

## **Vermillion County Commissioners**

### **Meeting Minutes**

March 6, 2018

8:15a.m.

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on March 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 February 20, 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 March 9, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Treasurers Report.** Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VII. **Open Issues**
  - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe gave the Commissioners an update on Vermillion Rise. Grewe said they did another mailing for the shell building and are working on a lead they received from the mailing. Grewe stated they are moving out of the 7700 Building and into a modular office building to be more cost effective in a smaller building. Wilson asked Grewe if Vermillion Rise had held any further talks with Southern Power. Grewe said they had expected to have a telephone conference call with Southern Power on March 8, 2018 but it had to be rescheduled due to a conflict. Grewe stated Vermillion Rise wants to circle back and see if there is an opportunity to come up with an alternative since what we had didn't work out. Southern Power is looking at another site outside of Vermillion Rise. Prosecutor Bruce Aukerman asked if land recently offered for auction by Vermillion Rise had sold, and Grewe said it did not.
  - b. **Walking Trail.** Les Zimmerman said the County gave their approval at the last meeting to start construction on the trail head pending council approval for the additional funding for maintenance duties for the Vermillion County Parks Department. Zimmerman said the council approved the additional funds at their meeting on February 26, 2018 so the Vermillion Trail Alliance will begin construction on the trailhead that will be built near County Road 150 within the next two weeks. Zimmerman also said an open house will be held at the Vermillion County Fairgrounds from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 20, for the public to learn more about the plans for a walking trail to be established in the County.
  - c. **Courthouse Security Ordinance.** County Attorney Jon Spurr said the security committee is still working on the ordinance.
  - d. **Southern Power – Economic Development Agreement.** Wilson suggested tabling the Southern Power Agreement so that it can be reviewed by the newly formed Redevelopment Commission. Economic Development Director Dylan Rikken stated that the Economic Development Commission approved the agreement at their last meeting. He also stated the newly formed

Redevelopment Commission will hold a public meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Economic Development office in Cayuga.

A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to table the Southern Power / Economic Development Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Wilson suggested that the commissioners, council and economic development to discuss where they are going with economic development.

- e. **Southern Power – Waterline Right-of-Way.** A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to table the waterline right-of-way for Southern Power. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. **County Wide Cleanup Day.** Tolbert said the flyers are done and ready to be circulated pending council funding.
- g. **Community Crossings Grant – Grant Writer.** Milissa Wible said Yocum had proposed at the last commissioners meeting to pay her \$25.00 per hour, and some questions were raised as to whether that pay would be contingent on grants being received. Wible stated that having payment be contingent on grants being received is no longer considered ethical. She said she is aware that some grant writers still do it this way but they charge 5 to 10 percent of the grant, which is astronomical. Wible stated that her hourly fees would be capped at \$1000 per month for each of the three months she worked on the grant, May, June and July, along with a \$750.00 base fee to make herself available to do the work, so the most the county would pay out in a year would be \$3,750.00 for the Community Crossings Grant.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to request the money from the council to pay Wible for the grant writing. All in favor, motion carried.

- h. **Health Insurance.** Nothing new to report.
- i. **Easement NE of SR 36 and SR 63 – Resolution.** Spurr said he has a rough draft for the Commissioners to look at and he will have the final draft ready for their next meeting.

#### VIII. **New Business**

- a. **GIS Mapping Contract.** Assessor Paige Kilgore presented the GIS Mapping contract to the commissioners for approval.  
A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the GIS Mapping Contract. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Internal Control Ordinance.** Tolbert stated we have an ordinance, but this is what the state has recommended.  
A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the Internal Control Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Child Abuse Prevention Month.** The commissioners received a request for pinwheels to be placed on the courthouse lawn in April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the request. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Tire Recycling.** Tolbert stated they set a date for the tire recycling for May 5, 2018 and asked the commissioners if they wanted one or two trucks. They decided on having one truck for the tire recycling.
- e. **Crossley stated they need to advertise for repairs to be done on the Eugene Covered Bridge.**
- f. **Backhoe Lease.** Crossley stated they need to sign a lease this month to lease a backhoe for the Vermillion County Highway Department.
- g. **AED's.** Tolbert said Mark O'Heir installed boxes on each floor for the AED's. She said the alarm on the boxes is to alert them if someone opens the box.

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 March, 2018.

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Tim Wilson

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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