

**Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes**

October 20th, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
 - All Present
- IV. Approval of Minutes for Sept 15th, 16th, 17th, Budget Hearings, Sept 17th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, and Sept 30th, 2025 Special Meeting.
 - Weir motions to accept minutes
 - Bose seconds
 - All in favor, motion carries
- V. Additional Appropriations

ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
ADDITIONALS FOR 1149 Economic Development			
1149.30570 1149.35901	\$10,000 \$200,000	\$10,000 \$200,000	Furry/ Costello PASSED
ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
ADDITIONALS FOR 1000 General Commissioners Court			
1000.12800	\$10,000	\$10,000	Weir/ Summerville PASSED
ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
ADDITIONALS FOR 1000 County General Jail			
1000.33104	\$20,000	\$20,000	Furry/ Bose PASSED
ADDITIONALS FOR 1181 Plat Book			
1181.30570	\$16,199.03	\$16,199.03	Weir/ Furry PASSED

VI. Transfer of Funds-

TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1ST/2ND
1000.21500.0133	1000.33502.0133	\$800	Furry/ Brown PASSED
Moving funds to cover purchase of 1 new radio			
TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1ST/2ND
1000.35100.0133 \$500 1000.33500.0133 \$3000 1000.30250.0133 \$1500 1000.33201.0133 \$1500	1000.33501.0133	\$6500	Reporting Only
Moving funds to cover purchase of 2 replacement Solar Panels for County Sirens			
TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1ST/2ND
1000.33500.0151 \$1000 1000.35202.0151 \$600	1000.35100.0151	\$1600.00	Reporting Only
Need for APPA Training Registration Fees			

VII. Treasurer's Monthly Report- No comment

VIII. Quarterly Comp Report- 3rd Comp report for 2025

IX. Old Business NA

X. New Business

a. Adoption of the Budget Hearing for 2026 Budget Ordinance 2025-19

Furry motions

Summerville Seconds

All in favor, motion carries

Adoption of the Budget Hearing for 2026 Solid Waste Budget Ordinance 2025-20

Weir motions

Furry seconds

All in favor, motion carries

b. Bakertilly – Engagement letter agreement related to services.

This is only being discussed tonight; this is something that may help with future projections of revenue. The SD1 Bill reformed property tax revenue and income tax revenue over the next several years. This is an analysis, local income tax analysis, a county wide parcel by parcel, and then talked about comprehensive financial plan, to be considered. Council will review.

- c. Apex- Representative from **Apex Clean Energy** introduced themselves and provided an overview of the company. Apex develops and operates **wind energy, solar energy, green hydrogen, and battery storage** projects across the United States.

Apex has submitted a **permit application** for a solar project in Vermillion County, known as **Brulet's Creek Solar**. The project will be a **200-megawatt solar facility**, with **construction expected to begin in early 2027**. Currently, **47 landowner agreements** have been signed in support of the project.

Economic Impact:

- Estimated **\$270 million taxable investment** in Vermillion County
- Approximately **\$23 million in new property tax revenue** over the 30-year life of the project
- Proposed **\$5 million economic development payment** to the county

Additionally, Apex has proposed a **\$200,000 community fund** for **St. Bernice**, providing **\$20,000 annually for 30 years** to support local community projects.

- XI. Public Comment – Chief Deputy Sheriff Chad Hennis- Wanted to inform Council of a grant the Sheriff's office is trying to obtain to purchase more LPR cameras from Homeland Security Terrorist Preparedness Program for the County. The grant is for \$138,600.
- XII. Adjourn
- Summerville motions
 - Bose Seconds
 - All in favor, motion carries

AYE:


NYE:



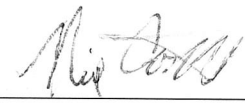
Ashley James



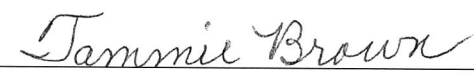
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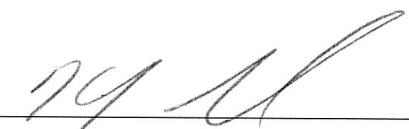
Rick Weir



Neil Costello

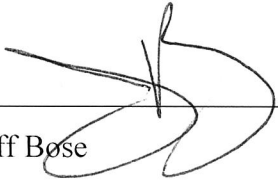


Tammie Brown

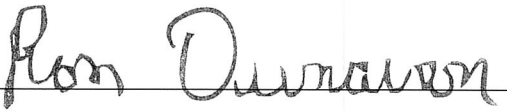


Kelly Summerville

Jeff Bose



Attest:


Ron Dunavan

11.10.2025
Date