

**Vermillion County Council
Meeting Minutes**

April 13th, 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 March 9th, 2026
Correction made Weir voted no to the Park Board new Hire Mike Klaic.

Costello Motion

Weir Seconds

All in Favor, Motion Carried

- V. Monthly Treasure Report
Council acknowledges monthly treasures report.
- VI. Transfer of Funds

TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 ST /2 ND
Transferring to cover expenses for county websites hosting/SSL Certificates/ Domain Names			
1000.30583. Internet	1000.30284 Website	\$110.61	REPORTING ONLY
TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 ST /2 ND
Transferring from Certified Shares to Highway Department Fund to purchase trucks for the Highway Department.			
9103.40000 Certified Shares/Capital Outlay	4899.41103 Highway Trucks	\$150,000.00	Furry/ Costello
TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 ST /2 ND
Transferring from Economic Development Fund to Highway Department Fund to pay the trucks.			
1149.41103 Economic Development	4899.41103 Highway Trucks	\$650,000.00	Furry/ Costello

VII. Additional Appropriations

ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
Highway Department Trucks (X's3)			
4899.41103.000.290 Highway Trucks	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00	Furry/ Costello PASSED
ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
Ambulance Station Furniture and Equipment			
9104.31800.000.604 Ambulance Service	\$10,614.07	\$10,614.07	Weir/ Bose PASSED
ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
Furnace repairs for old Jail			
1000.33400.000.267 Vermillion County Historical Society	\$883.00	\$883.00	Furry/ Brown PASSED
ACCOUNT/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	1 ST /2 ND
Payment of architectural and engineering fees for Ernie Pyle Project; money is being paid from \$250,000 grant from the Terre Haute Casino Foundation for the project.			
9117.30570.000.000 Casino Foundation EP Grant	\$137,000.00	\$137,000.00	Weir/ Bose PASSED

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. Grant Requests

1. Vermillion County Mural Project

Request: Up to \$175,000 (reimbursable grant, Lilly Endowment Ready 2.0

Purpose: Install murals at 20 locations across the county using local/regional artist. Funds to be fronted by the county and reimbursed upon completion.

Bose Motion

Furry Second

All in Favor, Motion Carried

2. Friends of Ernie Pyle

Request: \$100,000 Line of credit (reimbursable grant).

Purpose: Improvements to Ernie Pyle Museum Park (total project

\$1.2million). Organization currently has matching/private funds and ongoing investment.

Furry Motion

Brown Second

All in Favor, Motion Carried

3. Vermillion Trails Alliance

Request: Up to \$300,000 upfront funding.

Purpose: Bridge construction for trail expansion (grant already awarded). Funds needed quickly to order steel. Not structured as a standard reimbursable grant, timing constraints noted. Required additional appropriation. Special meeting scheduled for April 29 at 8:30 AM to consider request.

b. Rhonda Arrasmith- Data Center

Crypto Mining and Cashless Society –

Concerns raised about:

1. Loss of cash-based transactions,
2. privacy and financial tracking,
3. Impact on vulnerable populations (elderly, unbanked, domestic abuse situations).

c. Nolan Mihail – Proposed AI Data Center

Concerns raised regarding:

1. Water usage and aquifer impact
2. Environmental risks (cooling systems, chemicals)
3. Electrical grid strain and rising costs
4. Limited long-term employment benefits
5. Noise, light pollution, and property value impacts
6. Lack of transparency (NDA's, project details)

Council/Commissioner Responses

Data Center discussions are tied to the Vermillion Rise Mega Park, a separate entity from the County Council.

Council's role is limited (primarily abatements or financial approvals if requested).

No final agreements currently in place for a Data Center.

Commissioners have not signed NDA's.

Resolution passed previously designates Vermillion Rise as the preferred site only.

Officials encouraged continued research and public education.

Planned site visit to an existing Data Center.

d. Transferring Appropriations and Funds to Highway Capital Improvement Resolution 2026-05. \$150,000 transferred from the Certified Shares Fund.

\$650,000 transferred from the Economic Development Fund.

Purpose: Consolidate funding to ensure sufficient balance for approved vehicle purchases

Costello Motion

Furry Second

All in Favor, Motion Carried Resolution 2026-05

X. Public Comments

Commissioner RJ reported receiving notification from Mainstream Fiber Networks regarding a federal broadband (BEAD) grant:

Vermillion County preliminarily awarded approximately \$16 million

\$12 million federal funding

\$4 million private investment

Project will expand broadband infrastructure to approximately 1,000 homes in the county

XI. Adjourn

Bose Motion

Summersville Seconds

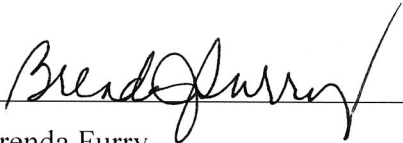
All in favor, motion carried.

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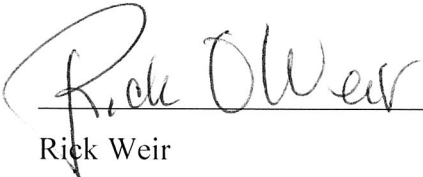
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Ashley James



Brenda Furry



Rick Weir

Neil Costello



Tammie Brown



Kelly Summerville



Jeff Bose

Attest:

Ron Dunavan

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Date

