

**Vermillion County Council  
Meeting Minutes**

June 16, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on June 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Ashley James, Vice President Robert Spence, Neil Costello, Ronald L. Dunavan Jr., John Michael Major, Randy Dreher, Auditor Amy Tolbert, Deputy Auditor Annie Wickens and Council Attorney Scott Craig. William Brent Bush was absent.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by John Michael Major and seconded by Randy Dreher, to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, Ashley James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer, Florida Pruitt, went over the numbers on the money that has been invested. She reported that the County has earned a total of \$81,129.87 in interest. She stated that the interest percentage before the Corona outbreak was 1.67% and now it has dropped to .274%. She also stated this is still double of what the bank previously provided.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** President, Ashley James acknowledged the receipt of the Comp Time report.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds. - Reporting Only-**  
  
Commissioners Court transferring of funds- Building & Structure to Radio Upkeep in the amount of \$2000.00.  
  
Public Defender Board transferring of funds-Depositions to Transcripts in the amount of \$2000.00.  
  
Health Department transferring of funds -Training and Registration/Conf to Equipment in the amount of \$3,657.76.
- VIII. **Additional Appropriations.** None
- IX. **Open Issues**  
a. **Jail Funding**  
Ashley James, questioned whether the Jail should still be on the agenda. Commissioner Tim Wilson states that the Jail committee needs to get together and discuss with the commissioners on what needs to be done. Sheriff Michael Phelps stated he will get with the committee and get some estimates. Council decides to leave on the agenda but to state that it is Jail issues not funding so that there is no confusion on what they are discussing.
- XI **New Business**  
a. **Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements**  
President, Ashley James stated that the Economic Development needs to review these before any actions can be taken. A motion was made to table this by John Michael Major and seconded by Ronald L. Dunavan Jr. All in Favor, motion carried.

**b. Budget Consulting**

Ashley James went over the Budget Consulting Agreement that was proposed from Cox, Zwerner, Gambill & Sullivan. The previous consultant, Bob Purlee has retired. The fee for this is \$8,500. A motion was made by John Michael Major and was seconded by Ronald L. Dunvan Jr. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Councilman Neil Costello, wanted to know if they Fire Departments had put in their requests for LIT Money. Auditor Amy Tolbert stated that they had. Costello just wanted to remind the Council that they needed to discuss funding. It was agreed that council would have a discussion on the funding for the LIT money at a later date and before budget hearings.

**XII Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn made by John Michael Major and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Dreher. Meeting Adjourned.

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John Michael Major

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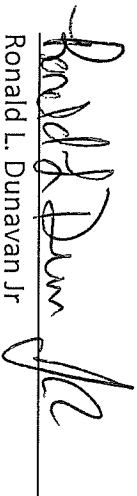


Ashley James

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William Brent Bush



Randy Dreher



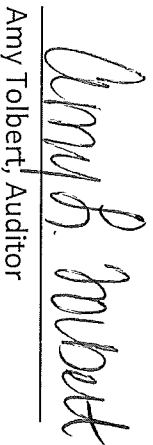
Ronald L. Dunavan Jr



Neil Costello

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Robert Spence

Attest:

  
Amy Tolbert, Auditor