

## Vermillion County Commissioners

### Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2020

8:15a.m.

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

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on July 7, 2020 in the Commissioners courtroom 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 23, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims for July 10, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the payroll for July 10, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report / Investment Report.** Treasurer Florinda Pruitt gave a report to the Commissioners on interest from invested funds with Trust Indiana. Pruitt said the best thing about Trust Indiana is we can put the money in one day and get it right back out the next if we need to.
- VIII. **Ordinance for closing July 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Wilson stated that the Commissioners need an ordinance for the closing of the courthouse on July 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the servers having to be shut down to install a bigger air conditioning until to keep the IT room cool. Wilson asked Spurr to draft an ordinance for their next meeting.
- IX. **Open Issues**
  - a. **Covid-19 Update.** Peggy Parsons Palmer from the Health Department gave an update on Covid-19. She stated the governor did not move to stage 5 as planned. We are on stage 4.5 with most of the same restrictions as stage 4. She said Vermillion County now has 14 positive cases, with all recovering but one that is still recuperating in quarantine.
  - b. **IT Update.** Nothing new to report at this time.
  - c. **Courthouse Phone Update / RFP.** Nothing new to report at this time.
  - d. **Community Crossings Grant.** The Commissioners stated they should have the money for the grant in August.
  - e. **Energy Conservation – Johnson Melloh Solutions.** No discussion.
  - f. **Ordinance 2020-2 / Ordinance Requiring Street Signs and House Numbers.** The Commissioners briefly discussed the Ordinance requiring street signs and house numbers. Spurr said he made a few corrections to the ordinance and it's ready to be signed unless they have anything else to add or change. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the Ordinance requiring street signs and house numbers. All in favor, motion carried.
  - g. **Longevity Pay Recommendation.** No discussion.
  - h. **Dust Oil.** No discussion.
  - i. **Position of ERC.** The Commissioners discussed a letter they received from Highway Secretary Milisa Carty stating she will no longer be doing the work of the ERC. She stated in the letter that in other counties the Highway Engineer takes care of it. Tolbert said she sent out an email to other counties asking who does this job in their counties. She said Vigo County has an engineer that takes care of it, and one county said their Surveyor does it, but she said other than



that she hasn't heard from any other counties at this time. Crossley stated that when Phyllis Orman was the Auditor, she took care of it but it wasn't her job. The Commissioners decided to ask Carty to attend the next meeting to answer some questions they have about this issue.

- j. **Treasurer's Office Credit Card Agreement – Forte.** Pruitt stated she has not heard back from Forte on the agreement as of today.
- k. **C.R. 800 North – Request for Speed Limit and No Thru Truck Signs.** The Commissioners discussed having an ordinance made for C.R. 800 North at their last meeting. Spurr said he made a draft for the Commissioners to look at and make changes if they wanted to. The Commissioners said to make it the same as the ordinance on old 63. Spurr said he would work on it. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to table this until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

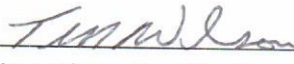
X. **New Business**


- a. **Performance Services – Jerry Hawkins – Energy Study.** Jerry Hawkins with Performance Services said Performance Services would like to offer the county a no-cost energy study of all county facilities. Hawkins said this would be a study similar to the recently authorized study with Johnson-Mellow, a competing company in the energy-related field. He said a study by Performance Services would give the county another view of potential energy-savings measures that could be undertaken if such measures prove to be cost-effective. He said energy studies are conducted with little intrusion on daily government operations. Hawkins said studies such as this are undertaken to explore utility costs, equipment life and efficiency, control systems, solar applications, and changes that might be made to reduce county energy costs over a period of years. Hawkins said Performance Services has undertaken hundreds of such energy studies in all municipal facilities including government office buildings, secure facilities, schools, and others. He said the company's core business is energy efficiency along with major renovations and new construction. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve Performance Services energy study at no cost to the county. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Jail Renovation.** The Commissioners said the jail committee had a meeting and decided to recommend to the Commissioners to renovate the existing jail, that at this time they did not need to expand. It was stated that the estimated cost would be \$10,000,000.00. Wilson said to put the jail renovation back on the agenda.
- c. **Building Permit Issue – Ed Kanizer.** Kanizer said he was finally issued a building permit, 60 days late. He said he finally got through to the right person at the State after three weeks. Kanizer asked who had the legal authority to deny the permit. Barton said she felt like the building was a class 1 construction. Kanizer said the lumber has went up over \$1000 dollars and he is asking for reimbursement for all his losses. Wilson said to submit a claim and they will look at it. The Commissioners suggested Kanizer take this to the Zoning Board, they said the next Zoning Board meeting is Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- d. **AEP Indiana Michigan Transmission Co. Inc. – Permit to Work in the Right-of-Way.** David Minger, Permitting Agent for AEP Indiana Michigan Transmission Co. Inc., informed the Commissioners that AEP Indiana Michigan Transmission Co. is wanting to obtain a permit to install Homeland Security related underground fiber conduit along Vermillion county rights-of-way. Minger discussed the project with the Commissioners. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded

by Wilson to approve the applications for road cut permits. All in favor, motion carried.

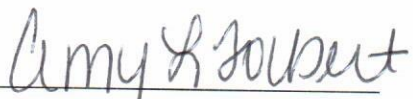
- XI. **Adjourn.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 21st day of July, 2020.

  
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Tim Wilson, President

  
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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor