

**Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes**

January 12th, 2026

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 December 08th, 2025 and Special Meeting December 19th, 2025
 - **Furry motions to accept minutes from December 08th, 2025**
 - **Weir seconds**
 - **All in favor, motion carries**

 - **Weir motions to accept minutes from December 19th, 2025**
 - **Bose seconds**
 - **All in favor, motion carries**

V. Transfer of Funds-

TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 ST /2 ND
1000.34300.0108	1000.22200.0108	\$58.81	RW/BF PASSED
Need to pay for law books			
TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 ST /2 ND
1000.34300.0102	1000.32200.0102	\$50	Reporting Only
Transfer to cover minimum postage amount			
TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 ST /2 ND
1000.34900.0147	1000.36001.0147	\$840.06	Reporting Only
Transfer is for purchase of flags for veterans			
TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 ST /2 ND
1000.32200.0130	1000.34300.0130	\$984.13	Reporting Only
Paying for AIC dues for 2026			

Additional Appropriations

ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
ADDITIONALS FOR 1181 Plat Book Fees			

Part-time	\$32,000 \$8,000	\$40,000	BF/RW PASSED
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- The \$8,000 is to be disbursed between social security, Medicare, workman's comp, and Overtime.
- Other discussions went on between the Auditor and the Council about the Auditor's budget being cut in 2025 and again in 2026.

VI. Treasurer's Monthly Report – No comment

VII. Comp Report for the County – Costello makes a comment to have the employees specify whether they would want overtime or comp and is this something to Commissioners would have to entertain. James replies with the answer "yes" and the commissioners would also have to update the handbook to accommodate this. Costello thinks this will be better to keep track of the overtime and to possibly cap overtime.

Policy is elected officials makes the decision whether the employee receives comp pay or not.

Costello thinks comp time and overtime should be paid out the week it's earned. Because if everyone on the list currently wants paid out at the same time that is a lot of money to county has to pay out at once. And where would this money come from.

Further decision was on the top of earning comp time in one year under a certain pay rate and cashing out in another year at a higher pay rate. That everyone could earn comp and wait for the next year or further to be paid out at a higher pay wage.

VIII. Sheriff's Commissary Report- No comment

IX. Old Business NA

X. New Business

a. Election of Officers for 2026

Weir motions to keep same officers as 2025. James as President and Furry as Vice President.

Bose seconds

All in favor, motion carries

b. Ambulance Updates- Julie Lanzone discusses with the council the ambulance monthly rates for the upcoming year for 2026. To increase the monthly disbursement for the year 2026.

The Auditor's office will look into seeing what's left for 2025 in Ambulance Service, possibly encumber that money into 2026 to cover the negative cost and increase the monthly rate for Parke County. Do an additional if need be then taking that amount times 12 to get the new monthly rate.

New ambulance building will be ready for the north staff to move in late January or early February.

c. Salary Resolution 2026-01- Updated made to Job titles changed and updated amounts from 80 to 84. These changes will be retroactive back to January 1, 2026.

Weir motions to accept the Salary Resolution 2026-01

Furry Seconds

All in favor, motion carries

d. Vermillion County Library Appointment- Vermillion County Library board requests that Connie Warner be appointed to the Library board.

Weir motions to accept the appointment of Connie Warner to the Vermillion County Library Board.
Summerville seconds
All in favor, motion carries.

- e. SWCD Board President Connie Warner and Ext Director Eric Scheidler would like to present to the two boards with a Memorandum of Agreement.
- Scheidler goes over the details of the contribution agreement form the county and overall agreement.

Costello Motions to accept the Memorandum of Agreement
Brown Seconds
All in favor, motion carries

Connie Warner announces that on Feb 10th at 6pm there will be a dinner and entertainment at the Vermillion County fair grounds and all is invited to come and join in on the events.

- James states we are still figuring out the **Park Board appointments. It is undetermined at this time.**
- James also states I did look up as a follow up from our previous discussion tonight (this was during the addition appropriation discussion for the Plat Book Fund) about budgets about being cut. The auditor's office in 2024 spent a total of \$249,042. The fifth deputy was paid about \$15,000 out of that fund and part-time help was \$6,500. That is included in the \$249,000.
In 2025, the budget, I do not know what the exact amount spent, but there was the ability to spend \$255,000, which is about \$6,500 more than what was spent. So, nothing that was covered in 24 couldn't have been purchased in 2025.
And then again in 2026, the budget we approved is \$250,000, but we removed \$10,000 of part-time help. And then at with the agreement to add at least \$23,000 from the Plat Book fee. So, that is an increase of \$17,900 being able to be spent from the 2025 budget to the 2026 budget. So, like I said, please look at the number of actual expenses that you did spend versus what you had the ability to spend because those numbers are pretty darn close. We've just cut the extra out of it. So, I just wanted to clarify that.
- James would also like to read a statement from the council about a public comment that was made at the December 17th, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.

Quoted, "Comments were made during the public comment period regarding the proposed carbon sequestration project. Specifically, Inee Mayan stated she really admired the commissioners for coming together and continuing to fight on it. She then proceeded to state and I quote, "It's a good thing they didn't ~~spend~~ send everything to the county council because they'd had been here talking in favor of it."

These statements do not accurately represent the position of the Vermillion County Council. Mrs. Mayan^(sp) has never spoken with any council member regarding carbon sequestration, nor has she engaged the council in any direct discussion on this topic. The only direct interactions council members have had with Miss Mayan^(sp) have occurred during open public hearings related to the veteran's office^(sp) budget during countywide budget hearings last fall.

Her statement of us does not represent or express our beliefs on carbon sequestration. At no time has any member of the Vermillion County Council voiced support for the carbon sequestration project.

The Vermillion County Council recognizes and respects the concerns raised by members of the public regarding carbon sequestration, particularly those related to safety and long-term impacts.

This letter is intended to clarify the record and ensure the public that public statements accurately reflect the position of the Vermillion County Council and its elected persons.

Thank you.”

XI. Public Comment –

- Ron Mack – Surveyor wants to let council know of the projects coming down the pipe. Some monuments will need to be placed in the roadway, will use GPS to locate these pinpoints. What will most likely need to be purchased for this is called a Harrison Monument. Mack continues to go over the details of what will need to be done. Also, he states that a family purchased land in Gessie, this land has a county drain that is in pretty bad shape that is running through the property. Will see if he can work with the land owners to see if they can put in a new main. He continues with saying what materials would need used to make the drain functional. May be coming back over the summer to readdress this topic and ask for an additional.

- Rick Weir- States there was a study done on bridges and roads. He would like the Commissioners to update him on what that study is. He’s not seen the priority list and would like to see it. What the one, two, three-year plan is for bridges, highways, and culverts. For budgeting and planning purposes.

XII. Adjourn

- Brown motions
Weir Seconds
All in favor, motion carries


AYE:

NYE:



Ashley James

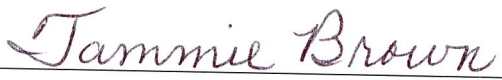
Brenda Furry



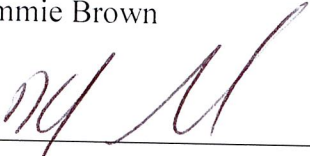
Rick Weir



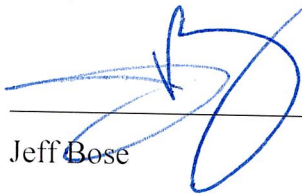
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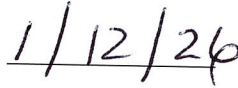


Jeff Bose

Attest:



Ron Dunavan



Date

