Vermillion County Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018
8:15a.m.
Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

I. Call to Order. The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on January 23, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.

II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

III. Roll Call. Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson and County Attorney Jon Spurr.

IV. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Approval of Claims and Payroll. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims and payroll for January 26, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. Treasurers Report. Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.

VII. Open Issues

a. Vermillion Rise. Bob Grewe gave the Commissioners an update on Vermillion Rise. Grewe stated they continue working with the Army BRAC environmental coordinator on ESCA money and that will be used for a waste water treatment plant. Also working on final detail with the Department of Defense on the OEA grant funding for 2018. Grewe said they submitted a project to the state January 4th and received good feedback on their submission. Grewe stated they will be submitting another project this Friday. He said it's a great opportunity whenever they can submit a project with the state because on the other side of that is usually industrial realtors and site selectors, which gets them looking at Vermillion Rise.

   Grewe noted that they have two tenants making adjustments to their leases, he said that is a good sign they continue to find value there.

   Yocum asked Grewe about the sewer issues. Grewe stated that the ESCA money can help in that regard. He stated that phosphorus is known to be there from the old chemical plant and they are installing a phosphorus removal component. He also said they are going to abandon some of the old sewer lines. Due to the land use controls, there won't be anything built on top of that land. Grewe said they are working with IDEM on this issue.

   Yocum asked Grewe if Lynn Helt was still at Vermillion Rise. Grewe he is no longer at the Rise. Yocum said he took care of the generator maintenance. Yocum is going to meet with Grewe about maintenance to the generator at the Courthouse.

b. Walking Trail. Tom Milligan said the Reuse Authority authorized negotiations for a lease for the property on the east side next to the trail head park and that could be part of the start of the walking trail. He also stated that it would relieve any liability from the Reuse Authority.

c. County Property Lease Agreement. Yocum asked if any notice had been sent to Keith Hollingsworth. Spurr said he doesn't know if there has been any communication with Hollingsworth. He said he did the lease to the specifications the Commissioners requested, but he had not spoken with Mr. Hollingsworth.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the County Property Lease Agreement and send it to Keith Hollingsworth. All in favor, motion carried.

d. Courthouse Security Ordinance. Sheriff Mike Phelps was not present to discuss courthouse security. Spurr is still working on the ordinance.
e. Ordinance to Establish a Redevelopment Commission. Wilson stated they need to decide if they want to make it a five member board or a seven member board. The Commissioners agreed it should be a five member board. Wilson stated the Commissioners will appoint three members and the council will appoint two members.

   A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the ordinance to establish a five member Redevelopment Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

   A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to appoint Oren Sutherlin to the Redevelopment Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

   A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to appoint John D. Moore to the Redevelopment Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

   Yocum stated he was not ready to make his appointment to the Redevelopment Commission. A motion was made by Yocum and seconded by Crossley to table the appointment until the February 6, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
f. Southern Power – Economic Development Agreement. No one present from Southern Power. Yocum asked if the agreement had been approved by the Economic Development Council. Spurr stated that he didn't know if the Economic Development Council approved it, he said it was emailed to him from Michael Casey from Southern Power. Yocum stated he didn't approve of the part of the agreement that said the county would pay for all water system improvements and road improvements. Wilson said he is not against bringing business in but thinks it should go in the Rise and not across the road. Crossley agreed and said the Rise can provide everything they need. Wilson said he thinks they need to go back and negotiate with Vermillion Rise. Tom Milligan said the Economic Development Council has retained Council to take a look at the agreement. One of the best people on redevelopment, probably in the state, is looking at it on our behalf and he said and has made corrections to the agreement. Milligan stated that a counter proposal has been sent back to Southern Power. Milligan said this is to get something that is more presentable to the county and in the best interest of the county. Albert Clark said there are three things that was changed that he knew of, one is the start date and one is the finish date and a cap on the expense to the county.

   Arden Kilgore asked what the land across the road was zoned, Barton said it's zoned agriculture she thinks.

   A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
g. Southern Power – Water Line Easement. No one present from Southern Power.
h. Health Insurance. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table health insurance. All in favor, motion carried.
i. Mileage Claim Ordinance. The ordinance states that mileage claims need to be turned in on a monthly basis. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Mileage Claim Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
j. Reuse Authority Appointments. There was discussion on the Reuse Authority appointments. The Commissioners passed a resolution in December stating that

they will not appoint the same person to more than one board unless there is no one qualified to serve. The five current members, Tom Milligan, Albert Clark, Jack Fenoglio, Bob Rendaci and Arden Kilgore, have all expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Reuse Authority.

Milligan stated he is willing to go through an application process and if there is someone more qualified then appoint the best person.

Yocum asked if the Reuse Authority and the Economic Development Council influence one another, and Milligan said that the two have to work together in order to be successful. Yocum asked about any legal conflicts with someone serving on both, and Spurr said it did not necessarily create any. Clark said that the two work hand in hand, and that having people on both is an advantage, because those individuals have a good idea what both are doing.

