

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Memoranda

June 8, 2021

8:15 a.m.

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

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**
- III. **Roll Call**
  - a. Present: President, Tim Yocum, VP, RJ Dunavan and Britton Luther
- IV. **Approval of Memoranda**
  - a. A motion to approve memoranda for the meeting on May 25, 2021 was made by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims**
  - a. A motion to approve the Claims for June 11, 2021 was made by Luther and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll**
  - a. A motion to approve the Payroll for June 11, 2021 was made by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report/ Investment Report**
  - a. Florinda Pruitt gave a brief summary for the Treasurer Report and Investment Report.
- VIII. **Open Issues**
  - a. Health Dept Update-Wendy Farley gave an update on the Covid-19 numbers. She stated that the county is in the Yellow status for positive cases (low to moderate spread). Social gathering is 100 people for yellow status. Farley stated that the Health Department is having a mass vaccination clinic on June 10, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine and on June 19, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. having all three vaccines available. The Health Dept was offered a grant and is committed to doing vaccines through the end of the year.
  - b. Vermillion Rise-Bob Grewe-The next meeting for the Vermillion Rise is June 17, 2021. Parties are still working on the water agreement. Grewe also stated that the Shell building at the Rise will be up for renewal on a Brooker Agreement. He is stating that the Rise would like the County to renew the contract with broker. Grewe stated that they would be meet with the Commissioners in July with a new agreement. He handed out a revised agreement to the Commissioners to go over it. Yocum questioned whether the broker was satisfying the needs to sale the building. Grewe stated that yes that this is a process that takes time. He also stated that having a broker is essential to finding a buyer. Lynne Brewer announced that they are working on a Job Fair hopefully in July.
  - c. VTA- Les Zimmerman spoke about the proposal that he briefed the Commissioners on at the last meeting. He was wanting to get agreement signed stating that the County will be the applicant for the Grant and to take ownership on the parcels that he presented. Commissioners are in agreement, but need to look at the property descriptions. A motion to approve pending Commissioners review on the properties was made by Luther. And seconded by Dunavan. Yocum wanted to know who is overseeing the Grant monies for the VTA. Lynne Brewer, signs off on the invoices and the DNR is the overseer of the

financial spending of the Grant. Signs have been put up on the trails. The VTA to have a grand opening soon.

- d. Jail Renovation-Luther awarded the bids pending financing. (see attached) A motion was made to approve the bids subject to financing, and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.

Rochelle Gardner, from Garmong gave a brief update on how the opening of the bids for electrical will work. Electrical bids will be received on Friday, June 11, 2021 and will be opened informally and Garmong will get the approved bid to commissioners for the June 22, 2021 meeting. Luther stated that we have a (soft cost) Construction Materials Testing Inspection for the Jail from Patriot Engineering and Environmental Inc, that needs to be approved by the Commissioners. This should not exceed \$22,138. Luther made a motion to approve the proposal acceptance agreement pending financing and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried. Luther gave an updated total project cost for the Jail in the amount of \$26,840,000. Which comes to \$560.77 per square foot, give or take a little. The NeCRDA- Jail Water agreement needs to have a change on the time frame for discontinuing service and the Agreement will be signed. Gardner stated that we are waiting for financing to move forward.

- e. Ambulance Service-Luther stated that Baker Tilly does have the capability to audit the Ambulance Service. Commissioners waiting for an agreement from Baker Tilly for Auditing Services. Contract with Ambulance is up in September 2021. Commissioners request to table for next meeting.
- f. Road Cut Permit-Commissioners are still working on the Road Cut Permit Application and approving guidelines. Luther has provided information to the other Commissioners to look at but this will be an ongoing process that will take a while to get all the pieces together to have guidelines for the ordinance. We currently have an ordinance so we can go by it until we can come up with a true guideline for the permit.

#### **IX. New Business**

- a. Ed Kanizer-Road Cut Permit-Culvert Installation on Co. Road 170 W., .04 of a mile north of intersection 163 or 800 S of 1700 W & 1450 S. Located in section 11, TWP 14 Range 10. Culvert to be about 300 NE of SW Corner of property. The Property survey shows 5.5 ac, we added 2.5 ac additional for safety factor, which totals 8 ac. We had 2 licensed PE's to calculate the pipe size for the largest rainfall in the past 25 years. They both stated a 21" pipe to be sufficient. The Asphalt surface 16' 4" wide, with the north grass shoulder on a slope of 10' wide. The south is approximately 14' wide. Sawcut road, then remove the haul off site, all material from excavation, place culvert/backfill with B Burrow and compact to 95% standard. We will also install 6" 53 stone. To meet INDOT specs, replace asphalt the same thickness. Contractor to provide 1 yr. warranty on all labor and materials. No 911 address-vacant property. Luther stated that we should have a process on how we are going to do the road cut permits. If we are going to approve in meetings or another way. It was stated that when a road cut permit is submitted that the Commissioner from that district, Area Plan, Drain Board, Surveyor should all be given copy of road cut permit. Then if there is no issues and the permit application is completed and correct the District Commissioner can approve or deny. If the person wants to contest the denial a commissioners meeting would be where it can be resolved. A motion was made to

approve the Permit Application pending bonding by Luther and seconded by Dunavan.  
All in favor, motion carried.

- b. ISBDC Programs-Courtney Chipol gave a brief presentation on programs that are available through their office concerning COVID-19 and small business (less than 500 employees) development. This is no cost to the county. Dunavan stated that he did not know about any of this. He thought is needed to be advertised in the paper for employers.
- c. Leroy Kelsheimer- Ordinance to vacate Public Alley/Street & Commissioner's Deed. This issue was from 2020 and the previous commissioners approve to vacate public alley for Kelsheimer but he did not finish the process after the meeting which included a deed and ordinance. He is asking that the new commissioners to sign his ordinance and deed to get the process finished. Dunavan made a motion to approve ordinance 2021-07 and to approve the Commissioners deed. Yocum seconded the motion. Luther abstained. Ordinance approved. Ordinance to vacate alley to be discussed at next Commissioners meeting.
- d. Clark Deitz Contract VC Bridge 90- Luther made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with Clark Dietz for Bridge 90 and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried. Clark Dietz-Contract VC Bridge 15-Luther made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with Clark Dietz for Bridge 15 and was seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Baker Tilly-Financials-for Rating on Jail bonds-Luther stated that we need more clarification on this agreement. It is very open-ended agreement on wages for services provided. Florinda stated that they have found the issue with the financials and State Board of Accounts has stated that they are ok with them fixing the issue. She stated it will be fixed after settlement. She also stated that she doesn't believe that we need to have Baker Tilly to find the issue. Commissioners to revisit at next meeting.

- X. **Public Comment**-Chris Pate- he 100% against Apex wind turbines. He just wanted the Commissioners to know where he stood on the Apex wind turbines. Luther stated that he would be having a meeting with Apex today and will report back at the next Commissioners meeting on how it went. He also stated that they would be having townhalls for the wind turbines at a later date for all who were concerned. Luther encouraged Pate to put his comments and disagreements in writing and get it back to the area plan committee. Luther says this is a community decision and he wants all the feedback we can get from the public.

Travis Newman also state he was against the Wind Turbines and just wanted to let the Commissioners know. He also stated he was definitely for having the trails in Vermillion County. Brad Sperber from Keystone stated he his company was approached to be the third party for Apex as a facilitator for collaboration decisions and to speak with the community on what they want and to get information to them that is correct and accurate. He does not work for Apex. He is a go between the community and Apex.

Brad Lindsey was questioning how the Community Crossing Grant monies were appropriated. His road in St Bernice on Park Street is a mess and would like it to be fixed. It is a dead-end road but there are huge issues with it. He has stated that they do part of the road but doesn't come completely down to the end. Would like for someone to come and look and see what he is having issues on. Yocum stated that the Community Crossings grant list has already been decided and can only go with the roads that were submitted to the state and that Park Ave is not on the list. Luther to go and look at Park Ave in St Bernice. District 1 with the Community Crossing grant is

going to be rated using a Pacer program. This is where they rate the road and then decide which roads need fixed. Then they will have a townhall and show the ratings and discuss and decide. Mr. Lindsey would like to get on the next list for the Community Crossing Grant. Yocum read an email stating that ARP has been approved and that the county will receive \$1,505,152 for

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

Aye



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Tim Yocum

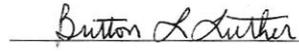
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RJ Dunavan



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Britton Luther

Attest:   
Brenda Furry

Date: 6/22/2021