

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2018

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on February 6, 2018 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 Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims and Payroll. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the claims and payroll for February 9, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer's Report. Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VII. Open Issues
 - a. Vermillion Rise. Executive Director Bob Grewe stated that Vermillion Rise Mega Park will host an open house for the Vermillion Rise Shell Building on April 24, 2018. Grewe also noted that they have signage up to sell excess land at the depot. He stated they have been looking at this option for awhile and have decided to move forward. He stated they could save a lot of money if they paid the Army off early, around a quarter of a million dollars in mortgage payments. He said they are moving toward a path of sustainability and self sufficiency, the DOD and Army partners like to see agencies wean themselves off of federal funding. Crossley asked how many acres they are selling. Grewe said they have 330 acres on the west side and 165 on south west corner that are on the outside of the fence. Crossley asked about the cash rent for those acres. Grewe said they do get cash rent and that helps but they also have a lot of debt and this was their other idea in terms of self sufficiency is to be able to retire the Army mortgage and also a loan they have at a local bank for infrastructure needs and still have a note at another bank for a large water line project. Grewe said they thought it would be in their best interest to generate some revenue.
 - b. Walking Trail. Nothing new to report.
 - c. Courthouse Security Ordinance. Spurr said the security committee is still working on the security ordinance.
 - d. Redevelopment Commission Appointment. Crossley stated that Yocum wanted to appoint Kelli Hill but was not able to be at this meeting. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table the appointment until next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. Southern Power. No one present from Southern Power.
 - f. Joink – Road Cut Permit. The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the road cut permit from Joink. They also discussed issues with road conditions when Joink was finished. Bryce Brown, Engineering Manager with Joink, said he talked with Highway Superintendent Jim Hawn about the issues and they will be repairing the roads back to the original condition or better. Crossley said he's talking about the work they did last summer on the Ernie Pyle Road where they trenched it. They had one track of the trencher on the pavement and one in the ditch and they tore the road up with the track. Brown said they will drive around with Hawn and look at the conditions and will restore the roads to the existing conditions or better. Josh Zuerner, President and CEO of Joink, LLC, said this is completely unacceptable and doesn't understand what has happened here. He said they take a lot of pride in what they are building and what they are doing here and he appreciates their permits being granted on a timely basis and the last thing they want to do is to jeopardize that. He said they are a local business out of Terre Haute and they plan on being here a long

time. He said when he hears things like your representative can't get a hold of our representative that's completely unacceptable. He said one thing about the work on the Ernie Pyle road was they hired a contractor to do the work and they were very disappointed with their work and he said this is probably where some of the problems stem from. He assured the Commissioners it would be taken care of.

- g. County Wide Cleanup Day. Penney Barton said she would like for the Commissioners to have a Vermillion County Solid Waste meeting after the Commissioners next meeting. JR from Wallace Brothers thinks it would be best to run it three days not just the one day. Barton said Wallace Brothers is giving them a good deal on the dumpsters. Barton said the only things that are unacceptable are tires, batteries, paint and hazardous materials. Wilson said we have a tire recycling day.
- h. Judge Retirement Resolution. Wilson said during Stengel's time as Judge he was issued a cell phone, printer and a document shredder. He said there is not much value left with them. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Resolution giving the Judge a cell phone, printer and document shredder. All in favor, motion carried.
- i. IT Issues. Phelps stated that EAS technology consultants are waiting on a part to come in to be able to fix the Recorder's computer.

VIII. New Business

- a. County Wide Littering Ordinance. The Commissioners discussed a county wide littering ordinance due to a few problem areas where people are throwing their trash. Spurr said there is a state littering ordinance but no counties have their own littering ordinance.
- b. Hall Contracting of Kentucky, Inc. – Road Cut Permit. Wilson acknowledged receipt of the road cut permit from Hall Contracting of Kentucky, Inc.
- c. Community Crossing Grant – Grant writer. Melissa Wible gave the commissioners a new suggested fee schedule to take under advisement. Spurr said he would look it over. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to take the grant writer fee schedule under advisement. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Sheriff – Three new vehicles. Sheriff Mike Phelps is requesting approval to purchase three Ford SUV's at \$29,780.00 per vehicle. Phelps said the money is budgeted, he just needs the Commissioners approval to purchase them. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the purchase of three Ford SUV's for the Sheriff's Department. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Purdue Extension – Becky Holbert. Holbert stated she wanted to introduce the new Extension Educator Lori Bouslog to the Commissioners.

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

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 20th day of February, 2018.

Tim Wilson

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest: _____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor