

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2018

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on September 4, 2018. North Vermillion Senior Kaden Kilgore called the meeting to order.
- 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 August 21, 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 September 7, 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 had a marketing event last week with Duke Energy in Indianapolis. He said it went very well, there were three state agencies, site selectors, and industrial realtors that attended the event. Grewe said they heard a briefing on a consultant review of Vermillion Rise Mega Park and will be getting a report from the consultant. Grewe said there was a restrictive covenant when the Army finished its remediation efforts. He said there were a few parcels where there was an agreement between IDEM, EPA and the Army that there would be no disruptive activity on certain parcels mostly near the chemical plant area. No residential and there were farming restrictions but those farming restrictions have been removed Grewe said. Yocum asked if there were any new developments on the spec building. Grewe said they had a site visit last Friday out of the blue, he said there has been no direct feedback but all comments were good about the design and layout of the building. Yocum asked about getting potable water to the jail. Grewe said they are going to add that to their list of Capital Projects. He also said he was going to meet with a grant writer to get some ideas. Yocum asked what the cost would be to get potable water to the jail. Grewe said he would see if he could find the estimates.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** No new updates at this time.
 - c. **Updates to Appointments made by Commissioners.** Spurr told the Commissioners he is just needing feedback from them and then he can finish the updates.
 - d. **Redevelopment Commission Non-Voting Appointment.** Wilson said North Vermillion school board member Jon Bean is interested in the position. Wilson also said he had another school board member interested in the position. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to appoint Jon Bean to the Redevelopment Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. **New Business**

- a. **2019 Holiday Calendar.** Wilson discussed the 2019 Holiday Calendar and said to keep it the same as 2018 except for election days. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the 2019 Holiday Calendar. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Agreement with Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System.** Treasurer Florinda Pruitt presented the agreement with Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System. She explained that this is to intercept state tax refunds for delinquent property taxes. She said first she would start with old judgements, personal property and mobile homes. Pruitt said this is no cost to the county. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the agreement with Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Newport Vermillion County Library.** Misty Bishop from the Newport Vermillion County Library said that they had been given a computer with micro film reader from the county and that it is no longer in working condition and wanted to know if the county wanted it back before they get rid of it. The Commissioners said they did not want it back and for the library to do what they want with it.
- d. **Joink – Completed work on 17399 S CR 250 E, E CR 1780 S, S CR 250 E, Summit Dr.** Crossley stated that there are some issues on a couple of the roads and requested that someone from Joink contact him.
- e. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** Phelps said there is a meeting this morning at 10:00 a.m. with the jail committee.
- f. **Public Access through Vermillion Rise from State Road 71 to State Road 63.** Grewe stated that the insurance would be much higher if they grant public access. He also said they receive a lot of revenue from hunting on the property and he didn't think the tenants that rent the land for hunting would appreciate it being open to the public. He also said the tenants that rent the buildings may not like it being public access. Phelps stated that the roads are not in that good of condition and the deer is an issue. Phelps said that you will not be saving time to go through the Rise. David Wickens said he will have to drive an extra 1200 miles for the next three months. Wilson asked about a bridge in Vermillion Rise and Grewe said there would have to be a lot of work done before it could be open for public access. Joey Tolbert said there are too many open building and they need to look at the liability issues. Grewe said he didn't think it would be opened for public access at this time.
- g. **Bridge Replacement on 300 W.** Wilson said they need to advertise for bridge replacement in Rileysburg on 300 W. He said it will take two weeks to take out the old culvert and replace it. Auditor Amy Tolbert told the Commissioners that Milisa Carty does the advertising for them.

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 18th day of September, 2018.

Harry Crossley

Tim Yocum

Attest: _____
Amy Tolbert, Auditor