Council Chambers Vigo County Government Center Terre Haute, Indiana

Present: Mark Clinkenbeard, Mike Morris, Chris Switzer

Others present: Attorney Terry Modesitt, Tammy York-Allen, Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Bob Murray, Jim Hunter, Joni Wise, Kevin Gardner, Christina Patterson, Tona Bean, Kara Wright, Adam Grossman, Judy DeLisle, Danielle Isbell, Bruce Allen, Bob Rhodes, Devan Gackle, Scott Swan, Chris Eldredge, several members of the public.

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

Review of minutes/claims. Larry Hutchings presented the Board with the minutes from the August 13, 2025 Commissioners' Rezoning Meeting for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the August 13, 2025 Commissioners' Rezoning Meeting minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

The minutes from the August 13, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting were then submitted for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the August 13, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

The claims docket dated August 8, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$467,509.04 was presented to the Board. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims docket dated August 8, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$467,509.04. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a 3-0 vocal vote.

The payroll docket dated August 8, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$1,045,387.50 was then presented to the Board. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims docket dated August 8, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$1,045,387.50. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a 3-0 vocal vote.

Ordinance 2025-6: Non-Reverting Fund for Drug Court

Attorney Michael Wright and Drug Court Coordinator Taylor Trinkle approached the board with an Ordinance to establish a non-reverting fund for future revenue received from drug court drug screen fees. Michael explained Taylor is collecting payments for these fees at the Drug Court office instead of the Vigo County Clerk's office like similar fees from other courts. Mike Morris asked how long the Drug Court had been in existence. Taylor Trinkle said the court had been in operation since 1996. Mike then asked about the current location of the court. Taylor said the Drug Court's address was 653 Ohio St. in Terre Haute. Taylor explained the cost of drug screens and the amount of participants in the program. Mike Morris asked where the participants were receiving their drug screens. Taylor said the drug screens were conducted at Community Corrections. Taylor briefly explained the logistics of invoicing people for drug screens. Mike Morris asked about participants needing to travel to another location to pay fees. Taylor said currently participants pay user fees at the clerk, and drug screen fees at the Drug Court office and this ordinance would make all payments now go through the Clerk's office. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-6. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2025-5: Transfer Property to Low Income Housing

Alex Powell with the Vigo County Auditor's Office approached the Board and explained the Commissioner had a request from Jeff Stewart with the Terre Haute Housing Authority who owns lots on either side of a parcel. This resolution would assign the property to the Low Income Housing Development Corp. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2025-6: Transfer Property to Burnett Fire Department

Alex explained the Burnett Fire Department owned parcels on either side of this property and she said this transfer would give them the full piece. Chris Swtizer made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-6. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Barnes and Thornburg Engagement Letter

Vigo County Treasurer Josie Thompson took the podium and explained the County received a notification from the IRS to do an audit on the 2019 public safety bond and Barnes and Thornburg had agreed to represent the County through this process. Chris Swtizer made a motion to approve the Barnes and Thornburg Engagement Letter. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Lost Creek/Nevins Fire Department

Mark Clinkenbeard provided an update on the operations of the Lost Creek/Nevins Fire Department. Mark said a couple of years ago Nevins lost their fire department through lack of funds. He said Lost Creek had stepped up to continue to provide services to Nevins Township. Mark said in the past few months Lost Creek had gotten approval to cover Nevins Township and are now partly operating from the old Nevins Township Firehouse 2-3 days a week. Mike Morris expressed his support for the work to maintain fire protection for this part of the county.

Sports World

Tim Jarvis approached the board and discussed the operations and efforts of Sports World. Tim said he was asking for funding. He said the organization needed \$10,000 to continue its efforts in the community. Chris Switzer said efforts could be made by the Commissioners with helping word-of-mouth in the community about Tim's efforts.

Presentation for the Community Development Corp.

Chris Switzer gave a presentation explaining the purpose of the newly created Vigo County Community Development Corporation. Chris said this organization was a non-profit with the purpose to move property owned by the Board of Commissioners. He said the non-profit had a board of directors with three people, each one appointed by a commissioner. He said John Collell was appointed by Mark Clinkenbeard, Emily

Crapo was appointed by Mike Morris, and Daniel Conley was appointed by Chris Switzer. Chris said the ability of the non-profit to fund-raise was to sell property. He said the process of selling property to developers was often cumbersome, and this organization would allow the sale of land owned by the Commissioners to be a bit easier. He said this non-profit is similar to other organizations across the state. Vigo County Assessor Kevin Gardner approached the board and asked if the properties will still go through County tax sales. Chris Switzer said this properties can be pulled from the sale at any time. Kevin asked if there were any steps in place to stop properties from going into another non-profit and still out of the tax-roll? Chris Swtizer said this would be a conversation the Board of Directors of the Vigo County Community Development Corporation would have to have ahead of sales.

Public Comments

There were none.

Mark Clinkenbeard asked Adam Grossman to discuss the opening of Lock 47 Park. He said the park will open September 6th and is just outside of Riley. He briefly discussed ongoing events at county parks.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.

The meeting was recessed at 9:42 am.

Chris Switzer

Clinkenbeard

Mike Morris

Attest:

Larry T Hutchings II Auditor