

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Memoranda

May 11, 2021

8:15 a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**
- III. **Roll Call**
 - a. Present: Britton Luther, RJ Dunavan & Tim Yocum
 - b. Tim Yocum introduced Seniors Isaac Craft from North Vermillion and Alex Myers from South Vermillion, they are both in the Commissioner's Mentoring Program.
 - c. Absent: None
- IV. **Approval of Memoranda**
 - a. A Motion was made by Britton Luther to approve the April 27, 2021 memoranda and seconded by RJ Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims**
 - a. A motion was made by RJ Dunavan to approve the claims for May 14, 2021 and seconded by Britton Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll**
 - a. A motion was made by RJ Dunavan to approve the payroll for May 14, 2021 and seconded by Britton Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report/ Investment Report**
 - a. Tim Yocum acknowledged the Treasurer Report. Britton Luther has questions for the Treasurer, they were not present, he will address them later.
- VIII. **Open Issues**
 - a. Wendy Farley gave update on the Covid Clinics. She stated 20% of the county is vaccinated, however, we are still in the Yellow Stage. She also stated more funding will be coming until the end of the year.
 - b. Vermillion Rise – Bob stated they would be having their next meeting May 20, 2021. He also discussed a program that he and Lynne are working on Regional Economic Exceleration of Development Initiative that will possibly aid in funding for the county. Dee Dee from OCRA has been to visit and see the site and help in getting new prospects. Eric Hammond with Garmong brought developer to see the sight. James Winters with US Dept of Commerce of Economical Development met with Bob to talk about a Public Works Grant that would help with funding upgrading roads at the Rise. Lou Britton is putting final thoughts on agreement for jail water agreement. The status on Dry storage was asked and Bob stated they are evaluating the situation. Tim Yocum asked when the contract expires and Bob said in July. They are looking to see if other brokers might be interested in helping. Penney Carpenter asked in the sign that blew down was replaced and Bob answered Yes, just not as large and noticeable from the highway.
 - c. VTA (Vermillion Trail Alliance) – Tom spoke on furthering trails and is working on applications for Hillsdale-Montezuma Project. The Sign for the trail is ready to be put up for public awareness. Jeremy Crane is working on the cedar signs going throughout trails. White Construction has offered to help with building the eco site that the North Vermillion

FFA students created. They are planning to "Set Date for Grand Opening" at the next trail meeting, which is next week.

- d. Jail Renovation – Britton stated date for bids has been extended about a week to May 18, 2021 at 2pm, then commissioners will meet May 25, 2021 and have their recommendations from Garmong. Britton Luther states all other matters with jail are on schedule.
- e. Small Business COVID Grant Applicants – 38 business applied and the next step is to have the commissioners sign the contracts.

IX. New Business

- a. Ordinance Road Cut was discussed. Britton Luther stated several serious issues of no notification of roads being closed, not repaired properly. Britton Luther stated Public Safety Issue. Interim ordinance tonight unless stated emergency. Tim Yocum wanted definition of fines being maximum amount by law and Jon Spurr stated 1st Offense \$2500 and 2nd Offense \$7500. Britton Luther stated he wanted 1st reading (Final Reading) and publication as this is interim until they get ordinance that better refines and readdress in 2-3 weeks to a month. Tim Yocum asked if they should have 1st reading and Britton Luther would prefer that they declare an emergency action on the ordinance and read for to be enacted now for publication since there are fines associated with it. Then procedure on approving road cuts is for further discussion. Ron Mack discussed issue in Perrysville and its importance to have checks and balance in place. Britton Luther read the ordinance and mentioned actual ordinance will be lengthy. A motion was made by Britton Luther to accept this ordinance and seconded by RJ Dunavan. All in favor, motion passed.

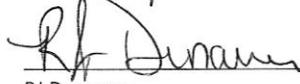
- X. **Public Comment-** Tim Yocum asked Melissa Wible to come up. He presented her with a plaque for all her work on the grant where we received \$972,872.79 out of \$1 million maximum which the county matched \$324,290.

XI. Adjourn

- a. A motion was made by RJ Dunavan and seconded by Britton Luther. All in favor, motion carried.

Aye 

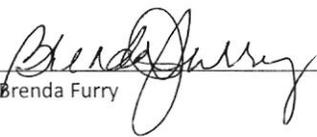
Tim Yocum



RJ Dunavan



Britton Luther

Attest 

Brenda Furry

Nay

Date: 5/25/21