Spurr change the resolution to include six months prior to leaving office. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to table this until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. RQAW. Kevin Meyer of RQAW Engineers and Architects presented a proposed contract to the commissioners for schematic design work at the Vermillion County Jail. Meyer said this would need to be done to determine specific costs

to either expand the jail or build a new jail. Crossley said that the county had recently invested money into extending sewer lines to the jail from Vermillion Rise, so he felt it would make more sense to expand the jail then build a new one. Spurr said he would need to read the contract before the commissioners signed it. Meyer said that RQAW is a full engineering and architectural company and all or most all of the work would be done in house. Sheriff Mike Phelps said that he felt comfortable going with RQAW because of their expertise is building jails. Crossley asked that the 10% fee be removed. Meyer said he didn't think that would be a problem. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to table the contract until County Attorney Jon Spurr could review it. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII.Adjournment. Harry Crossley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 30th day of May, 2017.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest:_____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor