

**Present:** Mark Clinkenbeard, Mike Morris, Chris Switzer

**Others present:** Attorney Terry Modesitt, Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Danielle Isbell, Kara Wright, Bob Rhodes, Jason Lester, Josie Thompson, Bob Murray, Jim Hunter, Loretta Nicoson, Mandy Puller, Shelley Rubbinacci, Kevin Garnder, Devan Gackle, Valerie Stapleton, Chrissie Patterson, Jordynne Gackle, Bruce Allen, Vickie Albright, Diana Smith, Chris Eldridge, Bobby James, Shannon Giles, Larry Robbins, Anthony Rubbinacci, WTHI-TV.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Mark Clinkenbeard called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

**Review of minutes/claims.** Auditor Larry Hutchings presented the Board with the minutes for the meeting from April 22, 2025 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the April 22, 2025 minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

Larry then presented the Board with the minutes for the bid opening meeting from April 28, 2025. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the April 28, 2025 minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

The Claims docket for the period of April 18, 2025 through April 25, 2025 in the amount of \$441,766.82 was then presented to the Board. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims docket dated April 18, 2025 through April 25, 2025 in the amount of \$441,766.82. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

The Payroll docket for the period of April 18, 2025 through April 25, 2025 in the amount of \$1,479,713.94 was presented to the Board. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the payroll docket date April 18, 2025 through April 25, 2025 in the amount of \$1,479,713.94. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

### **Gordon Flesch Contract for Auditor and Plat Mapping**

Larry Hutching explained the five year contract with Gordon Flesch for the two printers in the Auditor's department and the printer in the Plat Mapping department was over and these are the new contracts. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve all contracts as presented. Mike Morris Seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

### **UMR Insurance Renewal**

Jason Lester approached the board and explained he would describe the employee benefits available to Vigo County employees July 1, 2025. The plan recommendations after due diligence and marketing were Sun Life (employee paid) for **Vision**. There was no rate increase for vision. The recommended **Group Life (\$20,000)** coverage was Sun Life (county paid). There was also no rate increase for Group Life. Sun

Life (employee paid) was also recommended for **Short Term Disability**. There was also no rate increase for Short Term Disability. United Healthcare (employee paid) was recommended for **Group Life/AD&D (\$10,000)** with no rate increase. Optum (county paid) was recommended for the **Transplant Policy**. There was a 12.5% rate increase for the transplant policy. HRI/Paramount (employee paid) was recommended for **Dental** with a 9% increase. **Third Party Administrator (TPA) Renewal** was recommended to be UMR (United Healthcare) and there was no change in fees. The **Stop Loss Insurance – Claims over \$125,000** recommendation was Voya. This would change from United Healthcare. Switching to Voya would be a 9% rate decrease.

Jason explained the insurance renewal pricing factors included 8% medical inflation per year, an increase in inpatient admission days, continuing Rx claims, and increased employee and dependent enrollment. Mike Morris asked if the county still offers the flexible spending account. Jason confirmed the account was still offered. Chris Switzer expressed concern about rising healthcare costs. Chris then made a motion approve the employee benefits plan as presented. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

### **Community Crossing Matching Grant Projects Bid**

County Engineer Larry Robbins approached the board and explained a bid was opened April 28, 2025 for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Projects. Larry said one bid was received from Milestone Contractor's South, LLC for \$1,330,673.00. He said this bid was \$168,926.24 under the estimate which was good news. Larry recommended the Commissioners award the bid for this project to Milestone Contractor's South, LLC. Chris Switzer asked for confirmation there were only roughly \$750,000 worth of roads ready for this project. Larry said they were awarded \$1.5 million eligible to match, he said this project was for half of what they applied for with the intent they were going to apply for the Morris St Bridge Project in July. Chris Switzer made a motion to award the bid to Milestone Contractor's South, LLC. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a 3-0 vocal vote, the motion passed.

### **Unofficial Local Detour – SR 159 to E. French Dr. to S. Daugherty St. to SR 159.**

Larry then brought a request for an Unofficial Detour. Larry said he had been in contact with INDOT for State Road 159. He said they are replacing a Culvert near French Drive. The unofficial detour is proposed to be SR 159 to E. French Dr. to S. Daugherty St. to SR 159. Larry said INDOT has agreed to reimburse the County for costs related to damage repair on the proposed unofficial detour. Mark Clinkenbeard asked if the County has been successful in the past getting INDOT to reimburse the County for detour related damages. Larry said there had been cases in the past of drivers getting off of the listed unofficial local detours and damaging other roadways INDOT was unwilling to reimburse. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the unofficial local detour presented. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a 3-0 vocal vote, the motion passed. Mike Morris asked for an update on 246. Larry said the goal is for the road to be open by July. Chris Switzer said he would like to see pressure put on INDOT for the Cherry and Ohio project. He said it has been pushed back another year. Larry Robbins said there was work on I-70 and drivers were being detoured through that area which prompted the delay.

## Public Comments

Shannon Giles withy Tobacco Free Vigo provided information on a cigarette tax approved by the Indiana State Legislature. She said this was a \$2 increase of the cigarette tax. She said this would help improve youth smoking rates in the state. She also provided information on Lung Cancer Awareness week the following week. She said there would be a proclamation by the Terre Haute mayor 9am Monday at the city building. She said they were in partnership with Union Hospital on promoting information on early lung cancer screening. Chris Switzer asked if the tax impacted all nicotine products. Shannon confirmed this was true.

## Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.

Chris Switzer said he had the opportunity to open the Indiana Economic Development Conference this year and that it was held in Terre Haute.

Mike Morris said CANDLES Holocaust Museum was celebrating 30 years of operation.

Mike said the Riley Lions Club was hosting a 5k Race for Diabetes the following Saturday.

The meeting was recessed at 9:25 a.m.

  
Mark Clinkenbeard  
Chris Switzer  
Mike Morris

Attest:

  
Larry T. Hutchings II, Auditor