

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2017

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Vermillion County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on June 27, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert and County Attorney Jon Spurr.
- III. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to accept the minutes from the June 13, 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 June 30, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report. Tim Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurers report.
- VI. Open Issues
 - a. Vermillion Rise. Executive Director Bob Grewe was here to give an update on Vermillion Rise. Grewe said there is continuing negotiations with Southern Power. Grewe said they had a prospect visit on the shell building and received positive feedback from the client. He stated they are continuing to work with area realtors and talking about putting new signage out front of the shell building. Grewe said they are one land option away from completing the CSX select site program. He said it's a great opportunity from a marketing standpoint to have a brand name like CSX promoting us in their market place where they network with large industries, well financed industries that would be great candidates for the Rise. Tim Yocum asked when roads will be open to the public. Grewe stated that extending broad way west to 71 seems to be a function being able to identify new projects like Southern Power that would be able to help us have grants and financing to support that infrastructure. Grewe stated it is contingent on the build out.
 - b. County Clean Up Day. Penney Barton said they just need to set a date but she suggested next year earlier in the year when it is not so hot. Tim Yocum suggested they have a committee or group organize the clean up day. Barton asked if they want Solid Waste to do it. Tim Yocum said he would like to see the schools or the scouts get involved. Barton asked the Commissioners if they want to do a small one this fall and bigger one in the spring. Harry Crossley said they would need to arrange for dumpsters. Yocum asked where do we pay for this out of. Amy Tolbert said Solid Waste has a small budget and can't fund this. Barton asked if they want to schedule a Solid Waste meeting. Tim Wilson said yes, schedule a Solid Waste meeting. A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Harry Crossley to table the cleanup day. All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. Walking Trail. Les Zimmerman reported that the group continues to meet once a month, 2nd Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Soil and Water Office. He said the public is welcome. Zimmerman said the focus now is to acquire the RR grade. He said he would like the Commissioners to "buy in" to the walking trail project. Zimmerman said there are grants available to apply for but they have to have a plan in place to apply for these grants. He said they are now looking into developing trails in the county farm area near the Vermillion County Jail. Eric

Shidler presented two maps and explained the proposed trail. He said the focus items are to design Trail Head Park area and parking area, design Naturescapes play area in Trail Head Park, explore maintenance options for the trail and Trail Head Park area, seek out and acquire grant funding to implement Trail Head Park area and Naturescapes area and continue process on rail bed acquisition in Hillsdale area. He said Huffman Abstract and Title is working with the group to make sure all items are covered. Les Zimmerman said they just need the approval of the Commissioners to move forward. Concern was expressed about the trails in close proximity to the jail, and Eric Shideler said there is a large ravine east of the jail which would create a natural barrier between the two areas.

A motion was made by Tim Yocum and seconded by Harry Crossley to move forward with the trail project. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. Jail Water. Tim Yocum asked Bob Grewe about when they will be cutting the jail with the downstream water tower. Grewe said he is not sure that he would have to check with Leonard Helt. Yocum said that they are putting this project on hold until a decision is made on the jail. Whether to renovate the existing jail or build a new jail. Yocum asked how much do we pay a month for water and sewer for the jail, Phelps said around \$1400 or \$1500 a month.
- e. Letter from Department of Correction – Jail Noncompliance. Kenneth Whipker from Indiana Department of Corrections was present to discuss the jail inspection report. Whipker said the main reason for non-compliance is number of inmates. He said there is not enough beds and showers and that they need to be able to properly segregate certain inmates and they can't do that when the jail is at full capacity. He said building new or expanding is completely up to the county. Whipker said that the jail itself is well-maintained, well-operated and well-administrated, and that the only issue is the matter of having too many inmates. Whipker said the report is just to keep you informed and the Sheriff kept out of a lawsuit because he informed all of you.

The Commissioners discussed the committee that is meeting with RQAW regarding those plans. Currently the committee includes Sheriff Mike Phelps, Commissioner Tim Wilson, Councilman Bob Spence and George B. "Sonny" Carey as a representative of the public. The commissioners agreed to add Jail Commander Derek Williams and County Attorney Jon Spurr to the committee. Yocum asked when costs for the expansion or replacement of the jail would be determined. Phelps said at least a couple of months, he said there is a lot of figuring that goes into this.

- f. Ambulance Proposal. The Commissioners received two proposals for ambulance service for the years 2018 thru 2020. Proposals were received from Vermillion County EMS and Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance, Inc. The commissioners requested service for both advanced and paramedic level service. Vermillion County EMS proposed cost for advanced level services were \$575,326.44 for 2018, \$583,845.68 for 2019 and \$592,475.64 for 2020. For paramedic level service, proposed costs were \$655,326.44 for 2018, \$663,845.68 for 2019 and \$672,475.67 for 2020.

The proposal from Edgar County included costs for advanced level service of \$325,000 for 2018, \$334,750 for 2019 and \$394,792.50 for 2020. Paramedic level costs would be \$410,000 for 2018, \$422,300 for 2019 and \$434,969 for 2020. The Commissioners said they would take the proposals under advisement. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to table until after they talk to the council about funding. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. New Business

- a. EAS Technology Consultant – IT Support. Robert Hopkins introduced himself to the Commissioners and he also introduced Shawn Wallace that also works with him. Hopkins said they are technology consultants that serves many local government and public safety entities in the Wabash Valley including Vigo County Government, Clay County Government, City of Terre Haute, Putnam County Sheriff's Office to just name a few. Hopkins said there fee is \$100 per hour and no contract, only paid when they work. He said he is currently working with Sheriff Mike Phelps on some IT issues in the courthouse now. Tim Yocum asked about Brad Keller. Phelps said he is out of Covington and is \$70 per hour. Tim Wilson asked Phelps what he thought about who they should go with. Phelps said he has worked with both of them and both are good. Phelps said that EAS are Cisco specialists and that is detrimental. A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Harry Crossley to table until August. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Recording Fees. Recorder Marge Hennis reported that due to a new state law that goes into effect July 1, 2017, flat fees are established statewide for her office. Hennis said her office had previously charged different fees, based on the size of documents, but the new fees will be \$55 for mortgages and \$25 for all other documents.
- c. Bridge Asset Management Plan. Tim Yocum said that Clark Dietz informed him that the Bridge Asset Management Plan is done and has been filed with the state.
- d. Community Crossing Grant. Tim Yocum said they currently have \$164,000 for matching and waiting for state approval on the other \$90,000. He said this year the state will match 75/25.

VIII. Adjourn. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 11th day of July, 2017.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest: _____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor