

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Memoranda

July 20, 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
- 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 Luther to approve payroll and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Treasurer Report and Trust Indiana**-Yocum acknowledge the Treasurer's report and Trust Indiana.
- VII. **Open Issues**
 - a. Yocum read the update from the Health Department. Total number of positive cases from July 1, 2021 to July 16, 2021 is 17 cases. Fully vaccinated Vermillion County residents are 5,296. Additional 67 vaccines have been given. The Health Department Staff have held vaccine clinics at both schools in Vermillion County and will return August 2, 2021 for the second dose to be administered. There are several different variants of COVID and the Indiana State Health Department has sent us a variant concern which is the Delta strain. Unfortunately, we do have one reported case. We will be monitoring this closely.
 - b. Vermillion Rise-Bob Grewe was not available. He will be at the next meeting.
 - c. VTA (Vermillion County Trails Alliance)- Les Zimmerman requested from the commissioners to advertise the Invitation to Bid for the work at the trails. Zimmerman stated he will run the ad 2 consecutive weeks in the paper for bids starting Wednesday 28, 2021 and have them opened at the Commissioners meeting on August 17, 2021. Yocum requested that the Trails have an engineer during this process. Zimmerman stated he would insure this would be done. Dunanvan made a motion to approve the invitation to bid for Zimmerman to post in the paper and Luther seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried. Luther stated that they would be speaking with Thrive on the assistance that they provide and would like the Trails to send a letter of recommendation.
 - d. Jail-Luther stated that the Council at the July 19, 2021 meeting approved the funding for the additional appropriations that were requested from the Commissioners in the amount of \$6,322,242.00. Bonds will be looked at on August 3, 2021. Pending the Bond sale August 10, 2021 all funding should be in place. Luther stated that they officially broke ground on the Jail today July 20, 2021. The Jail staff has pretty much everything moved out.

- e. Surplus for County Offices- Dunavan is still getting the items together from the offices. Dunavan will send a new email out to everyone to make sure they get a list of all the surplus that they want to get rid of. This will be done by sealed bids. Commissioners to set a date on when they will advertise, accept & opening of bids at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- a. County Ordinance 2021-10 Closing of Courthouse July 1, 2021. A motion was made by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried. Ordinance 2021-10 approved.
- b. Inter-Local Government Agreement between VC & GC regarding the transfer of Inmates Pursuant to IC 35-33-11 et seq. This is an agreement with Greene County Jail to house inmates for the Vermillion County jail. A motion was made by Luther for the Inter-Local Agreement and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Helt fire and rescue wanting transfer of property. Nicholas Woodard is requesting the property in Saint Bernice that was granted to the Saint Bernice Fire Department in 2014 to be transferred to the Helt Fire & Rescue since they have taken over the Saint Bernice Fire Department. Helt Fire & Rescue to meet with Attorney Joel Wesch at the end of the month to get a deed for transferring of property. A motion was made by Luther to approve the transfer of property to Helt Fire & Rescue and seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried. Helt Fire & Rescue to provide deed to Auditor to process the transfer.
- d. Intelli-Leap Contract-Contract is for the maintenance statement of work for the County Website. A motion was made by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried. Luther stated that Intelli-Leap is still working on the Cyber Security.
- e. Drainage Board SOP-Ron Mack presented a Standard Operating Procedure packet to the commissioners. Dunavan requested that we table this until the next meeting so that the Commissioners can go over it and then discuss at the next Commissioners meeting in August. Tabled to next meeting. Luther stated that everyone needs to make sure they look at this. These will be going into effect very soon. Dunavan made a motion to appoint Brian Noggle to the Drainage Board and was seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried. Ron Mack to be put on Commissioners Agenda once a month for updates.
- f. RQAW Bill-A motion to approve the bill by RQAW for work performed for the Jail was made by Dunavan and seconded by Luther. All in favor, motion carried.
- g. Community Crossings bids-The Commissioners received 2 bids for the Community Crossing project. They were from Rueth Riley and Milestone. The recommendation from Clark Deitz was to accept Rueth Riley bid. Luther made a motion to approve Rueth Riley as the winning bid subject to funding and was seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Public Comment:

