

Present: Mark Clinkenbeard, Mike Morris, Chris Switzer

Others present: Attorney Terry Modesitt, Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Bob Rhodes, Bob Murray, Jim Hunter, Josie Thompson, Chris Eldredge, Devan Gackle, Kevin Gardner, Joni Wise, several members of the public.

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 June 3, 2025 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the May 3, 2025 minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

Larry then presented the claims docket dated May 30, 2025 through June 6, 2025 in the amount of \$1,540,689.77 was presented to the Board. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims docket dated May 30, 2025 through June 6, 2025 in the amount of \$1,540,689.77. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a 3-0 vocal vote.

The payroll docket dated May 30, 2025 through June 6, 2025 in the amount of \$1,145,333.52 was then presented to the Board. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the payroll docket in the amount \$1,145,333.52 as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vocal vote.

Covered Bridge Certification

Auditor Larry Hutchings said the Indiana State Comptroller is collecting statewide data to determine the eligibility of covered bridges within a county. To receive a distribution from the state, counties must certify the number of covered bridges on their road system by completing the covered bridge certification. Larry said Vigo County has one covered bridge at Fowler Park. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the Covered Bridge Certification. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. The motion passed after a 3-0 vote.

Sub Recipient Monitoring Policy

Larry then presented the Board with a newly written sub recipient monitoring policy for the county. Larry said this was part of an ongoing audit from the State Board of Accounts and his office had been instructed to create policies that should have been created in the past. He said this Sub Recipient Monitoring Policy is one such policy. He said the purpose is to establish county-wide guidelines for monitoring sub recipients of federal awards (grants) to the County to ensure compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the sub award. Chris Switzer said we should have had this policy in the past, and with American Rescue Plan Act money passing through the County, this is another layer of protection to monitor those funds. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the Vigo County Sub Recipient Monitoring Policy as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Hoosier Jack Solar Project Updates

Amber Kim with Deriva Energy approached the board to give updates on the Hoosier Jack Solar Energy Project. She explained Duke Energy Renewables was rebranded to "Deriva Energy." Amber gave a recap of the Hoosier Jack solar farm project, noting the project was on land in southern Vigo County and Northern Sullivan County. She explained the delay in this project was due to the Generator Interconnection Process. She said the Interconnection Queue can take up to years and has recently only been taking longer for new projects. The project at the time of the meeting had an estimated construction start at Q4 2025 to Q2 2026. Amber said the project was estimated to be completed in Q4 2027. She said over the project's lifetime over \$6 million in taxes would be generated for Vigo County with over \$2 million going to Vigo County, and over \$2 million going to local schools. Mark Clinkenbeard asked what the expected project lifetime was for the Solar Farm. Amber said 35 years and confirmed the \$6 million in taxes would be over those 35 years. Mike Morris asked about project cost increases since the initial plan to build the project 5 years ago. The project engineer said due to inflation, tariffs, and more projects attempting to join the grid, costs have gone up roughly 40% for energy projects across the board. Chris Switzer asked about the project potentially having economic impact payments due to the project being abated and not contributing property taxes for several years. Counsel for Deriva said as long as the project is constructed by 2031, the project would fall under the previous agreement with the County. There was brief discussion about a battery storage facility in Texas. Terry Modesitt asked about an EDA. The Counsel for Deriva confirmed there was not.

Public Comments

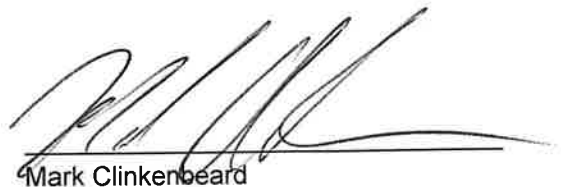
There were none.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.

Mike Morris said he would welcome reports on summer activities organized by various County entities.

Mark Clinkenbeard noted there would be a blood drive in two weeks from 2pm-6pm.

The meeting was recessed at 9:20 a.m.



Mark Clinkenbeard

Chris Switzer



Mike Morris

Attest:



Larry T. Hutchings II, Auditor