Zoning Administrator Penney Barton said she felt it was important to get younger people involved in those boards. Barton said due to the experience of the current members, no one's resume is going to compete with them, but felt there needed to be a way to pass on their knowledge to younger people.

Milligan agreed, but suggested that due to the complicated nature of the Reuse Authority's responsibilities, the appointments remain the same for this year, and the commissioners consider changes for next year.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to reappoint Milligan, Clark, Fenoglio, Rendaci and Kilgore to the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority. Crossley and Wilson voted in favor, Yocum voted no. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business

a. Appointment to Innkeepers Tax Board. The Commissioners received one letter of interest from Larry Bemis to serve on the Innkeepers Tax Board. Crossley stated Joyce Clark's term ended and she no longer wants to continue on the board. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to appoint Larry Bemis to the Innkeepers Tax Board. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Joink – Road Cut Permit. Yocum stated they are putting their fiber optic boxes to close to the road and it will create a problem if the county has to do any ditch work. Crossley stated he doesn't think they do a very good job. Yocum asked Spurr if there was anything the Commissioners could do. Spurr stated there may already be an ordinance pertaining to running things into ditches; he said he remembers around ten years ago or more the Commissioners approved an ordinance about the grey water being discharged into county ditches. Spurr said to look at that ordinance and see if it fits this situation and if not he can modify that ordinance or make a new ordinance. Crossley stated they are requesting a right-of-way permit for 1700 S 250 E Summit Drive. Crossley requested that Joink come to the next meeting.

   A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to table the Road Cut Permit until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

c. Zoning Classification Change – Scifres. The commissioners received a proposal from the Area Plan Commission for Dwight D. Scifres and Malynda C. Scifres requesting a change in the Zoning Classification from an AG – Agriculture District to B-2 General Business on real estate located in the Helt Township, commonly known as 1852 E 500 S Dana, Indiana. The purpose of the request is to open and operate a gun smithing service. Penny Barton stated the Area Plan Commission voted unanimously to make a favorable recommendation to the commissioners for approval. Barton stated that no one opposed the change of zoning.

   A motion was made by Yocum and seconded by Crossley to approve the Zoning Classification change for Scifres. All in favor, motion carried.

d. Opioid agreement. Spurr sent a proposed agreement to the Commissioners from a group of law firms that want to sue opioid manufactures for damage opioid use has done to local communities. Spurr said it is no cost to the county. If they win the county will receive money, if not the county isn't out anything. A motion was made by Yocum and seconded by Crossley to approve the opioid agreement with Cohen & Malad LLP, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, and John P. Nichols, Attorney at Law. All in favor, motion carried.
e. Community Crossings Grant. Yocum stated he approached the Council at their last meeting and he will be on the agenda for their next meeting requesting they set aside $250,000 in the Rainy Day Fund for the Community Crossings Grant match. He said it's a 75% – 25% match.
f. County Cleanup Day. Yocum stated he is working with Penny Barton on getting a county wide clean up day scheduled. Barton said she will have more information to present at the next meeting.
g. Extension contract agreement. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the amendment to Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Government of Vermillion County, Indiana. All in favor, motion carried.
h. Community Action Appointment. A motion was made Crossley and seconded by Yocum to appoint Barbara Switzer to the Community Action Board of Directors. All in favor, motion carried.
i. Judge – The commissioners discussed an email they received from Sheriff Mike Phelps on the Judge's cell phone, ink jet printer and shredder. The email stated the value of them would each be below $100 and all the county would do is recycle them as they are too old to do anything with. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to have Spurr make a resolution to give them to the Judge as a retirement gift.
j. IT issues. Penny Barton stated that she; Marge Hennis and Phil Hutson have been having some computer issues that EAS has not taken care of. Hennis said EAS is blaming the computer company and the computer company is blaming IT and she is caught in the middle. It was stated that Phelps is in control of the IT budget.
k. Ambulance update. Eric Shaughnessy gave the commissioners an update on their first month. The runs have been higher than anticipated; he said they have had 150 runs so far. Shaughnessy said they had one complaint that was reported to the State EMS Commission and the Commission investigated and the complaint was unfounded. Shaughnessy noted that the fire departments have been really receptive and helpful. He said several of the fire departments have been asking when he will be conducting an EMT class. Shaughnessy stated he's been in contact with the South Vermillion School Corporation to see about an EMT class or fire class to start juniors and seniors into that field. Shaughnessy said their average response time is under 10 minutes county wide.
   Yocum asked where they are located in Cayuga, Shaughnessy said right next to the county highway garage.
l. Reuse Authority meetings. Milligan said there has been a lot interest in the Reuse Authority and he encourages everyone to attend the Reuse Authority meetings and get involved. He noted the meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Vermillion Rise.
   Yocum asked about the minutes getting to the newspaper. Eric Jones said they get the Economic Development minutes within a few days of the meeting and typically don't get the minutes from the Reuse Authority meetings. Milligan

asked if that is something the newspaper would like to have. Jones said yes they would like to have them.

IX. Adjourn. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 6th day of February, 2018.

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Tim Wilson

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

Attest:_____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor