

**Vermillion County Council  
Meeting Minutes**

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6:30 P.M.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
- All present except Costello
- IV. Approval of Minutes for Special Joint Meeting 03.31.2026
- V. Approval of Minutes for 04.13.2026
- VI. Approval of Minutes for 04.29.2026

**Weir Motion**

**Furry Seconds**

**All in Favor, Motion Carried**

- VII. Monthly Treasure Report
- VIII. Review Comp Report
  - Weir Motion
  - Bose Second
  - All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Council acknowledges monthly treasures report.

- IX. Transfer of Funds

TRANSFERRING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 <sup>ST</sup> /2 <sup>ND</sup>
Community outreach information materials			
1000.30250.0000.0133 Telephone	1000.21200.0000.0133 Office Supplies	\$1,000	Weir/Bose Passed
TRANSFERING FROM FUND/ACCOUNT	TRANSFERRING TO FUND/ACCOUNT	AMOUNT TRANSFERRED	1 <sup>ST</sup> /2 <sup>ND</sup>
Pay for hauling of trash and broken items.			
1000.30250.0000.0133 Telephone	1000.30570.0000.0133 Professional Services	\$750.00	Reporting Only

- X. Additional Appropriations

<b>ACCOUNT/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup></b>
To produce documentation for certified/registered mailing to watershed land owners for public hearings.			
1000.21200.0126 Vermillion Co. Drainage Board	\$900.00	\$900.00	Furry/ Weir Passed
<b>ACCOUNT/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup></b>
To produce documentation for certified/registered mailing to watershed land owners for public hearings.			
1000.32200.0126 Vermillion Co. Drainage Board	\$1400.00	\$1400.00	Furry/ Weir Passed
<b>ACCOUNT/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup></b>
Grant money received from Duke Energy AED replacement for Fire Department and long-term food and water storage for the warming shelters and EOCC office.			
1000.33500.0133	\$22,500	\$22,500	Furry/ Bose Passed
<b>ACCOUNT/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup></b>
Replacement of high band radio base due to failure.			
1222.33502.0263 Statewide 911	\$44,656	\$44,656	Summerville/ Weir Passed

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

- a. Mahan, Vermillion County Veterans Officer- Request support for expansion of the Veteran Service Office and authorization to pursue grant opportunities. She reported substantial increases in office workload over the past 14 months, including:

A 2,287% increase in document processing

A nearly five-fold increase in overall service volume

She advised the Council that the office currently serves approximately 264 active Veteran cases and that significant additional needs exist within the county, including homeless, homebound, and mentally vulnerable Veterans.

Mahan presented information regarding potential partnerships with RJL Solutions for federal VA grant-writing assistance. Proposed grants would focus on:

- Veteran housing and homelessness
- Mental health services
- Suicide prevention initiatives

- o Long-term development of a Veteran's Court Program

The Council discussed:

- Possible grant-writing fee structures
- Timing of payments
- Potential use of the vacant Ernie Pyle School facility for expanded Veteran Outreach Services
- Future reporting and communication expectations

Council members expressed support for continued exploration of grant opportunities and requested periodic updates regarding grant timelines, costs, and award status.

No formal appropriation action was taken at this time.

b. Apex Solar Tax Abatement- Preliminary Resolution Designating ERA

The proposal included:

- A requested 10-year, 100% tax abatement on qualifying improvements
- Continued taxation of land value and assessed valuation increases
- Negotiation of an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) associated with the project

Council members noted the project has been under development for several years and that all required paperwork, including the Statement of Benefits forms, had been submitted.

**Resolution No. 2026-07**

Preliminary Economic Revitalization Area Resolution

- A public hearing will be held at the June meeting
- A second vote on the resolution will also occur at that time

**Furry Motion**

**Summerville Second**

**All in Favor, Motion Carried**

XIII. Public Comment

No Comments

XIV. Adjourn

**Summerville Motion**

**Bose Seconds**

**All in favor, motion carried.**

AYE:

NYE:

*Ashley James*

Ashley James

*Brenda Furry*

Brenda Furry

*Rick Weir*

Rick Weir

Neil Costello

*Tammie Brown*

Tammie Brown

*Kelly Summerville*

Kelly Summerville

*Jeff Bose*

Jeff Bose

Attest:

*Ron Dunavan*

Ron Dunavan

*June 8, 2026*

Date