

# **Vermillion County Commissioners**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 12, 2018

8:15a.m.

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

**I. Call to Order.** The Commissioner's convened in a regular meeting on June 12, 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 May 29, 2018 regular meeting and the April 11, 2018 Special Joint 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 June 15, 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 said he doesn't have much to report. He said they have received inquiries from the State.

He said he has contacted Community and Rural affairs looking for funding.

He said they have had a meeting that Dylan Rikken set up with the Office of Defense Development that could possibly help fund Economic Development projects.

Grewe also stated that Garmon had a client tour the spec building.

Yocum asked if any progress had been made in supplying water to the Vermillion County Jail. Grewe said the issue is the funding. He said Eric Smith could connect drinking water and not do the by pass and the cost would be considerably lower. Wilson said this should be considered when they decide what they are going to do with the jail.

**b. VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance) Walking Trail.** Les Zimmerman gave the Commissioners an update on the Trail Head at the county farm. He said they have finished the fence and are ready to start further development. He said they have decided to not have the Vermillion County Park Department mow this year, he stated it is too rough and will tear up their equipment. Zimmerman said him and Tom Milligan will use a brush hog and work on leveling it out and should be ready to re-seed around Labor Day.

Zimmerman said they are looking at putting a culvert in at the Hillsdale RR grade and wants to get cost estimates because he thinks they can get funding through the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. He said they have been in contact with the Division of Outdoor Recreation and they put them in contact with the Division of Water.

Yocum asked if they had funds for the trail head and pavilion. Zimmerman said not at this time but he is working on a cost estimate for the pavilion, parking lot, play area, and the quarter of a mile walking trail that will include the 50 trees of Indiana. He said he will ask for money and apply for grants. He said they will first re-seed, then work on the parking lot and then the pavilion. Yocum said he will apply for a grant through Duke.

Milligan said they are taking down the thorn trees and wanted to make the Commissioners aware of it. Wilson said to keep moving forward.

- c. **County Road 360 E Restricted Traffic Ordinance.** Yocum asked Sheriff Mike Phelps to look at the ordinance. Phelps stated that it needs to specify which fund the fines will go into and where the fines are to be paid. Wilson and Crossley both agreed it should go into the Sheriff's equipment fund and be paid at the Sheriff's Department. Yocum said the ordinance is to keep the newly paved road from being torn up. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to have Spurr update the ordinance with the fines going into the Sheriff's equipment fund and to be paid at the Sheriff's office. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Commissioners Appointments to Boards.** Yocum asked about the updates on the appointments that the Commissioners make. Spurr said he is updating them and will send as he gets them finished.

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

- a. **County Road 775 S.** Todd Myers asked the Commissioners for a speed limit change on County Road 775 S in Hillsdale. He stated both roads coming into 775 S are 30 mph and he would like 775 S to be changed to 30 mph also. Phelps stated that unposted rural is 55 mph and residential is 30 mph. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to have Spurr write an ordinance for the next meeting lowering the speed on 775 S to 30 mph. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Backhoe Lease.** Crossley stated that the lease is up with Caterpillar for the backhoe for the 3<sup>rd</sup> district and they need to sign a new lease. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to sign the new lease with Caterpillar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District for a backhoe. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificates to the City of Clinton, Indiana.** Donald Bonomo told the Commissioners this was adopted in December but he made an error in sending notices in the allowed time and is requesting the Commissioners sign the new resolution assigning Tax Sale Certificates to the City of Clinton, Indiana. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificates to the City of Clinton, Indiana. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Bridge 80 Update.** Tim Jennings from Clark Dietz said they will be finished on time, he said right now they are a couple weeks ahead of schedule. He said they should be done by the end of July. Jennings said all the concrete should be done this week.
- e. **Eugene/Newport Covered Bridge.** Wilson said due to the near recent fire at the Eugene Covered Bridge he would like to see camera's put in at the Eugene Covered Bridge and the Newport Covered Bridge. Phelps said there would be a yearly cost and he would look into it. Yocum suggested flame retardant coating to be put on the bridges.
- f. **Recent Storms.** Wilson thanked all volunteers and workers for the storm damage cleanup over the last few days.
- g. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** Wilson asked Phelps if they are ready to move on the jail renovation/expansion. Phelps said they can't do anything until the new judge is in place and he said he thinks that will be in August. Phelps said he doesn't think they will need to expand but definitely renovate.
- h. **LOW LTI Website.** Low is our current financial and tax vendor and we have a contract with them. Auditor Amy Tolbert and Treasurer Florinda Pruitt want to add this new service to our package. This new website would allow access for

taxpayers to pick out their property, view their record cards, pay their taxes etc. It's a tool for the taxpayers. Tolbert said the money is already budgeted to pay it so no additional appropriation needed.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the LTI website from Low. All in favor, motion carried.

- i. **Burial Fee's for Veterans.** Phil Hutson said the cost for material and setting the stones have gone up. Hutson requested to increase the cost to possibly \$200.00. Tolbert said they need to research the statue. Spurr said he would research it.
- j. **Bridge on 1300N.** Wilson said they need to advertise for labor and the highway will supply the materials for the work that needs done on the bridge on 1300 N. Wilson stated he wants it done in 30 days and before school starts. He said he will have Melisa Carty advertise it. Crossley said it probably won't be done before school starts but could be done within the first couple of weeks if they get it advertised soon.

**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 26th day of June, 2018.

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Tim Wilson, President

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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