

# **Vermillion County Commissioners**

## **Meeting Agenda**

June 28, 2016

8:15 a.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Call to order. The Vermillion County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.
- II. Roll call. Members present were President Tim Wilson, Vice-President Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Phyllis Orman, Chief Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert, and Attorney Jon Spurr.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Crossley made a motion to accept the minutes from June 13, 2016 and June 14, 2016, seconded by Yocum. Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Claims and Payroll. Crossley made a motion to accept the claims and payroll for release on July 1, 2016, seconded by Yocum. Motion carried.
- V. Open issues
  - a) Property for Walking Trail. Yocum said they have hired a title company to do the title search and then will work on getting the survey done. He said by partnering with Parke County makes the project more attractive. Parke county has secured \$175,000 to start the work on the bridge that will link the two counties together.
  - b) Ernie Pyle Covered Bridge. Yocum said an inspection was done and the bridge needs work at around \$21,000. Yocum or Ira Jones will get a copy of the report that Mr. Collins did and bring it to the next meeting. Tabled.
  - c) Jail water pressure, geothermal, energy savings. Yocum said Eric Smith with Hannum, Wagle & Cline did some preliminary work and it was noted that they need to boost up the pressure in the pit. It was noted that an engineer would be needed and Spurr said they would need to advertise for that. Spurr to write the ad for publication.
  - d) INDOT 63 & 74. Tabled
  - e) Eugene Covered Bridge Abutment Issues. Tabled.
  - f) Animal Control Ordinance. Spurr read the ordinance. It was noted that the ordinance is for the county, cities and towns would need to adopt this ordinance their own for it to be enforced within the city or town limits. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Yocum. Motion carried.
  - g) No Burn Ordinance. Wilson said the county does not currently have a no burn ordinance. The county follows the state guidelines.
  - h) Local Match for the Local Roads and Bridge matching grant. Yocum said he is working with the state to get some questions answered in regards to the grant application. He explained that this is a great opportunity for the county as it requires no engineering fees and no money up front. Darnell thought an ordinance should be done and Spurr said he will prepare one.
- VI. New business

- a) Bids for Culvert of 1300 S X 225 W. Crossley said they received two sealed bids. The first bid from Lubovich Excavating in the amount of \$72,860.89 and the second from Conner Excavating in the amount of \$42,321.00. Crossley made a motion to go with the low bid from Conner, seconded by Yocum. Motion carried. Yocum asked that they provide a current insurance certificate. Crossley will notify both companies and said that he will have Conner start on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Post frame building for district II. Yocum said they received a quote for Martin's home Improvement to construct a 40' X 48' X 14' post frame building at district II in the amount of \$18,800. He has the quote available if anyone wanted to view it.
- c) Fairview Property in tax sale. Treasurer Wendy Farley said there is a property on Jackson Street in Fairview that has been through five tax sales and the town would like to take ownership and tear it down. Deputy Treasurer Stephanie Hillyer told the commissioners that they hold the certificate and sign this property over to Fairview. They will have to wait 120 days and then they can petition the court for a tax deed. Crossley made a motion to allow, seconded by Yocum. Motion carried.
- d) DLZ Engineering-feasibility study. Eric Ratts gave a presentation based on the feasibility study done for the jail. He explained they are a full service architecture, engineering, and planning firm based in Indianapolis. He said they have provided services to 55 counties in Indiana. He said they interviewed the judge, prosecutor, sheriff, jail commander and the chief probation officer. He said from those interviews they found out that the current jail is greatly overcrowded and has mechanical, plumbing and electrical issues. He said the linear design of the current jail would not work well with the expansions that are needed to house the projected population of 114. The current jail houses 74. From their study they suggest the county expand the area to 134 beds which includes intake processing area beds. The study they provided would expand an area to the north of the current jail and would include additional beds, a vehicle sallyport and intake booking area. The probable costs would be \$9 million to \$10.5 million. The probable costs to build a new 134 bed jail, sheriff's office and associated spaces would be \$12.5 million to \$14 million. The Commissioners agree to take it under advisement.
- e) Jerry Hawkins with Performances Services asked if the commissioners had published a request for qualifications (RFQ) or a request for proposals (RFP) for the work needing done at the jail in regards to geothermal and energy savings. Spurr is working on an RFP and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- f) Vermillion Rise Update. Leonard Helt said the design work at the Vermillion Rise Mega Park is underway for the jail drinking water and it should be completed by the end of the year. He also reported that construction has started on the new spec building. Yocum asked if the county has been involved in inspections and Helt said they have hired Burns & McDonald to do the inspections. There was some discussion on who was in charge of marketing and Helt said both Vermillion Rise and Garmong.

## VII. Adjournment.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Tim Wilson

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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Phyllis Orman, Auditor