- a. Clinton Library appointment-
- b. Luther stated that we received our first briefing on the Cyber Security from Intelli-leap.
- c. Bridge 90 bid documents were supposed to be done today but are not ready, but should see them by Friday, July 23, 2021. Luther stated that we need to go for bid so that we stay on schedule. Dunavan made a motion to move forward pending Luther's approval and was seconded by Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. Luther stated that they will be using some drone technology to take pictures to rate our roads with the Pacer and this can be done every two years so that we can see how the roads do after construction going forward.
- e. Chris Pate who lives south of Dana spoke on his views of not wanting the Wind Turbines in Vermillion County. He supplied the Commissioners with letters from other citizens who are against the Wind Turbines. He also supplied the Commissioners with supporting documents from a cardiologist on the health issues the wind turbines have caused. Travis Newman stated that he thought the Trails Alliance has done an exceptional job on the trails. He asked about the River Race that Yocum was putting together. Yocum stated the details were still in the works and that the Race will be September 4, 2021 at noon. There will be an Ed Mcgee award given out and that the entry fee would be \$10. Yocum is taking care of the insurance fees. Yocum also stated that this would be used as an exercise for the emergency management team. Newman also stated that he was against the Wind turbines and that they have a petition going around for a wind ordinance. Yocum stated that they should also send this information to the APC Committee. Newman stated he would get it them. Commissioners stated that even if we get an ordinance in place the state has the overall decision. Neal Austin from Warren County Indiana wanted to thank the Commissioners and the APC board for holding Town Hall meetings and getting input from the County taxpayers. Austin stated that they were never really notified before the wind turbines were put in. He also stated that they were promised a lot and was not near the advantage they promised them. Austin also stated that the community was told that the Wind Mills would be quiet, which turned out not to be true. He believes that it has had a major negative outcome, with the health issues caused by the Turbines. Jon Spurr explained the process for recommendations to the APC for the Ordinance. Aaron Semsac spoke to the Commissioners on the Wind Turbines and stated that he is against the wind mills. His background is that he negotiates contracts for Universities and his goal is to make the negotiations the toughest that the company has ever had. He witnessed what happen in Warren county and has seen the contracts and the amendments and there was little to no attempt to negotiate. He advised the commissioners to negotiate to their toughest ability and don't take anything for face value. Include everything that might be in a future amendment. He also stated to make sure who is responsible for every little thing that might come up. Semsac stated that the County should zone and ordinance the County out of this and to put in place regulations so that they will not want to put them in the County. Just try to get in front of the State's legislation so they know you don't want to be a part of Wind Turbines. Semsac thanked the Commissioners and APC for what they are doing for the Community. Chris Faulknon from Clinton stated he was also against the Wind Mills coming to Vermillion County. He believes that we need to listen to the other County residents who are already dealing with these issues. He stated that they are warning us and we should take their advice.
- f. Luther stated that the Council approved the funds for the Ambulance audit. Luther made a motion to request to move forward with the Audit with Baker Tilly and was seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried. New Contract to be written up.

- g. Michael Mack resigned from the Rise Board and the Commissioners need to appoint a new member. Dunavan requested for the Auditor to get the Ad in the newspaper for 30 days have them returned to the Auditor by August 21, 2021 and the commissioners will appoint at the August 31, 2021 meeting.
- h. Shirley Downs sent Commissioners a packet of information on the wind turbines. She spoke about the health issues that the wind turbines cause.

X. Adjourn

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

Aye

Nay



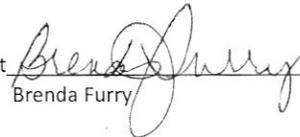
Tim Yocum



RJ Dunavan



Britton Luther

Attest 

Brenda Furry

Date: 8/3/2021