

Vermillion County Commissioners

Special Meeting *Memo*

January 8th 2021 4:30 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. Open Issues
 - a. County Property Insurance
 - i. George Smith – MJS Insurance
 - ii. Previous insurance through Trident at \$122,000 premium was increased to \$153,165
 - iii. Beacon came with a \$192,464
 - iv. Astra came in at \$127,387 but that is still \$5,000 more than last year
 - v. The jail will bring a new evaluation for the insurance following completion
 - vi. Will get the commissioner's a copy of the risk assessment
 - vii. Will get and estimate of the increase in price from the jail renovation.
 - viii. Cyber Security Insurance was asked by Luther, it is recommended with an upper limit of 1 million and an umbrella of 5 million
 - ix. That is a standard policy for cyber insurance
 - x. Vehicles drive the cost
 - 1. Dunavan motioned to approve Astra as the County Property Insurance
 - 2. Luther seconded that motion
 - 3. Vote: Yes (3), No (0), Approved
 - b. Coroner Ordinance
 - i. Jon Spurr, County Attorney explained that the coroner has to take a class for certification
 - ii. Looking at February 28th being the completed date for the newly elected Coroner's training
 - iii. The Coroner is to be paid up to 6 months and the Deputy Coroner up to a year
 - 1. Luther motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-001 (See attached)
 - 2. Dunavan seconded the motion
 - 3. Vote: Yes (3), No (0), Passed
 - c. Jail Renovations
 - i. Sanjay Patel – RQAW
 - ii. There are waterline issues – Eric Smith HWC Engineering
 - iii. If they begin now they will possibly be done by the spring
 - iv. Yocum actually works with Hillsdale – service water to county garage
 - v. Creating a connection which means tying into Hillsdale
 - vi. Wondering how we provide a utility to other companies
 - vii. Michael Phelps stated that the jail without water in some cases all day is a big issue

- viii. 2nd connection for the jail, potable line into the jail
- ix. Would be an overall benefit to Vermillion County especially if they need water in an emergency
- x. Total cost for the project is estimated at: \$212,000, about half is for the jail with a 10% contingency
- xi. This has been divided up into the Jail, Humane Society, and Hillsdale
- xii. Will need written agreements from the Vermillion Rise and Hillsdale, but both have verbally agreed
- xiii. Luther would like one of the Commissioners to sit down and talk to HWC and resolve/ edit what is needed
- xiv. Would prefer that the bid be packaged all together in one. Depends on who gets the contracts
- xv. Would recommend to run the projects simultaneously
- xvi. Luther wondered if there will be a Construction Manager brought on?
- xvii. One should've been brought on already but since we don't it needs to happen ASAP
 - 1. Yocum motioned to appoint Britton Luther the designated contact between the Commissioner's and the Engineering team
 - 2. Dunavan seconded that motion
 - 3. ~~Vote: Yes (3), No (0), Approved~~
- xviii. Will need approximately 7 days for the agreement of the next phase
- xix. The payback time on geothermal; there is a system already there but it is old, outdated, and on its last leg
- xx. There is a gas option, looking at that to be the primary option moving forward
- xxi. The proposal is \$14,000 for initial evaluation but following would be roughly an additional \$20,000; \$35,000 total
- xxii. Roughly a 5-10-year return
- xxiii. Geothermal requires annual maintenance
- xxiv. Michael Phelps stated that the jail has never had annual maintenance and it is worse than ever, will need someone who will do the upkeep
- xxv. Electric bill is roughly \$5,000-\$6,000 a month
- xxvi. Gas: Luther and Dunavan on board for Gas; Yocum on board for Geothermal
- xxvii. Luther in favor of a traditional professional firm, get 3 firm interview and pick one. Not in favor of a general contractor
- xxviii. CMC: Completes 20% of the project – will not exceed a ceiling cost – not as comfortable with this option
- xxix. CMA: Bids in – Coordinate Contractors – more comfortable
- xxx. Owners Rep, – after hiring CMA
 - 1. Luther motioned to start the process to hire CMA
 - 2. Dunavan seconded that motion
 - 3. ~~Vote: Yes (3), No (0), Passed~~
- xxxi. Look for firms for CMA to discuss at the next meeting
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xxxiv. Geothermal taken out

xxxv. Jail population is currently 48

V. Adjourn

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

Aye

Donald Lee Dunavan Jr

Nay

Quinton A Luther

Attest:

Brenda Furry
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Date:

1/19/2021