

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on April 3, 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 March 20, 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 April 6, 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 gave a brief update on Vermillion Rise. Grewe stated that efforts are ongoing to publicize the upcoming open house for the spec building to be held on April 24, 2018. Grewe also said that Vermillion Rise will request authorization from the Vermillion County Council to rent a modular office building for administrative offices. Grewe added that representatives of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management have been invited to Vermillion Rise to examine planned improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. Yocum asked if the modular office would be funded by Vermillion Rise or by the Council, and Grewe said it would be funded by Vermillion Rise, but requires the council's approval. Grewe added that talks are continuing with two prospects who are interested in the shell building. Crossley asked if there are any plans for the current administrative building; and Grewe said that, due to the inefficiency of the heating and cooling system which results in high utility costs, there has been little interest in that building. Grewe said a smaller portion of the building, which is on a separate heating and cooling system, may be utilized for storage temporarily. Penney Barton asked about the cost of the modular building, and Grewe said a quote has been received for \$30,000 per year, compared to utility and maintenance costs of \$160,000 to \$200,000 per year on the current building. Barton asked if they considered using the smaller area, that was on the separate system, for offices, and Grewe said that portion of the building is a large open area that is not really suitable for that purpose, but that it was an idea that could be considered. Yocum asked how many people are currently employed at Vermillion Rise, and Grewe said there were 8 or 9 directly employed by Vermillion Rise, and approximately 100 by companies located there. Yocum asked if it would be possible to provide information to the county regarding openings there, so it could be posted on the county website, and Grewe said that could be done.
 - b. **Walking Trail.** Les Zimmerman said there is nothing new to report.
 - c. **County Wide Cleanup Day.** Penny Barton stated that plans for the county wide cleanup event on April 20-22 are progressing and that more trash bags and safety vests are needed. Barton stated that a number of residents and groups have signed up to clean up specific stretches of county roads.
 - d. **Community Crossings Grant – Grant Writer.** Yocum said to table this because Melissa Wible was not in attendance.
 - e. **USS Indiana SSN 789 Commissioning.** Yocum said he would have more information at the next meeting.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **Approval of Polling Locations.** Clerk Amy Griffin gave the Commissioners a list of the polling locations for the upcoming election for their approval. A motion was made by

Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the polling locations. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. **Eugene Covered Bridge Proposals.** Wilson said he received one proposal for repairs to flood damage at the Eugene Covered Bridge, and that he had faxed it to the Auditor’s office. Tolbert stated she had not received the proposal, and the commissioners opted to rebid the work, since the weather would not allow it to be performed for a while. Wilson asked Tolbert to advertise the Eugene Covered Bridge again.

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 17th day of April, 2018.

Tim Wilson, President

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest:_____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor