

# **Vermillion County Commissioners**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 26, 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 26, 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 June 12, 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 June 29, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

### **VI. Open Issues**

**a. Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe of Vermillion Rise reported that Vermillion Rise will receive funding from the Army for well inspections and to address environmental concerns at the park's wastewater treatment plant.

Yocum asked about Vermillion Rise's position regarding opening the trails on the property to the public, and Grewe said the Reuse Authority had voted to lease the former railroad corridor to Vermillion Trails Alliance at no cost, and there is continued discussion with the insurance carrier to make sure there are no liability concerns.

**b. VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Les Zimmerman gave the Commissioners an update on the Vermillion Trails Alliance. He stated that there is a designated crossing of the CSX Railroad tracks on property acquired by the county for walking trails in the Hillsdale area. He said the process to establish a physical crossing there is lengthy, but the VTA would like to attempt to do so, with the commissioners permission, as crossing the railroad is a necessary element of the plans for the trails in that area. Zimmerman told the Commissioners there would be no cost to the county. The Commissioners discussed having Spurr contact CSX and see what has to be done to move forward.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to have County Attorney Jon Spurr contact CSX. All in favor, motion carried.

**c. County Road 360 E Restricted Traffic Ordinance.** This ordinance establishes a fine of \$50.00, plus \$50.00 for each additional violation. It also stated that the fines will be paid at Vermillion County Sheriff's Department and the money will go into the Sheriff's Equipment Fund. The ordinance also allows exemptions for trucks making local deliveries, for school buses, and for unloaded trucks owned by individuals who live on the road.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the County Road 360 E Restricted Traffic Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

It was stated that this ordinance will not be enforceable until it is advertised two times and read in full in a meeting. Yocum read the ordinance in the meeting.

**d. County Road 775 S Ordinance.** This ordinance will reduce the speed limit on County Road 775 South, between Old State Road 63 and County Road 400 East, to 30 mph. Yocum stated he had talked to everyone who lived along the road, and they were all in favor of the change.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the County Road 775 S Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

- e. **Eugene/Newport Covered Bridges – cameras.** Sheriff Mike Phelps said he needs approval from the Commissioners to order the cameras. It was stated the funds would come out of the Covered Bridge Fund and there would be a yearly cellular service fee.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the purchase of cameras for the Eugene and Newport Covered Bridges at a cost of \$1,400.00. All in favor, motion carried.

- f. **Bridge on 1300 N.** Crossley stated the highway department advertised for bids for the Bridge on 1300 N to be turned in by July 2, 2018.
- g. **Updates to Appointments made by Commissioners.** Spurr said he is working on the updates.
- h. **Burial Fee's for Veterans.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to table the Burial Fee's for Veterans until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

## VII. New Business.

- a. **Redevelopment Commission Appointments – Dylan Riggen.** Economic Development Director Dylan Riggen stated that Bill Fulton, who was appointed to the Redevelopment Commission as a nonvoting member to represent the North Vermillion School Board, has not responded to any calls or messages. The Commissioners agreed to inform the school board that if Fulton did not respond, they would need to recommend someone to replace him.
- b. **Redevelopment Commission.** Riggen reported that the Redevelopment Commission has set aside \$12,000.00 for a blight elimination fund, to help deal with blighted properties in the county. He said he planned to present more details on this in the future.
- c. **Indiana Office of Defense Development Agreement.** Riggen also asked the Commissioners to approve an agreement to work with the Indiana Office of Defense Development on potential defense contracts and projects at Vermillion Rise. He stated that representatives of that office had visited Vermillion Rise and saw potential for defense development there, especially since Vermillion Rise is already a secure facility.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the Agreement with the Indiana Office of Defense Development. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. **Eric Smith – HWC Engineering.** Eric Smith of HWC Engineering presented the commissioners with two proposals, one for services as a county engineer on an hourly basis, and another to develop a set of development standards for the county at a cost of \$2,500.00. Smith explained that the development standards would establish a set of criteria as far as infrastructure, drainage, etc., that anyone developing property in the county would be required to follow. Plans for new businesses would be reviewed by HWC to make sure they were in compliance.

Zimmerman stated that there are similar services available through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, which can be accessed through the Soil and Water Conservation District. He encouraged the commissioners to look into that service as well before making a decision.

A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to take the proposals under advisement so they can review them. All in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. 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 10th day of July, 2018.

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Tim Wilson, President

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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