

Executive/Legislation Committee Meeting
Thursday August 4, 2022
5:15 P.M., Vermilion County Administration Building
2nd floor Chambers

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2021
4. Audience Comments
5. Resolution- RE: ProAg
6. Executive Session:
 - A. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.
 - B. Pursuant to Open Meetings act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
 - C. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
7. Items of Information and Committee Concerns
8. Adjournment

Executive/Legislation Committee
Thursday, December 16, 2021
Vermilion County Administrative Building 2nd Floor, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Larry Baughn, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Larry Baughn, Jr., Kevin Green (attended via Zoom), Steve Fourez, Steve Miller, Joe Eakle, and Becky Stark. Robert Boyd was excused. 6 Present 1 Absent. Also attending the meeting were: Bruce Stark- County Board Member, Jerry Hawker- County Board Member, Robyn Heffern-County Clerk's Office, Lindsay Light- County Clerk's Office, John Land, John Barrett, Bonnie Barrett, Bill Donahue, Risk Consultant for Vermilion County, and Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Baughn advised that he would like to add Pastor Phil Jackson to speak prior to agenda item # 5. Eakle moved, seconded by Fourez, to adopt the agenda with changes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2021

Stark moved, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Resolution- RE: Second Amendment of the United States Constitution

Pastor Phil Jackson provided a presentation in regards to making Vermilion County a second sanctuary county. He explained to the audience that what this resolution is asking for is that Vermilion County citizens that legally possess a firearm will, if it ever "comes about" that there is ever an order, procedure, or policy from some bureaucracy to collect these firearms, then this resolution would say no to that. Baughn suggested tabling this resolution for further review.

Motion by Stark, second by Eakle to table the item for review. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 6 – Ordinance- RE: Redistricting Map

Baughn explained the county policy on County Board Member pay. The Ordinance states up to \$250.00 per month with the amount reduced by \$50.00 for unexcused absences. The additional change will be if there is an unexcused absence for a full County Board meeting that the monthly salary will be reduced by \$200.00.

Baughn discussed exhibit A that was one of the exhibits from Dr. Fortner. Exhibit B was also reviewed and discussed by the committee members. The discussion by a few committee members, indicated that there was not significant differences between the two. Plan B, exhibit A, Motion made by Miller, second by Fourez, for the Reapportionment of County Board Districts and Related Matters.

Upon the call of the roll the following member voted yes to wit: Baughn, Green, Fourez, Miller, Eakle, and Stark. 6-Yes, and 1-Absent. Ordinance passed with changes

Agenda Item 7 – Executive Session

No action needed

Agenda Item 8 - Items of Information

Chairman Baughn shared that the County Clerks office is able to send out voting information via text my gov. The Vermilion County Highway Dept as well as EMA will also be utilizing this app.

ARPA requests are starting to come in from surrounding communities.

Agenda Item 9- Adjournment

Chairman Baughn adjourned the meeting at 6:11 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager

Resolution

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, 96% of which are family-owned and a third of which include livestock.

WHEREAS, Vermilion County accounts for 1,049 of those farms.

WHEREAS, agriculture supports 6,532 jobs which accounts for an estimated 18 percent of total jobs in the county.

WHEREAS, agriculture and related industries generate total sales or output estimated at \$2.162 billion.

WHEREAS, farm property accounts for 26.2 percent of taxable value, which provides services to residents.

WHEREAS, Illinois farmers support the food security of our citizens. The international pandemic displayed the importance of American food systems, processing and supply chain.

WHEREAS, new livestock development accounts for additional jobs creating economic growth within the county.

WHEREAS, farmers are dedicated to caring for their animals in ways that also benefit the land. Using tools and technology to better manage soil nutrients, water runoff and air quality on the farm, farmers are using fewer natural resources and reducing their carbon footprint while producing more food.

WHEREAS, farmland is a finite resource that is vital to agriculture, food production, and the economic well-being of our county.

WHEREAS, farmers in Illinois face multiple layers of regulation involving state and federal agencies providing a comprehensive, robust regulatory program for all farms including those raising livestock.

WHEREAS, data and information from state regulatory agencies demonstrates environmental issues from agriculture are an extremely rare occurrence.

WHEREAS, Vermilion County recognizes the value agriculture contributes to our county and the rural way of life is the backbone of our country. Efforts should be made to accommodate future success of the rural community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vermilion County Board acknowledges and supports agriculture within our county. The jobs created, taxes generated, technologies embraced and environmental practices implemented by farmers makes agriculture a valuable industry within our county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Vermilion elected board and county staff will work to support and promote the development of agriculture for the benefit of our county and all its residents.

APPROVED BY Executive and Legislative Committee:

Larry Baughn, Jr. Y N A 08/04/22
Chairman

Robert Boyd Y N A
Joe Eakle Y N A
Steven Miller Y N A

Kevin Green Y N A
Steve Miller Y N A
Becky Stark Y N A