

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Memo

January 5, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Ronald L. Dunavan Jr., Britton Luther, Tim Yocum, Auditor Brenda Furry, First Deputy Auditor Ann Wickens, and County Attorney Jon Spurr
 - b. Absent: None
- IV. Election of President and Vice President
 - a. Dunavan motioned to appoint Yocum as President
 - b. Luther seconded that motion
 - c. Vote: Yes (2), No (0); Passed
 - d. Luther motioned to appoint Dunavan as Vice President
 - e. Yocum seconded that motion
 - f. Vote: Yes (2), No (0); Passed
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. There were no motions on the floor, Luther and Dunavan voted to abstain
 - b. Minutes ended up getting signed and passed after further discussion
- VI. Approval of Claims
- VII. Approval of Payroll
- VIII. Treasurer's Report/ Investment Report
 - a. Florinda Pruitt, Vermillion County Treasurer.
 - b. Pruitt stated that compared to last year we had half the funds.
 - c. Somewhere around \$300,000 down to \$100,000.
- IX. Open Issues
 - a. Health Department – COVID-19 Update
 - i. Kim Hawkins spoke on behalf of Wendy Farley.
 - ii. Stated there have been 1,303 cases; 32 deaths; 5,933 tested with and overall 20.8% positivity rate.
 - iii. With this percentage that puts us in the RED category.
 - iv. Until we get under 15% we will remain in the RED
 - v. We will get 100 doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine on 1/7/2021 and another 100 on 1/11/2021 to be distributed following 1/12/2021
 - vi. Frontline workers will have first seat in obtaining the vaccine, although some have already gotten the vaccine through their place of business.
 - vii. Keeping it around 25 people to a meeting is preferred while being in the RED category
 - viii. Some Vermillion County resident have decided to go over to Parke County for testing due to them having one of the rapid tests
 - ix. We are going up in number but the Health Department is "On top of it"
 - x. Wendy has also met with Ashley James on the topic of funding for the COVID-19 Vaccine
 - b. Vermillion Rise

- i. There have been a couple of inquiries but are hopeful to see activity for 2021
- c. VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance)
 - i. None at this time
- d. IT Update
 - i. All emails for the council/ commissioners have been created
 - ii. There was a router failure yesterday which left us with about 5 hours of downtime
 - iii. Yocum is to receive an email from Scott Jones about getting a second line connection at the courthouse
 - iv. Previous office holders' emails have been disabled and in cases the newly elected official has access to that previous office holders' email
 - v. The backups have been moved and replaced if needed
 - vi. Will be seeing security reports from IT
 - vii. This new connection line they would like to get is just a base connectivity and will serve as a "fail safe" in case something happens to the one we have now.
- e. Jail Renovation
 - i. Currently only have one proposed contract for the waterline etc. Will need to discuss the contract and steps moving forward
 - ii. Would like to hold a special session to discuss the jail renovation in detail
 - iii. Several million dollars will be allocated to start which is roughly 3-5 million. This will help save on interest in the long run.
- f. Handbook
 - i. Will have a recommendation by next meeting
- g. 2021 Appointments
 - i. Received applications
 - ii. Term limits are a to be resolved topic
 - iii. Looking for people who care and want to serve Vermillion County
 - iv. There are some residency requirements
 - 1. Luther motioned to approve the 2021 Appointees
 - 2. Dunavan seconded that motion
 - 3. Vote: Yes (3), No (0); Approved
- h. E911 Address Update
 - i. Penny Carpenter was not able to make it
 - ii. Agreed to table this discussion for the next meeting

X. New Business

- a. 2021 Meeting Schedule
 - i. Changed so there are night and morning meetings to make it easier on people who work. This will be put on the website and made available to the public
 - ii. Dunavan motioned to approve the schedule
 - iii. Luther seconded that motion
 - iv. Vote: Yes (3), No (0); Approved
- b. Odyssey Conversion Resolution
 - i. Tabled to the next meeting
- c. County Property Lease Agreement
 - i. Currently leased to someone and hasn't been advertised

- ii. There was a Stewardship Clause, which means that someone can sneak in and over bid by a small amount
- iii. Would like to remove the clause
- iv. After further discussion it has been put forth that it was removed because the percentage to overbid is now only 1%
- v. Still pending on a 5-year lease rather than 1 year
 - 1. Dunavan motioned to table for next meeting
 - 2. Luther seconded that motion
 - 3. Vote: Yes (3), No (0); Passed

d. Bridge over Spring Creek – 1450 N

- i. The account currently is depleted
- ii. Dunavan would like to ask for additional \$128,000 roughly
- iii. Will be put in the February meeting

e. 2021 Community Crossings – LTAP Files Invoice

- i. Melissa Wible
- ii. Deadline to turn in is the 29th of January
- iii. Will need to be signed by all of the commissioners
- iv. Typically, it is the 1 million matched at 25% which would be 333,000
- v. Yocum would like to try for the max, need to see the council's appropriations

f. Road Cut Permit – Hill Fam Farms LLC

- i. Job is complete and went well
- ii. Question arose about who is in charge of the drain under the road. It is to their knowledge that the road is county property and the drain is not
- iii. Luther would like to put forth a new permit process and will draw it up with Mr. Spurr

g. Flat Rate – Legal Services – Spurr Law Offices P.C.

- i. Luther motioned to approve
- ii. Dunavan seconded that motion
- iii. Vote: Yes (3), No (0); Passed

XI. Adjourn

- a. Luther motioned to adjourn
- b. Dunavan seconded that motion
- c. Vote: Yes (3), No (0); Adjourned

AYE

Ronald Henderson Jr

NAY

Barton & Luther

Attest:

Brenda Spurr

1/19/2021

2021 Commissioner's Board Appointments

January 5th 2021

- **Vermillion Rise**
 - Tom Milligan
 - Mick Mack
 - Joe Ellis
 - Eddie Thompson
 - Joel Wesch
- **Economic Development Council**
 - Leonard Akers
 - Tim Yocum
- **Economic Development Commission**
 - Ron Dunavan
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**
 - Judith Paloney
- **Property Tax Adjustment Board**
 - Brad Ringwald
 - Arlis Taylor
- **E911 Board**
 - District 1: Bob Spence
 - District 2: Amanda Murphy
 - District 3: Brent Lewis*
- **Alcohol Beverage Board**
 - Margaret Sockwell
- **Area Plan Commission**
 - To be taken care of by the County Extension Board