

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

8:15 a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioner's courtroom.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and county attorney Jon Spurr.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on September 21, 2020 and the regular meeting on September 29, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims for October 16, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the payroll for October 16, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report / Investment Report.** Treasurer Florinda Pruitt presented the investment report to the Commissioners. She said the interest rate as of Friday is 1.4 which is low but not the lowest it's ever been. She said the interest for September was \$3,029.63 and the total for the year to date is \$96,861.91. Yocum asked if this was interest off investments. Pruitt said yes.
- VIII. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Covid-19 Update.** Wendy Farley from the Vermillion County Health Department gave a brief update to the Commissioners. Farley said as of today that 3002 people have been tested, she said the testing site at the Health Department which opened September 9th has tested 420 people. She said as of today there are 168 positive cases in Vermillion County, she said there have been 14 positive cases last week, and the numbers are going up.
 - b. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe gave a brief update on Vermillion Rise. Grewe thanked the Commissioner for agreeing to list the shell building with a realtor. He said they've had a couple of leads and will continue working with them to get the shell building sold. He said at their May meeting they heard from their 2019 audit and it went well and they are in a much better financial position then the previous year on account of refinancing. He said they awarded a contract to abandon or close the two rainy wells that they are not using, it's an IDEM requirement. He said they are about 95% complete with their sewer bypass project. He said they are also working on the solar development project.
 - c. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** No one present for an update.
 - d. **IT Update.** Nate Hixson from EAS Technology Consultants said all the computers are deployed, all the servers are moved expect for the historic Vermillion03 where there is a data base on it and they're still working to get it moved and also the CSI server. He said he has a couple of adapters and a little work left at EOC and a cable that needs ran at the Soil Water office.
 - e. **Courthouse Phone Update / Level365.** Hixson said the phones have all been installed smoothly. He said there was one problem last week and they are working to get a second internet line installed so that doesn't happen anymore.
 - f. **Jail Renovation.** Wilson stated they would be having a jail committee meeting on Monday at 11:00 a.m.

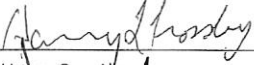
- g. **Handbook.** Spurr said he has his part finished and he thinks they are just waiting on a couple other updates and then they will be finished.
- h. **Position of ERC / Job Description.** Crossley stated that they would discuss this at the executive session after the meeting.
- i. **Courthouse Grounds.** Wilson asked Yocum if he had anything on the courthouse grounds. Wilson asked if any thing had been said about trimming the bushes and trees back for security. Tolbert stated there was going to be a safety meeting today and then you can bring it back to the October 27, 2020 meeting.
- j. **Vermillion County Drainage Standards.** Penney Carpenter said the Area Plan Commission will be having a public hearing on November 12, 2020 and then they will be bringing it to the Commissioners for approval.
- k. **Public Law 53 – Area Plan Commission / Appointment.** It was stated the Commissioners had not received any letters of interest for this appointment. It was decided to extended the date that letters of interest are due.
- l. **Alternative Energy Ordinance.** Jared Dreher said they are working on the solar energy ordinance, he said they are on their third draft. Spurr asked if there would be a provision for wild game to pass through if big fences were put in place. Dreher said there isn't anything about that in there at this time but it could be added if agreed upon.
- m. **Bridge over Spring Creek – 1450 N.** Wilson said they will be buying the bridge their self but will be advertising for the labor and will need to go to the Council for money.
- n. **E911 Address Update.** No one present to give an update.
- o. **Window Tinting.** It was stated that they are waiting on a quote for just tinting the doors of the courthouse.

IX. **New Business**

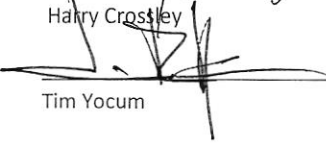
- a. **Change in Zoning – Jason & Sarah Payton.** The Commissioners received a request from Jason and Sarah Payton to change the zoning at 1357 W State Road 163, Clinton, Indiana from AG Agriculture District to B-2 General Business. The were no objections. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the zoning change. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Hamilton Center Inc. – Update.** Chief Clinical Officer Mark Collins gave a brief update on the Hamilton Center and their service provision in Vermillion County. He said the Hamilton Center was established in Vermillion County in 1973, they started providing services to Vermillion County in 1973 and they moved into their office on Main Street in Clinton in 1999. He said they currently employ 13 individuals from Vermillion at their Clinton office and they employee 31 individuals from Vermillion County, some of them work in different counties. He said they provide behavioral health services out of the Vermillion County office. They provide individual therapy, group therapy, they serve individuals with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbances for the youth, and substance use disorder for those who are impacted by substance use disorder. He said they are open 5 days a week and they have nurse practitioner services they provide. They also partner with the Vermillion County jail and Valley Professionals. He said they serve 10 counties in west central Indiana. In 2018 they established an opioid treatment program in Vigo County and they are opening two new treatment centers on October 16, 2020, one in Knox County and one in Hendricks County. He said he wanted to give a brief update and answer any questions that anyone may have about the services they provide. Wilson asked what their success rate is, Collins said it depends on the diagnosis, and they don't do follow up once they are discharged so he apologized about not



Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest:



Amy Tolbert, Auditor