

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Memoranda

May 25, 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: President, Tim Yocum, RJ Dunavan, and Britton Luther
 - b. Absent: None
- IV. Approval of Memoranda**
 - a. A motion was made by Luther to approve the Memoranda and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor motion carried.
- V. Approval of Claims**
 - a. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the claims and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Payroll**
 - a. A motion was by Dunavan to approve payroll and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer's Report/ Investment Report**
 - a. Yocum acknowledge the Treasurer's report.
- VIII. Open Issues**
 - a. Health Department gave on Covid-19 numbers for May 1, 2021-May 22,2021 at having 34 positive cases and Fully vaccinated Vermillion County residents at 4,766. Health Department also provided a map of vaccinated in Indiana.
 - b. Vermillion Rise- Bob Grewe gave a copy of the water service agreement and water rate ordinance to the Commissioners and to Jon Spurr to have them take a look at the agreement for the Rise to supply potable water to the new Jail. Commissioners and Spurr to get with Vermillion Rise with any questions or concerns about the agreement or ordinance. Grewe also stated that the water rates have not changed but foresees that those will change in the future.
 - c. VTA (Vermillion County Trails Alliance)-Les Zimmerman-The VTA is requesting the County Commissioners to become the applicant for the Next Level Trails (NLT) Round 3 Grant. Project consists of beginning at the termination of the current grant funded project. Constructing a bridge to the south across Little Raccoon Creek, continuing south with a bike /pedestrian trail for 3000' along CSX ROW to parking lot/trailhead next to the public RR crossing. Adjacent land owners have consented verbally to sell relevant parcels and we have prepared options to purchase. The VTA is requesting the VC Commissioners to make the commitment to take possession of the parcels should the grant application be successful. Commissioners and Atty Spurr to take a look at the proposal and get back with the VTA.
 - d. Jail Renovation- Commissioners have decided to postpone any decisions on the jail project bids until next meeting. There was a discussion on the Jail renovation by Kim Hawkins who asked several questions about the renovation. It was stated that we were already past

the phase of deciding if we need a new jail or not., and that the Commissioners are moving forward with the process as outlined. Rhonda Hawkins also spoke at the meeting.

- e. Road Cut Ordinance- Tabled to next meeting. Needing Clarification.

IX. New Business

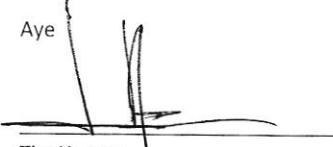
- a. Assessor, Paige Kilgore-Contract for Professional Property Tax Services-The Assessor requested for a Contract for Professional Property Tax Services-This is for a contractor to provide support for appeals from Indiana property taxes filed. Contract is Nexus Group Inc. Luther requested information from the Assessor about using a firm in the County that does the same kind of work and the Assessor stated that there was not one available in the County. Also, what the schedule of fees and expenses would be. Assessor did not have a firm figure for the question. Assessor stated that there probably wouldn't be much travel expense involved due to the fact they can remote in and do most of the work via zoom call. Assessor also stated that they have used this firm in the past. A motion was made by Dunavan to approve the Contract and was seconded by Yocum. Luther was opposed due to not enough information. Motion passed.
- b. Ambulance Service- This was tabled to next meeting.
- c. Clark Dietz Professional Services Agreement VC Bridge 90. A motion was made by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Emergency Declaration for Repairs of Bridge #15 Rangeline Road & Gin Creek (South of Universal) Britton stated that we have bridge that has been damaged by vehicle accident and that we needed to get this repair underway. The Commissioners have 2 bids, one is from White Construction and one from John Tristler. It was stated that the supplies for this project were 6-7 weeks out. A motion was made to Order the supplies for the bridge by Luther and seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. ARP Ordinance- American Rescue Plan Coronavirus local fiscal recovery grant fund. A motion was made to approve County Ordinance 2021-6 Establishing a Fund for Grant Ordinance by Luther and seconded by Dunavan Jr. All in favor motion carried.

X. Public Comment

- a. Ron Mack spoke regarding the issue with the road cut/culvert/bridge near the Gessie airport. He was concerned that the county was not following their own guidelines set forth in the new road cut ordinance implemented last month. The commissioners acknowledged his issues and requested that he understand that the process has been done a certain way in the past and will take some time to implement the new requirements.
- b. Assessor, Paige Kilgore spoke about property assessments and how they are calculated. Paige stated that if people have any questions about their assessment to contact her office and they would explain. Kilgore also stated that appeals have to be submitted on or before June 15, 2021

XI. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Dunavan Jr. and seconded by Luther. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Aye


Tim Yocum



RJ Dunavan



Britton Luther

Attest 

Brenda Furry

Nay

Date: 6/9/2021