

October 5, 2021

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Annex  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Morris and Brendan Kearns.

**Others Present:** County Attorney Jared Modesitt, County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Tim Cunningham, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kevin Gardner, Terry Modesitt, Sarah Holbert, Kara Wright, Bruce Allen, Laureen Hoffman, Elizabeth Stiverson, Bill Watson, Howard Greninger, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mike Morris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Morris noted that Commissioner Switzer was recovering from some minor surgery and would not be at today's meeting.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the minutes for September 28, 2021.

Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the September 28, 2021 minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for: the period of September 25, 2021 through October 1, 2021 in the amount of \$373,288.31 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,022,578.49 for a total amount of \$1,395,866.80. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the September 25, 2021 through October 1, 2021 claims. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Hamilton Center, Inc. Presentation.** Mel Burks, CEO of Hamilton Center, introduced himself and advised that he and others were present today to give a presentation about the some of the services they provide to Vigo County. He then turned the meeting over to Chief Clinical Officer Mark Collins to talk about the services provided and their fiscal year 2020 annual report. The fiscal year 2021 ended in June and will be due in December of this year. Mr. Collins noted that Hamilton Center is celebrating 50 years of service to the community this year. He briefly reviewed the services provided. Reports provided to the Commissioners show, among other things, the number of patients served, age groups of patients, breakdown of services provided, referrals, etc. Commissioner Morris asked what they felt their successes were for 2020. Mr. Collins set forth multiple areas where they felt they had accomplished many goals. Their mission and vision is to serve consumers. Commissioner Kearns asked if Hamilton Center was okay with the reports presented today being placed on our website with the minutes from today. Mr. Collins answered affirmatively and noted that they were also posted on the State of Indiana's website. Mr. Kearns also spoke about the tax support provided by Vigo County to Hamilton Center. The funds contributed by Vigo County allows Hamilton Center to use the tax funds to pay the required match from Medicaid and the State of Indiana. Mr. Collins explained that those funds allow them to exist and provide services to every individual in Vigo County. Mr. Kearns pointed out that Hamilton Center is Vigo County's designated certified mental health center ("CMHC") and probably has been since inception. Hamilton Center provides services for eleven counties and is the CMHC for six, with Vigo County being the largest, counties in Indiana. They receive tax dollars from each of the six counties where they are the CMHC but not the other five counties.


**Comment from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Auditor James Bramble noted that the tax sale was conducted last week and the sale went very well. He believed it was in the neighborhood of \$3 million but he did not have the figures with him today.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

Today's meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.

  
Mike Morris, President

Chris Switzer, Vice President

  
Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor