

## **Vermillion County Commissioners**

### **Meeting Minutes**

September 5, 2017

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on September 5, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson 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 August 22, 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 September 8, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Open Issues
  - a. Vermillion Rise. Bob Grewe gave the Commissioners a handout explaining Enterprise Zones. An enterprise zone is an area within a city where there is a significant amount of unemployment and several business facilities that are not being used to their maximum. An enterprise zone created is in effect for 10 years with the potential for two 5-year renewals. There are 4 state tax incentives and 1 local property tax incentive to encourage businesses to locate in a zone. Bob Grewe presented a Resolution of the Vermillion County, Indiana Board of Commissioners creating the Vermillion Rise Mega Park Enterprise Zone. Grewe said this was discussed at the Vermillion Rise meeting and the group thought there were enough incentives to pursue this. He said the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority will serve as the Enterprise Zone Board. Grewe said the Enterprise Zone is only the 7000 acres that was conveyed to the Vermillion Rise Mega Park. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to approve the Resolution Creating the Vermillion Rise Mega Park Enterprise Zone. All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. Walking Trail. Les Zimmerman said there was an article in the Terre Haute Tribune newspaper about the progress that Parke County is making on the railroad grade bridge. It stated that the trail ends at the wilderness of the Vermillion County river bottoms. Zimmerman stated they are close to acquiring all the property on Vermillion County's side to continue with the trail. Zimmerman said the only property left to acquire is Steve Giordano's property. Steve Giordano is willing to transfer the property for the walking trail if the Commissioners will waive the lien on one of his other properties he acquired through tax sale. Tim Yocum said Giordano bought that property at a tax sale and could not do anything to the property for a year, and in that period the County Health department cleaned the property up and put a lien on the property. Yocum speculated if there was a legal issue with putting a lien on the property that was sold at a tax sale. The Commissioners agreed to waive the lien. Jon Spurr said he would have a resolution made to be signed by the Commissioners at the next meeting. A motion was made by Tim Yocum and seconded by Harry Crossley to have County Attorney Jon Spurr make a resolution waiving the lien on Steve Giordano's property. All in favor, motion carried.
  - c. Ambulance. The commissioners stated they were waiting to hear if the council will fund the money before they sign a contract. County Attorney Jon Spurr said

he took the old contract and updated it with the new specs and will send it to the Commissioners.

- d. Bridge 122 Bids. Tim Yocum asked if there was money available in Cumulative Bridge to use for Bridge 122. Amy Tolbert said there's cash available but not appropriated. Tolbert said money was appropriated for Bridge 122 but it wasn't enough. Yocum said this is an emergency situation to fix the bridge. Commissioners decided to go ahead and have the bridge fixed because of it being an emergency. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to award the bid for Bridge 122 to Conexco, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.

#### VI. New Business

- a. BIS Digital, Inc. Contract. This is the yearly contract for the recording system in the Commissioners courtroom to record the Commissioner and Council meetings. The contract renewal is \$520.00 for DCR remote support. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Yocum to approve the contract renewal for BIS Digital, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. SRI – Announcement of Scheduled Tax Sale. The Commissioners announced that the Vermillion County Tax Sale will be held on September 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vermillion County Courthouse in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- c. Speed Limit Ordinance – Hazel Bluff Road. Harry Crossley said the only change from the previous meeting is instead of from 200 E to Highway 163 that he recommended it be Highway 63 to Highway 163. The Commissioners discussed the ordinance lowering the speed limit on Hazel Bluff Road between Highway 63 and Highway 163 to 30 miles an hour. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to adopt the Speed Limit on Hazel Bluff Road between Highway 63 and Highway 163 Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. WTH – Electronic Map Data Application Agreement. WTH sent an Electronic Map Data Application from Ag Exchange Farm Real Estate requesting County GIS Data. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to approve the Electronic Map Data Application Agreement from Ag Exchange Farm Real Estate. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Courthouse calling list. Tim Wilson asked Amy Tolbert if there was an updated calling list. Tolbert said yes it was updated at the beginning of year and she would get him a copy.
- f. Animal Control Ordinance. Sheriff Mike Phelps said last year the Commissioners approved a County Animal Control Ordinance but it doesn't specify where the money is to go. Phelps is recommending that an ordinance be made stating the money is to be put in the K-9 fund.
- g. 350 E and 450 E. Sheriff Mike Phelps stated that they need some sort of guidance to restrict traffic on Hillclimb weekend. He said it's always been a question as to whether they have the right to restrict traffic to local residences only into Newport from County Roads 350 E and 450 E (OPD Road). Phelps said this year they are not restricting traffic without an ordinance. The Commissioners decided to have Jon Spurr make an ordinance, for Hillclimb weekend only, restricting traffic into Newport.

VII. 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 19th day of September, 2017.

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Tim Wilson

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor