

Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

6:30 pm

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order-** The Council convened in a regular meeting on May 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call-** Members present were President Ashley James, Vice President Rick Weir, Neil Costello, Kelly Summerville, Tammie Brown, Jeff Bose, Martin Brown, Auditor, Brenda Furry, Deputy Auditor, Leigh Ann Smith, and County Council Attorney, DJ Bonomo.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes-** James acknowledge the April 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Weir made a motion to approve and seconded by Bose. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report-** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and a Financial Fund report for the county. No questions from the council.
- VI. **Transfer of Funds-** Transfer of \$1,485.03 from 32400 Surveyor's Travel to 23500 Repair Equipment to pay for maintenance on the Jeep used by the Surveyor. A motion was made by M. Brown to approve the transfer and seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **International Paper Abatement-** Todd Churchwood came before the council to discuss an Abatement for International Paper. The mill is looking to invest 29.1 million into a paper machine upgrade along with other upgrades. International Paper employees 178 employees and has a 13.8 million payroll. A motion to accept Resolution 2023-4 to grant International Paper a 10 year tax abatement was made by M. Brown and seconded by Costello. All in favor, motion carried. Final approval will be at the next council meeting.
 - b. **Vermillion County Economic Coalition Resolution-** Resolution 2023-05 is a follow up from a joint meeting between the Council, Commissioners and Economic Development. The resolution will be establishing an Economic Development Coalition. This will set the guidelines for the department. If approved tonight the resolution will be sent to the Commissioner's for approval as well. A motion was made by Summerville and seconded by T. Brown. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. **Cumulative Fund Re-Establishment-** A long discussion concerning raising the tax rate for cumulative bridge and cumulative capital development. Concerns from the council included not looking to raising taxes, wanting to take more time before deciding, concerns over the statues of our bridges, and waiting to have a game plan with an engineer. There was no public comment during the

hearing. The council decided to table this until next year. A motion was made by Summerville and seconded by M. Brown to table. Weir abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.

VI. Public Comment- Victoria Ellis, Clinton Township Trustee, spoke concerning an overpayment for the Black Diamond Fire Department from funds from LIT. Ellis will be contacting the DLGF on how to refund the money back to the county. Lori Bouslog from Purdue Extension announced that a new 4H Youth Development Educator has been hired and will start on May 22, 2023.

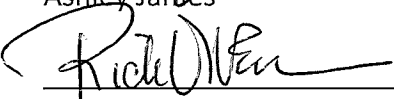
VII. Adjourn- A motion to adjourn was made by M. Brown and seconded by T. Brown, all in favor meeting was adjourned.

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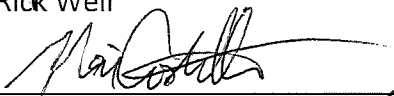
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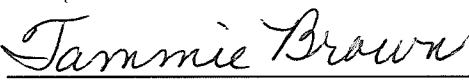
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Neil Costello



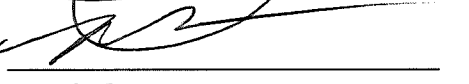
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Martin Brown

Attest:



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