

November 8, 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, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Bill Watson, Scott Barbour, Jared Bayler, 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 31, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve minutes for October 31, 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 28, 2023 through November 3, 2023 in the amount of \$843,782.31. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the October 27, 2023 through November 3, 2023 claims in the amount of \$843,782.31. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Charter Communications – Terry Modesitt.** Terry Modesitt said this was the original agreement that Commissioner Morris had requested be negotiated for a better lease amount. The company is now assigning the lease to another company that is buying them out. All terms will stay the same and in full force and effect. Nothing will change on our end. At this point, it was determined that this item was actually on the agenda later.

**Schneider First Amendment to Agreement and Authorize to Proceed – Engineer.** Larry Robbins, County Engineer, explained that this is the agreement used for their Geo-Permits. There was some legacy data hours built into the contract which were not used much. This amendment will allow 30 hours to be migrated for use with the GeoPermits Custom Consulting. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said he had reviewed the amendment and it was in order. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the First Amendment. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Gordon Flesch Lease Agreement – Surveyor.** Bruce Allen, County Surveyor, said this was the contract for his copy machine. There were no changes from the last contract. This was for a 5-year lease. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Charter Communications – Terry Modesitt.** This had been explained earlier in the meeting. It was necessary to approve the assignment of the contract to another company. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**ARPA Grant Agreement for Humane Society – Commissioners.** Chris Switzer explained that this was the first American Rescue Plan recipient that will receive funding from the County government. The contract states that they can submit a claim to the Auditor's Office after it has been reviewed by RJI Solutions and Baker Tilly before submitting it to the Auditor. The award was for \$250,000. Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk asked if

the County Attorney had reviewed the contract. There was discussion. Ms. Loudermilk added that future agreements should be reviewed by Mr. Modesitt from a legal standpoint. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

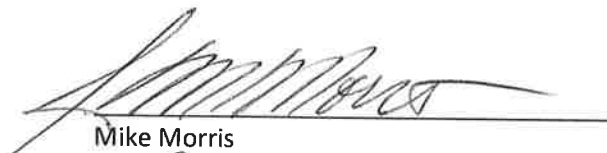
**Resolution 2023-12 for Appointment to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission – Commissioners.**

Mike Morris explained that Brendan Kearns had been serving on the Board for some time. The Commissioners had received a letter from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources stating Mr. Kearns had been an excellent representative. This Resolution will re-appoint Mr. Kearns to that position. Chris Switzer said that Mr. Kearns is currently serving as President of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the appointment. It was noted that Adam Grossman would be the alternate. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** A representative from the Special Olympics of Indiana was present and advised that she was taking classes to be a coach. She was there to assess the meeting.

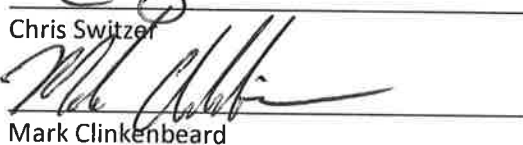
**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Chris Switzer congratulated Brandon Sakbun on winning the election for Mayor of Terre Haute and said the Commissioners were looking forward to working with him. He also thanked Duke Bennett for his 16 years of service and said that he would be missed. Mark Clinkenbeard echoed those sentiments. Cheryl Loudermilk reminded everyone that the last regularly scheduled County Council Sunshine meeting was tonight. Mark Clinkenbeard said they would be re-presenting the ARPA request of United Way that had been tabled last month.

The meeting recessed at 9:16 a.m.

  
Mike Morris

  
Chris Switzer

Attest:  
  
James Bramble, Auditor

  
Mark Clinkenbeard