

Vermillion County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

8:15 a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Vermillion County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on November 10, 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 October 27, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims for November 13, 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 November 13, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report / Investment Report.** Florida Pruitt said that interest rates are really low at this time. It was stated that the invested funds have brought in \$99,000 in interest so far this year.
- VIII. **Open Issues**
 - a. **Covid-19 Update.** Wendy Farley from the Vermillion County Health Department said currently we are in the orange. She said as of Saturday they have tested 956 people. The total positive cases for Vermillion County is 363. Farley stated they are asking people to register online for testing and the website is register.covid19.in.gov. Farley stated that vaccine will be coming soon, and the testing site will be open until June 2021.
 - b. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe stated that they continue to inquire from the State and the Economic Development Corporation and if they didn't have the shell building there would not be inquires to respond to. Grewe stated that the carrying cost for the shell building is prime plus 1% and the prime dropped so the carrying cost has dropped, which has helped them with lowering the cost.
 - c. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Crossley said he met with Les Zimmerman and Tom Milligan on the road they are building along the railroad track to the levy. He said Kanizer Excavating donated the gravel and the oversized stone and the county highway will haul it.
 - d. **IT Update.** Nate Hixson from EAS Technology Consultants said they wanted to wait until the election was over to move that CSI server to the new environment, that's the only left on the IT update, everything else is done.
 - e. **Courthouse Phone Update / Level 365.** Hixson said they finished installing the new phones at the Soil and Water office yesterday and all the others have been installed, and they are working to get the second ISP in the courthouse.
 - f. **Jail Renovation.** Yocum said at the next Commissioners meeting Mr. Krouse and the engineers will have the final schematics all done and then they will go to the Council for funding.
 - g. **Handbook.** Spurr said there is a little section that he needs to rewrite and he stated he should have that done by the next meeting.

- h. **Position of ERC / Job Description.** Yocum said he checked with the state and they said the only time that position is being used is for federal aid, the call for projects.
- i. **Bridge over Spring Creek – 1450 N.** Wilson stated this would be up to the new Commissioners next year.
- j. **Highway Capital Improvement Plan.** Tolbert stated you have to write a new plan for 2021/2022 and it needs to be done by the end of the year. Spurr told the commissioners he thought he emailed them the plan yesterday. Yocum said he could get with them later to talk about it.
- k. **2021 Bid Specs.** Tolbert stated they have been sent out, she said they will receive that at their December 8th meeting and award them at the December 22nd meeting.
- l. **Longevity Pay.** The Commissioners discussed Milisa Carty's employment pertaining to the longevity pay. Yocum asked Spurr what the handbook stated and Spurr said he didn't have it in front of him, but he said it is up to the Commissioners how they decide to handle it. Yocum said to table it.
- m. **2021 Appointments.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to postpone the appointments until after the first of the year and let the new Commissioners make the appointment. All in favor, motion carried. The Commissioners discussed the Vermillion Rise appointment and discussed having them staggered. Crossley asked Yocum if he wanted to wait until Spurr did the research for did he want them three to make the appointments for positions like Terry Carrera's at the last meeting, and Yocum said that would be fine.

IX. **New Business**


- a. **E911 Address Updates.** Zoning Administrator Penney Carpenter stated as of this morning she still has sixteen 911 address not on the map. She said of the sixteen, seven are new homes with four currently being lived in, three are high dollar hunting cabins. Carpenter stated she doesn't understand why they are not addressed, she said she sent Derrek Williams an email on Monday October 26th because she was having issues getting an 911 address and she is getting complaints from people about not having their address verified and on the map and she gave them Yocum and Wilson's phone numbers for them to voice their concerns. Yocum asked what Williams response is, Carpenter said she doesn't get a response from Williams. Spurr said the 911 coordinator is under the commissioners. Spurr said he sent Williams an email asking him to attend the meeting today. Carpenter said it just needs to be addressed. Yocum said he would make a phone call. Yocum told Carpenter he would contact her.
- b. **County Highway Meetings.** Yocum stated that after the first of the year the new commissioners are going to start having a county highway meeting after the commissioner's meetings with the highway superintendent's and the highway secretary and it will be an open meeting for anyone to attend. Yocum stated that you will see a lot more open meetings after the first of the year.
- c. **Extension Educator Contractual Services.** Becky Holbert from the Vermillion County Extension Office discussed the Extension Educator Contractual Services with the Commissioners. The Commissioners signed the Extension Educator Contract.

- X. **Adjourn.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 24th day of November, 2020.




Tim Wilson, President



Harry Crossley



Tim Yocum

Attest: 

Amy Tolbert, Auditor

Vermillion County Health Department

Dates and numbers of positive COVID-19 cases reported

March 27, 2020	1 case
April 2, 2020	2 case
April 9, 2020	3 & 4 cases
April 16, 2020	5 th case
April 19, 2020	6 th case
April 21, 2020	7 th case
April 27, 2020	8 th case
May 19, 2020	9 th case
May 26, 2020	10 th case
June 11, 2020	11 th case
June 12, 2020	12 & 13 th cases
July 2, 2020	14 & 15 cases
July 8, 2020	16 cases
July 10, 2020	17 & 18 th cases
July 11, 2020	19 & 20 th cases
July 23, 2020	21 & 22 cases
July 27, 2020	23 cases
July 29, 2020	24 cases
July 30, 2020	25, 26 ,27 cases
August 1, 2020	28-34cases
August 2, 2020	35-38 cases
August 3, 2020	39, 40 cases
August 4, 2020	41, 42 cases
August 6, 2020	43-50 cases
August 7, 2020	51 cases
August 8, 2020	52 & 53 cases
August 9, 2020	54 cases
August 10, 2020	55-58 case
August 11, 2020	59 & 60 cases
August 12, 2020	62 cases
August 13, 2020	63 cases
August 14, 2020	64 cases
August 15, 2020	66 cases
August 16, 2020	68 cases
August 17, 2020	70 cases
August 19, 2020	72 cases
August 20, 2020	73 cases
August 21, 2020	75 cases
August 22, 2020	79 cases
August 23, 2020	82 cases
August 26, 2020	83 cases
August 27, 2020	90 cases
August 29, 2020	94 cases

October 28, 2020	288 cases
October 29, 2020	292 cases
October 30, 2020	297 cases
October 31, 2020	303 cases
November 1, 2020	307 cases
November 2, 2020	315 cases
November 3, 2020	324 cases
November 4, 2020	331 cases
November 5, 2020	339 cases
November 6, 2020	346 cases
November 7, 2020	363 cases

EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

AND GOVERNMENT OF

VERMILLION COUNTY, INDIANA

This agreement made this first day of January, 2021 by and between the government of Vermillion County of the State of Indiana, hereinafter called the "County", and Purdue University of West Lafayette, Indiana 47907, on behalf of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, hereinafter called "University,"

WITNESSTH THAT:

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide financial support for county extension services of interest, specifically the 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES, and HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES, the results of which may be of mutual benefit to the county and others interested in agriculture, home economics, youth, and community development; and,

WHEREAS, the services are an integral part of the University's Cooperative Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, the services will be of benefit to the populace of Vermillion County and the State of Indiana in the following manner: Extension Service Programs to include: 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES, and HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES; and,

WHEREAS, the University is willing to undertake such work through its Cooperative Extension Service;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. In exchange for the University's provision of the services described more fully in Appendix 1 to this Agreement, which is fully incorporated herein, for a period of one year from the date first written above the County agrees to contribute to Purdue University the dollar amounts specified in Appendix 1. Invoice will be issued by the University on or about April 1.
2. The University agrees to use the funds thus contributed for the conduct of such services and will provide the necessary personnel required for the services. All personnel employed by the University specifically for the conduct of these services shall be employees of the University. The employment or assignment of any specific individual to any service position under this agreement is the responsibility of the Director of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and will be done in consultation with the County's Extension Board. This agreement applies only to those positions specifically stated herein.
3. It is understood that the results of the services or reports of activities may be published by the University in such form as may be approved by the University.
4. Any funds not expended or committed for said services can be made available for other uses benefiting the contributing county's Extension programs. Possible uses could include other salary support, supplies, capital equipment.
5. It is further understood that this agreement may be renewed at the expiration date subject to the approval of the County and the University.
6. This Agreement supercedes any and all prior Agreements made between the parties for the subject matter herein.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The University agrees by the execution of this contract that in regards to its operation in Vermillion County, Indiana:

1. The provisions of all Federal Civil Rights laws and the Indiana Civil Rights law as applicable are incorporated by reference as part of this agreement.
2. County shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, student, or applicant for admission on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information disability, handicap, or status as a veteran. Acceptance of this agreement signifies full compliance on the part of County with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. County ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, sex, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, disability, status as a veteran, or handicap be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program activity or with respect to any matter directly or indirectly related to employment.
3. The provisions of the Affirmative Action Program adopted by the County as applicable are incorporated by reference as part of this agreement.
4. County further agrees:
 - a. To abide by Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the Rules and Regulations applicable thereto which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement;
 - b. To take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped individuals and qualified disabled veterans and Vietnam-Era veterans as required by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Vietnam-Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, and regulations issued pursuant to those Acts which are incorporated by reference and made a part of the agreement.

FICA TAXES

The University shall pay all FICA taxes, from their own sources, for the employees who are the subject of this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE:

DocuSigned by:
Beth Siple 10/29/2020
Signature Date

Beth Siple
Assistant Director Financial Affairs
Ag Sponsored Program Service

DocuSigned by:
Jason Henderson 10/29/2020
Signature Date

Jason R. Henderson
Senior Associate Dean and Director of Extension

COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

BY: Tim Wilson
County Government Official

11/10/21
Date

Tim Wilson
Typed Name

Tim Wilson
Title

APPENDIX 1

**Memorandum of Understanding:
Purdue Extension Contractual Services Agreement in Vermillion County**

The contractual services agreement between Purdue University and the government of Vermillion County provides financial support for county extension services in four program areas: agriculture and natural resources, health and human sciences, community development and 4-H youth development. These services include access to services from county educators, campus specialists at Purdue University, and other Extension staff.

In exchange for a payment in the amount of \$111,755.00 from Vermillion County to Purdue, Purdue Extension will provide Extension services through the Vermillion County Extension, including three county educators. These staff will provide local extension services in the following program areas: agriculture and natural resources, health and human sciences, and 4-H youth development. Each educator will have an individual program area focus, but will work as a team to contribute to the success of all program areas. The educators will also contribute to regional or statewide programs to fulfill obligations to the state of Indiana for state financial support. State support for local services is allocated based on county size classification as determined by the State Board of Accounts. Initial local service delivery is supported with larger state support. Counties may enhance local service delivery with additional funding, which would include hiring additional Purdue staff for the county Extension office.

Period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Total Contractual Services Appropriation for Extension Educators:

Amount: \$111,755.00

The County Extension Director will also provide annually a report on Extension services provided in Vermillion County during the calendar year and an accounting of county funds spent.

Additional benefits of contractual services:

- As employees of Purdue University, the Extension educators and program assistant have access to health, retirement, and other Purdue University benefits.
- Each year, Purdue University provides funding for training and staff development for each Educator to enhance their skills.
- Purdue University will provide for the high-speed internet connection and a technology allowance for every county educator.
- Through a federally funded grant, a Community Wellness Coordinator's (CWC) provides the Nutrition Education Program to organize community and home interventions to bring about nutrition-related lifestyle changes.
- According to Indiana code 36-7-4-208, the agriculture and natural resource educator will serve on the county planning commission.

Purdue University Cooperative Extension

Jason Henderson 10/29/2020
Signature Date
Senior Associate Dean and Director of Extension

County Government Official

[Signature] 11/10/20
Signature Date

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Beth Siple 10/29/2020
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