

Present: Mark Clinkenbeard, Mike Morris, Chris Switzer

Others present: Attorney Terry Modesitt, Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Tammy York-Allen, Danielle Isbell, Bob Murray, Jim Hunter, Josie Thompson, Bob Rhodes, Kevin Gardner, Christina Patterson, Kara Wright, Jordynne Gackle, Scott Swan, Chris Eldredge, Diana Smith, Bill Watson, Andrea Moeller, Larry Robbins, Bruce Allen, Vickie Albright, Rachel Leslie, Craig Maschino, several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mark Clinkenbeard called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

Review of minutes/claims. Auditor Larry Hutchings presented the Board with the minutes for the meeting from April 29, 2025 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the April 29, 2025 minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

The Claims docket for the period of April 25, 2025 through May 2, 2025 in the amount of \$1,071,751.23 was then presented to the Board. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the claims docket dated April 25, 2025 through May 2, 2025 in the amount of \$1,071,751.23. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

Credit Card for Veteran Affairs

Vickie Albright with Veteran's Affairs approached the Board with a cardholder's agreement for Veteran's Affairs. She said they have training and have been purchasing supplies with personal cards and have been having to get reimbursed. She said a credit card would be easier. Mike Morris motioned to approve the cardholder's agreement for Veteran's Affairs. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. After a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

Legislative Update

Rachel Leslie with RJL solutions approached the board and provided an update on legislation from the recent legislative session at the Indiana Statehouse. Rachel went over bills that specifically impacted Vigo County. She House Bill 1515 which allows local board oversight over school funds did pass and is on the governor's desk. Senate Bill 119 pertained to the Union Hospital Merger and passed. Senate Bill 1 regarding local income tax for school infrastructure and otherwise passed and Vigo County may now use LIT dollars for school projects. House Bill 1461 regarding Road Funding and Infrastructure changed the speed limit for I-465 from 55mph to 65mph. The same bill provides new railroad infrastructure tax credits to Terre Haute railroads. Rachel noted for Community Crossings counties no longer need a wheel tax to access the first \$100 million in funds, but will need one to access additional funds. She said Vigo County already has a wheel tax and is in a good position. She said Senate Bill 1 also allows the county to raise the LIT to 2.9% and can take full control of the LIT in 2028. The Bill will abolish the income tax counsels.

House Bill 1134 will allow specific employee matters to be discussed in executive sessions. Rachel noted House Bill 1001's changes have created a projected \$2.4 Billion budget shortfall for the state of Indiana and would impact various agencies and organizations in Vigo County. Chris Switzer asked if Terre Haute would need to pass their own wheel tax to access additional community crossings funds. Rachel confirmed this was true, and the city tax would stack on the County's. Mike Morris noted the reduction in funds for the Health Department.

Airport Board Presentation

Craig Maschino with the Airport Board took the podium and gave a presentation on the events, initiatives, and plans for the Terre Haute Regional Airport. Craig said a major program and goal of the airport is to train workers out of high school and find them local high paying jobs. Craig reviewed specifications of the Regional Airport. He said Terre Haute Regional Airport is the third busiest airport in Indiana. Craig noted ISU's enrollment has declined so training has gone down at the airport over the last couple of years. Craig went over the airport's relationship with the Area Planning office overseeing development in the areas surrounding the airport. He said the goal is to keep tall buildings farther away, and manage environments to make sure they are not conducive to birds. He then went over the Airports efforts with workforce development and providing classes on site for careers in aviation. Craig said more infrastructure development for the airport was planned for future including a runway safe grading area and additional hangers. Craig said a new ATC tower would likely happen in the next 5-10 years. He noted the existing air traffic control tower was constructed in the 1950's. Craig said the Terre Haute Air Show was planned for August 22nd and 23rd, 2026. Chris Switzer expressed gratitude for the working relationship between the Board and the Regional Airport.

Public Comments


Lilly Yeagley approached the Board and said she was working with the Health Department to help with assistance with Spanish-speakers in Vigo County. She said she would be working with the Health Department and IT to produce "how-to" videos for Spanish speakers.


Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.

Mike Morris noted the abundance of community events the previous weekend.

Mark Clindenbeard commended Vigo County Assessor Kevin Gardner for his work in helping the public understand recent notices of new property assessments. Mike Morris asked if anyone's property assessments had decreased, Kevin said he had not seen any go down.

The meeting was recessed at 9:27 a.m.



Mark Clinkenbeard

Chris Switzer

Mike Morris

Attest:



Larry T. Hutchings II, Auditor