

November 9, 2021

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Annex  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Brendan Kearns.

**Others Present:** County Attorney Joel Modesitt, County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Tim Cunningham, Diana Winsted-Smith, Josie Thompson, Jeannette Yates, LaDonna Ingram, Bruce Allen, Todd Thacker, Kevin Gardner, Kara Wright, Larry Robbins, Joey Lehman, Tyler Claypool, Derik Whalen, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of October 30, 2021 through November 5, 2021 in the amount of \$3,486,090.08. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the October 30, 2021 through November 5, 2021 claims. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the minutes for the meeting held November 2, 2021 and rezoning minutes for the meeting held November 8, 2021. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the November 2, 2021 minutes and the November 8, 2021 rezoning minutes. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Amendment No. 1 LPA Consulting Contract for County - Engineer.** Larry Robbins, County Engineer, explained that this is an amendment to the county-wide bridge inspection agreement. When we accepted Highway 40 in the western part of the county, that adds four bridges that will need to be rolled into our inspection inventory. This amendment will add those four plus another bridge that was discovered on New Goshen Avenue that was not, but should have been, into our inventory. This amendment also moves three bridges from a 2-year cycle to a 1-year inspection cycle. The additional funds of \$17,946 for that amendment will be spread out over the 4-year contract. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the amendment. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Amendment No. 2 LPA Consulting Contract Supplemental Agree. No. 2 - Engineer.** Larry Robbins, County Engineer, said that this is a supplemental contract for Bridge #322. During the design process and the comments from INDOT, there were some design revisions that needed to be done to the contract before it could be let. Originally there was some money included for a temporary driveway for parcels on the corners. It was discovered in the redesign that those would not be needed and the money set aside for that would not be used. So this is actually a savings from the original contract, that price being \$265,500 and the total after the amendment being \$263,920. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**RQAW – Commissioners.** Chris Switzer explained that earlier this year, it had been decided to re-do the front entrance of the Annex. After investigation, it was discovered there were structural issues on the east side, some drainage issues and that the building has settled a little bit in the awning section. Everything had to be stopped. All resources were exhausted, including turning it into insurance to see if it would be covered. It is not. In order to make this project happen, architects will need to be hired to do a design, investigate the

underlying cause as to what caused this to happen in the first place, and investigate the drainage issue. Thus, this proposed contract with RQAW which sets forth the timeline and services being provided at a cost of \$75,000. Once this is complete, they can put the project out to bid. Included in the design will be some landscaping, some concrete taken/raised up, some asphalt, a new awning, new flagpoles, enclosed entrances, a desk, televisions, metal detectors and things of that nature. This will be a single point of entry for the Annex for security purposes. The question was raised if this project could be paid for with some of the initial round Covid funds. Auditor Jim Bramble said it could be looked at as public safety and those funds could be used for that. He also said that it would be eligible through the initial funds and the American Rescue Plan funds. This was briefly discussed. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the agreement for the study with RQAW. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**FFE for the New Jail – Garmong Construction.** Tyler Claypool with Garmong Construction advised that they had reviewed the three bids received. The low bid was from Fleming Interior Group with a final bid of \$201,385.94. Garmong would recommend that the County go with a contract with that group. Garmong would prepare the contract for review by the County Attorneys and signature. Upon being asked if there were any concerns using this group since they were substantially lower than the other two bids received, Mr. Claypool advised that they had done a full scope review and were confident there were no issues. The cost of this package still keeps the project under budget for the FFE package. There are four items being provided by the Jail Commander and the cost of those items are not shown. Mr. Claypool was unaware if the cost of those items would be included within this budget. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Fleming Interior Group as the successful bidder with Garmong Construction to prepare the contract. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Comment from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Tyler Claypool was asked to give a brief update on the progress of the Jail project. It is 75%-80% complete. The outside is pretty much done and the asphalt is being poured today. Inside, carpet is down, the Sheriff's Office is nearly complete, ceiling tile is being installed, cells are all installed, residence flooring is being installed. Everything is really in good shape. The security access control contractor starts this week. Still under budget at this point. There's a chance that the electrical package contractor could hold up completion of the project. This is being monitored very closely. If everything is maintained as is, there is a chance the project will complete on time. There are still supply chain issues due to Covid on a weekly basis but they are managing those as they run into them.

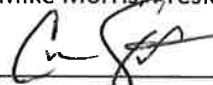
**Public Comments.** Cary Sparks, Cindy Rothrock, Jeremy Sparks and Jay Dennis were all there to express their concerns over the proposed project to possibly install a kayak access point at one of several locations on and near Otter Creek. As landowners, they are concerned with trespassers, and trashing of the areas. This was discussed at great length. Tim Cunningham with Veterans' Assistance gave a brief update on the events for the upcoming Veterans' Day observance.

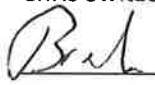
Today's meeting recessed at 9:43 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

  
Mike Morris, President

  
Chris Switzer, Vice President

  
Brendan Kearns, Secretary