

Commissioners' Conference Room
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer, and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Kevin Gardner, Kara Wright, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Bill Watson, Tim Cunningham, Joni Wise, Norm Loudermilk, Ricky Hammond, Adam Grossman, Todd Thacker, Joni Wise, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Joey Lehman, 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. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented the Board with meeting minutes for October 24, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve minutes for October 24, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of October 21, 2023 through October 27, 2023 in the amount of \$1,063,539.57. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the October 21, 2023 through October 27, 2023 claims in the amount of \$1,063,539.57. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with payroll for October 27, 2023 in the amount of \$1,301,949.10 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the October 27, 2023 payroll. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution – Commissioners Transferring Property to Parks Department. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said that under the law, when a governmental entity is transferring property, you have to have a resolution from that entity that says you want to transfer it and you have to have a resolution from the entity that is going to accept it. The Parks Department has now passed their resolution agreeing to accept the transfer, so now the County needs to adopt a resolution and sign the deed transferring it. It will be Resolution 2023-11. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. Susan Stokas of northwestern Vigo County was present on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Against Wabash Valley Resources. She advised that the Vermillion County Commissioners had sent letters to the State House rejecting their support originally given to the pilot project and requested that the Vigo County Commissioners do the same. Kathy Brock of 5550 West Jones Avenue, was there to express her desire that the support of the Wabash Valley Resources be withdrawn and asked why the Commissioners would not back the people who did not want the project. Chris Switzer addressed the question and said that control had been taken away from the local government. There were additional comments. Mark Clinkenbeard said meetings had been conducted and that the decision had been taken out of their hands. Doug Bohannon of Vermillion County said that what Vigo County does will affect Vermillion County, too, and talked about this same situation that had happened in other locations that had stopped the project. He also talked about research he had conducted about this type of project. Mark Clinkenbeard said they were trying to listen to all their constituents. He offered for the Commissioners to meet with a group at a later time to discuss the situation. Cheryl Loudermilk pointed out that when any meetings are conducted by all three

Commissioners as a group that it was still a public meeting and anyone could attend. Cindy Pyle of Vermillion County was also there to speak against the project and said that whatever Vigo County does will also affect her county. She expressed her concern about the aquifer being contaminated by this project which would affect Vigo, Vermillion and many other surrounding counties. Janet Strole of Fayette Township spoke and said that she does not intend to give up eminent domain to her property that has been in their family for many, many years. She believes the project is a danger to everyone.

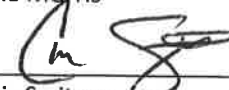
Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. There were none.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Mike Morris


Chris Switzer


Mark Clinkenbeard