

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2018

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on May 1, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson and County Attorney Jon Spurr. Tim Yocum and Auditor Amy Tolbert were absent.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes from the April 17, 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 May 4, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Wilson stated that Vermillion Rise Mega Park Executive Director Bob Grewe was unable to attend the meeting but had informed Wilson that they had received several requests for information after the open house held last week.
 - b. **Walking Trail.** No one present to discuss the walking trail.
 - c. **USS Indiana SSN 789 Commissioning.** No one present to discuss this.
 - d. **Eugene Covered Bridge Proposals.** The Commissioners received one proposal for repairing flood damage to the Eugene Covered Bridge from R.E.O. General Contracting in the amount of \$4,200.00. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to accept the bid from R.E.O. General Contracting. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **County Road Old State Road 63 Traffic Ordinance.** Crossley stated that the current speed limit was reduced to 30 mph in 2012, but the commissioners had opted to keep the speed limit at 30 mph from US 36 to County Road 775 South , and raise it to 40 mph from County Road 775 South to State Road 63. Lori Porter asked the commissioners why the speed limit was being changed. Crossley replied that it was changed in 2012 at the request of then Commissioners Mike Craig, but had never been enforced, and that people were driving between 55 and 60 mph. Crossley said the commissioners decided to maintain the 30 mph limit between US 36 and CR 775 South due to the fact there is a bar and several side roads in that area. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Old State Road 63 Traffic Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
 - f. **Discuss Fines for County Ordinance 2012-6 (C.R. 360 East Restricted Traffic Ordinance).** The commissioners discussed appropriate fines for violation of the traffic restriction on County Road 360 East. There is an ordinance already in place that restricts traffic on that road to cars and light trucks only, but Sheriff Mike Phelps had pointed out to the commissioners that since the ordinance does not establish a fine for violation, there is no way for officers to issue citations to violators. Spurr said the maximum fine the commissioners could set is \$500.00, and most traffic fines are less than \$100.00. Spurr said in many cases, fines are set at \$50.00, with an additional \$50.00 per occurrence. Spurr said he would draft an amendment to the ordinance for their next meeting.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Wabash River Corridor Commission – Alternate Appointment.** Les Zimmerman expressed interest in being an alternate for the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. The commissioners asked for Zimmerman to be notified to submit a letter for consideration of the vacant position.
 - b. **Vermillion County Fair Grandstand.** Albert Clark, Vice President of the Town of Cayuga said that \$200,000 more is needed to completely fund the grandstand project. Crossley stated that the fairgrounds property is owned by the Town of Cayuga and is used by the county for the annual county fair. Clark said it is also used for other events such as

demolition derbies. Wilson stated that the Council had suggested several funds from which the funds could be taken. He said the general fund currently has approximately \$7 million, the rainy day fund \$3 million and the county’s certified shares fund \$369,000. Wilson made a motion to request the money from the Council, seconded by Crossley. All in favor, motion carried. Wilson said stated he would like to ask the council to approve some money for the county’s unsafe building fund, to address some of the dilapidated properties in the county.

- c. **County-Wide Cleanup Day.** Zoning Administrator Penney Barton gave an update on the County Wide Cleanup day. Barton said all total approximately 175,000 pounds of stuff was recycled/disposed of correctly. She said in other words, the weight of the Space Shuttle Endeavour when empty weights 160,000 pounds. Barton said they started on Friday April 20th at 9:30 am and ran through Sunday April 22nd well into the night. She said the turnout was over whelming and everyone was very grateful for the county hosting the event. Barton stated that Wallace Brothers Disposal provided 2 dumpsters at each garage for debris. She said they figured on using 9 and ended up using 20 dumpsters. She said Recycle Force provided 4 gaylords and skids at each garage for electronics. She said they figured on filling up 9-12 gaylords and skids and used 46-50. With a gross weight of 26,161 pounds and a net weight of 23,231 pounds at a cost of 20 cents per pound plus a one-time hauling fee of \$85.00. Barton stated that Mervis Recycling recycled 6 dumpsters of compacted appliances/metals. She said they were able to recycle 38,700 pounds. Barton also said Kanizer’s Landfill recycled 6 dumpsters of bagged roadside trash equaling around 20 tons. She said 86.33 miles of County roadways were adopted and more were completed but undocumented. Barton also reminded everyone that the Tire recycling will be held on May 5, 2018.
- d. **Hamilton Center.** Hans Eilbracht of the Hamilton Center informed the commissioners that Hamilton Center is opening a new opioid treatment program in Terre Haute, and that an open house will be held from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Monday at the facility, located on First Street in Terre Haute, behind the Vigo County Courthouse.

VIII. **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 15th day of May, 2018.

Tim Wilson, President

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest:_____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor