

## **Vermillion County Commissioners**

### **Meeting Minutes**

December 12, 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 December 12, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. Roll Call. Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and County Attorney Jon Spurr. Tim Yocum was absent.
- IV. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims and Payroll. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to approve the claims and payroll for December 15, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Open Issues
  - a. Vermillion Rise. Nothing new to discuss.
  - b. Walking Trail. Nothing new to discuss.
  - c. County Property Lease Agreement. Tim Wilson stated that Jon Spurr is still working on the County Property Lease Agreement.
  - d. Drainage Ditch Issues. Tim Wilson said they met in Rileysburg last Saturday to discuss the drainage issues. Spurr said Jared Dreher is going to contact an engineer to give the Commissioners some advice on how to handle the drainage situation in Rileysburg.
  - e. Dog Catcher. Sheriff Mike Phelps said he asked the Council at the meeting on December 11, 2017 for funding for a part time dog catcher and he asked for higher pay because he said at \$9.50 an hour they can't get anyone to do that job. Phelps also said if they are going to pick up dogs in the towns except for Clinton, he feels those towns should put some money towards a dog catcher.
  - f. Courthouse Security. Phelps said a security committee was formed last week when they met with some office holders. Phelps said it was decided to only have one of the entry doors to the courthouse open for public use during business hours. The county employees can exit any of the doors but only enter on the west side. Phelps said that in the future the one entrance should be made more secure by the addition of security guards with metal detectors, so that each person entering the building would be screened as they enter. Jon Spurr said that changes need to be made to update the security ordinance and that would take a few meetings along with publication but one of the things the committee wanted to do was to reduce the number of entrances to the building from four down to one. Spurr said the Commissioners need a resolution stating that the only entrance into the building will be on the west side.

A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Harry Crossley to approve a resolution stating the only entrance for the public will be on the west side of the courthouse, the employees can exit any door. All in favor, motion carried.
  - g. Prosecutor – Sublease. No one present to discuss the sublease.
  - h. Dossett Consulting, LLC. Amy Tolbert said this was tabled from last month, she told the Commissioners she wanted to switch from Maximus to Dossett Consulting, LLC for the same price. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and

seconded by Tim Wilson to approve the contract for Dossett Consulting, LLC. All in favor, motion carried.

## VII. New Business

- a. Southern Power – Economic Development Agreement. Mike Casey of Southern Power talked to the Commissioners about constructing a power plant in Vermillion County. Casey said they are looking at two possible locations, either Vermillion Rise Mega Park or in a location on the east side of State Road 63 just across from Vermillion Rise. Casey told the Commissioners that this is a lengthy process with many steps, but if they move forward with locating here, it would create 100 to 200 construction jobs over a 2-year period, as well as 20 to 25 permanent jobs with salaries ranging from \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year. Casey asked that the county to consider approving an Economic Development Agreement to provide Tax Increment Financing (TIF) incentives which would allow the company to offer more favorable rates to its customers. The agreement states that 80 percent of the plant's property taxes over 20 years would be used to help the company fund the project and lower the prices it offers to its customers, in order to be more competitive. The remaining 20 percent would go to the county, that amount is estimated to be about \$1 million per year. One hundred percent of the taxes would go to the county after the 20 year period.

The economic development agreement would need to be approved by the county and also by a redevelopment commission. The County does not currently have a redevelopment commission, it would need to be created to review the agreement and make recommendations on it. The redevelopment commission would also be responsible for handling the tax money generated by the property under the agreement. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to establish a Redevelopment Commission for Vermillion County. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Agreement for Inmate Healthcare. Sheriff Mike Phelps said he doesn't want auto renewal for the Inmate Healthcare Agreement. He said he doesn't plan on switching companies at this time but he doesn't think auto renewal is a good idea. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to table the Agreement for Inmate Healthcare. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Election Equipment & Electronic Poll Pads Contracts. The Commissioners approved two contracts for election equipment and electronic Poll Pads. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to approve the contracts for MicroVote General Corp. Election Solutions for lease/purchase of election equipment and for Knowink Innovative Election Solutions for Poll Pad Subscription Purchase. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. 2018 Appointments. Tim Wilson said the yearly appointments would remain the same, following is the list of yearly appointments for 2018:  
President Board of Commissioners – Tim Wilson  
County Attorney – Jon Spurr  
President Board of Finance – Tim Wilson  
President Drainage Board – Harry Crossley  
Attorney Drainage Board – Jon Spurr  
Secretary Drainage Board – Mary Crotty  
Highway Office Manager – Milisa Carty  
Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor – Terry Carrera  
Courthouse Housekeeping Supervisor – Yvette Sollars  
Part-Time Custodian – Marion Pearman

Building Inspector – Penny Barton  
Veteran’s Service Officer – Phil Hutson  
Sycamore Trails RC&D – Tim Yocum  
Sycamore Trails RC&D alternate – still open  
Commission for the Handicapped – Harry Crossley  
Emergency Response Administrator – Mark O’Heir  
ADA Coordinator – Mark O’Heir  
IT Technician – EAS Technology Consultants  
Area Plan Commission – Greg Looney  
E911 Board Director – Derrek Williams  
E911 Board – Middle Co. Rep. – Amy Tolbert  
E911 Board – South End Rep. – Sonny Carey  
Vermillion County Board of Health – Kay Smith RN-D  
Park Board – Richard Zumwalt  
Park Board – Wayne Bush  
Solid Waste Management Board Controller – Phyllis Orman  
Solid Waste Management Board Administrator – Amy Tolbert  
Zoning Board – Greg Looney  
PTABOA Board – Joan Doane  
PTABOA Board – Lee Taylor

A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to appoint the above referenced appointments. All in favor, motion carried.

- e. Appointment to and Resolution Confirming the Participation of Vermillion County in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. A motion was made by Harry Crossley and seconded by Tim Wilson to table this appointment until the first meeting in January. All in favor, motion carried.
  - f. County Award. Tim Wilson thanked Auditor Amy Tolbert for her effort in nominating the Commissioners for Outstanding Commissioners of the year for the high school mentoring program that the Commissioners were recognized for at the Commissioners conference last month. Wilson also thanked the North Vermillion and South Vermillion High Schools for their participation and Sheriff Mike Phelps for getting the students to the meetings and back to school and he also thanked the students for their participation.
  - g. County Road 360 East. Randy Hogan said there was approximately 5 or 6 tenths of a mile of blacktop laid on CR 360 East. Hogan said he spoke with Tim Yocum about paving the entire road. He wants to confirm that the entire road would be done next year. He said there is more pipeline being laid and his concern is that the work that has already been done could be broken. Harry Crossley said that will be up to Tim Yocum if it gets paved next year because it is in his district. Crossley told Hogan to get a hold of Tim Yocum and discuss it with him.
- 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 9th day of January, 2018.

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Tim Wilson

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Tolbert, Auditor