

July 11, 2023

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, Tammy York-Allen, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Larry Robbins, Tim Cunningham, Kevin Gardner, Joey Lehman, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Josie Thompson, Bill Watson, Joni Wise, Jared Bayler, Leanna Moore, Tony Cassiseah, 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. Deputy Auditor Karen McCammon presented the Board with meeting minutes for June 27, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes for June 27, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. McCammon then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of June 24, 2023 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$2,357,485.17. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the June 24, 2023 through June 30, 2023 claims in the amount of \$2,357,485.17. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Ms. McCammon then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of July 1, 2023 through July 7, 2023 in the amount of \$251,961.76. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the July 1, 2023 through July 7, 2023 claims in the amount of \$251,961.76. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. McCammon then presented the Board with payroll for July 5, 2023 in the amount of \$1,185,981.10 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the July 5, 2023 payroll. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Emergency Action Plan – Diana Winsted-Smith and Joni Wise. Joni Wise explained that a committee had been put together last Fall to put together a comprehensive safety plan for the Government Center. A plan was submitted for review and input, if any, or approval today if the Commissioners felt that it was in order. Once this is approved, a training and exercise schedule will be created for the employees to teach them how to react if a situation ever arises. Chris Switzer said he had gone through the document personally and he felt it was a great plan. Mr. Switzer made a motion to approve and implement the plan and move forward with the next steps to educate the employees. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Mr. Morris said that he thought it was a good plan and a lot of effort had gone into developing it. Amendments could be made, if needed, going forward. Commissioner Clinkenbeard thanked them for all their work. Diana Winstead Smith said that they had also been working on the kits for the Zone and Zone Captains and Co-Captains. A list of needed items for each location had been created and Joni Wise said that the Health Department had the funding to pay for the kit contents for the 12 kits. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Residential Market Potential Analysis - Commissioners. Mark Clinkenbeard said this is for the County's residential housing analysis. The cost is \$18,000 and will help put together the housing incentive plan that will be presented in the next few weeks. Mr. Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve payment of \$18,000 to THRIVE for the analysis. Chris Switzer seconded the motion and said this was a critical piece of identifying the type of housing needed in this community for every level. This is from a regional READI grant that had been

received for \$1.8 million for some housing incentives. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Appointment to Airport Board – Commissioners. Mike Morris said that Dan Conley was up for re-appointment to the Airport Board. He has done an excellent job. Mr. Morris made a motion to approve re-appointment of Mr. Conley to the Airport Board. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Appointment to Honey Creek Fire Protection Board – Commissioners. This appointment is to fill the resignation of Darwinson Valdez as a trustee. Brock Alan Phillips has been nominated to fill the unexpired term which will expire on December 31, 2026. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve this appointment. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. Neil Marchese was seeking information regarding funding for the Vigo County Public Library 12 Points renovation, specifically with it being used as a “hotel” of sorts for the homeless population. There was a lengthy discussion.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Commissioner Clinkenbeard made several comments about the recently experienced storm damage. He felt that a lot had been done positively and that they had also learned a lot about how to handle things in the future. He also noted that a tree limb disposal site had been opened at the South Highway Garage to help people dispose of debris. Commissioner Switzer also had several comments and thanked Duke Energy, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross for their efforts and assistance provided during this emergency. An “after action review” is planned. Everybody came together to provide as much assistance and help as possible. It was really eye opening to see how many people in this community really struggle. A great big thanks was extended to all businesses, educational institutions, restaurants, and individuals who extended their help and services, and hospitality. Commissioner Morris also talked about the project being conducted by CASA that started July 9. They have a goal of collecting 500,000 cans by December 31. If CASA reaches this goal, they will receive a \$5,000.00 donation for their back-to-school program. He encouraged all to participate by donating their cans in the locations throughout the building and the county. Larry Robbins wanted to extend a special thanks to Misco for their assistance after the storm in helping the County clear the 3 large trees that fell across the grade between Terre Haute and West Terre Haute.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Mike Morris


Chris Switzer


Mark Clinkenbeard