

January 4, 2022

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer, Brendan Kearns

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Vickie Oster, Sara Holbert, Todd Thacker, Kevin Gardner, Tim Cunningham, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kara Wright, Bill Watson, and Joey Lehman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ms. Loudermilk stated that this was the reorganizational meeting and asked for nominations for President. Mike Morris made a motion to elect Chris Switzer as President. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously approved. President Chris Switzer then made a motion to elect Mike Morris as Vice President. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

President Switzer said that there had been discussion about changing the Commissioner meetings to the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Brendan Kearns said that he was good with that change noting that if something came up, they could always schedule a special meeting in between. Mike Morris was also in favor. Cheryl Loudermilk said that the change would have to be advertised. The meetings would stay in continuous session but the date change for meetings to conduct business would need to be advertised. Discussion continued. Mike Morris made a motion to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month for 2022. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Minutes. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented the minutes for the special meeting held December 30, 2021. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives. President Switzer stated that the three Commissioners will continue to work on appointments and have them ready for the next meeting. There was a brief discussion about when the next meeting would take place. It was decided that a special meeting would be conducted Thursday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. to announce the board appointments since some meetings requiring those being appointed would be conducted before the next Commissioners' meeting and those appointments would need to be in attendance. There was discussion about what type of posting would be required. Ms. Loudermilk reviewed the definition of the hours business could be conducted and specifications. It was decided that notice of Thursday's meeting will be posted on the County website.

Kevin Gardner, County Assessor, stated that he would like more emphasis placed on department heads and elected officials attending the Commissioners meetings. Mike Morris said that he had considered

having a get-together with all department heads and possibly an assistant to have RJL host a grant writing type of meeting. He believes RJL has been doing an excellent job along those lines in the last year or two and they could be beneficial. Mr. Gardner said he thought that would be a great idea and his department would be represented if that takes place. Terry Bays, Building Inspector, said they would be conducting demo hearings later this week and due to the County Engineer's workload, they had opted to have a third party sit in rather than a county representative. Chris Switzer asked what was meant by a third party. Mr. Bays stated someone independent from the County. He was asking if they could get compensation for them. Discussion continued. Cheryl Loudermilk stated that the first thing to do would be to look at the Ordinance to see how it is written for the demo hearings to see if it specifically stated who could be involved. It was decided that the County Attorney would check into the matter. Kara Wright, HR Director, said that they were working on getting Baker-Tilley here next week.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

The meeting was recessed at 9:15 until Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chris Switzer, President



Mike Morris, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor