

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioner's convened in a regular meeting on August 20, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and County Attorney Jon Spurr. Tim Yocum was absent.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting.
- V. **Approval of Claims.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the claims for August 23, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the payroll for August 23, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report.** No comment.
- VIII. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe was not present to give an update. Grewe was out of town business recruiting for Vermillion Rise. Tom Milligan told the Commissioners that Vermillion Rise had successfully made some modifications to its conveyance agreement and some of its debt, which he said should improve the Rise's cash flow and financial situation.
 - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Milligan stated that VTA will hold a work day at the Trail Head Park on August 24th. Milligan said they are also working on plans for the upcoming Ernie's Ride at the Rise bicycle ride in September. Wilson asked if Trail Head Park was the official name for the park and Milligan said it was a temporary name, and an official name still needed to be decided.
 - c. **Jail Renovation/Expansion.** No comment.
 - d. **Handbook.** Spurr said the handbook committee had reviewed information on possible changes to the handbook, and committee members planned to talk to employees about those changes, and then meet again.
 - e. **County Website.** Sheriff Mike Phelps reported that the website committee had recommended Intelli-Leap to develop the county's new website. He said that the company's proposal was slightly cheaper, that they provided better customer service, and were located in Indiana. The three proposals that had been received for the website were from Intelli-Leap for \$17,000, plus \$2,500 per year to maintain the site, Revize for \$15,700 plus \$2,800 per year; and Granicus for \$35,000 plus \$6,000 per year. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to award the contract to Intelli-Leap for the new county website. All in favor, motion carried. Phelps said he will contact them with the results.
 - f. **Courthouse Phone System.**
 - g. **FEMA/MVH Grant.** Crossley reported that all of the work is complete on several road projects which are eligible for FEMA reimbursement due to flooding. The county will be reimbursed once required documentation is submitted to FEMA. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to release payment to the contractors on the projects. All in favor, motion carried.
 - h. **Fire Alarm System.** No comments.

- i. **Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance.** Spurr said he is working on the ordinance.
- j. **Contract with Historical Society.** The contract goes along with the Convention & Tourism Commission Ordinance which is not complete at this time.
- k. **Highway Engineer.** Wilson stated that he and Spurr plan to conduct further research into the possibility of a county engineer prior to a committee being appointed.
- l. **Fall County Wide Clean Up.** Zoning Administrator Penney Barton reported that the fall clean up days will be held October 25 and 26. She said no contactors will be allowed to deliver loads for disposal, and the event will be held only at the District 1 and 3 garages, since those were the two that were the most utilized.

IX. New Business

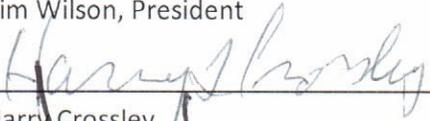
- a. **BIS Remote Support Agreement.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the BIS Remote Support Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission.** Jon Moore from the Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission explained to the Commissioners that they would soon be taking possession of 5 properties (3 commercial, 2 residential). The three commercial properties are located in the town of Cayuga and the residential properties are located in the town of Dana. He said due to the deteriorating condition of the structures and safety concerns in regard to pedestrian traffic, two of the commercial buildings have been wrecked but the debris is piled on the two lots. Moore said the Commission is asking for enough funding to remove the existing debris and also cover the anticipated costs of demolition of the two residential properties located in the town of Dana. He said the Commissioner's long-range goals are to make these properties ready and available for development and production of property tax revenue for the county. The Commission is asking for \$37,500.00 from the unsafe building fund to clean up the five properties. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the request for \$37,500.00 from the unsafe building fund for use by the Redevelopment Commission to clean up five properties. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Petition to Vacate an Alley or Street – Pamela Pike.** The commissioners received a petition to vacate an alley located on the property of Pamela Pike, which is on County Road 400 East in Hillsdale. Pike stated that she owns the property on both sides of the alley in question, so no other owners will be affected. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crossley to approve the petition to vacate an alley from Pamela Pike. All in favor, motion carried. Tolbert told Pike she would need to have an ordinance drawn up with a deed including the new legal description and bring it to the Auditor's to be processed.
- d. **Ambulance Service.** Eric Shaughnessy of Illiana EMS gave the commissioners a report of the response times of the ambulance service. He stated that the service's current average response time is 7:29, and that there is still the possibility of adding an additional ambulance at Vermillion Rise, to respond to the Dana, Hillsdale and Newport areas. He said this would improve response time to those areas, and also eliminate the need for the Cayuga ambulance to travel south, which would make it more readily available to respond in the northern part of the county. The Commissioners said they would continue to look into the possibility.

- X. **Adjourn.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

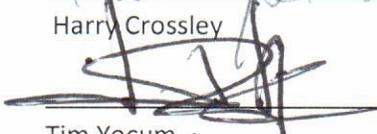
Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 3rd day of September, 2019.



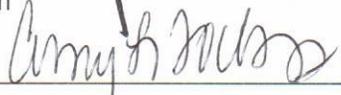
Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor