

Present: Mark Clinkenbeard, Chris Switzer, Mike Morris

Others present: Attorney Terry Modesitt, Tammy York-Allen, Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Josie Thompson, Jim Hunter, Bob Rhodes, Kevin Gardner, Diana Smith, Chris Eldredge, Devan Gackle, Judy DeLisle, Jordynne Gackle, Justin McIntyre, Larry Robbins, Kara Wright, Jared Bayler, WTHI-TV, WTWO-TV, several members of the public.

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

Review of minutes/claims. The claims docket dated August 29, 2025 through September 2, 2025 in the amount of \$1,251,180.77 was presented to the Board. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the claims docket dated August 29, 2025 through September 2, 2025 in the amount of \$1,251,180.77. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a 3-0 vocal vote.

Larry Hutchings presented the Board with the minutes from the September 9, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting were then submitted for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the September 9, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

The payroll docket dated September 5 2025 through September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$1,059,875.43 was then presented to the Board. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the payroll docket dated September 5, 2025 through September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$1,059,875.43. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a 3-0 vocal vote

Resolution for Public Decorum

Chris Switzer explained this Resolution would establish policies and procedures for public comment in meetings going forward reading:

"Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-3.3 the Board of Commissioners of Vigo County, Indiana adopts the following rules governing the conduct of all members of the public who are physically present at a public meeting for the Board:

- A. The Board will take public comments, only for agenda items, before or during the Board's discussion or consideration for the agenda item and prior to taking the final action on the agenda item. Additional public comment will be held at the end of the agenda. Members of the public must appear in person in order to speak during the agenda topic discussion and/or during the allotted public comment section of the agenda.
- B. No attendee may engage in conduct that disrupts the Board meeting. The following are examples of potentially disruptive conduct:
 - 1. Disorderly, contemptuous, slanderous, profane, abusive remarks or utterances toward any member of the Board, County staff, or member of the public, resulting in disruption of the Board meeting.
 - 2. A breach of the peace; disruptive, boisterous, loud or threatening conduct; or violent disturbance, resulting in disruption of the Board meeting.
 - 3. Disobedience of any lawful order of the Presiding Board member, which includes an order to be seated; to remove items that obstruct the view of other audience members, impede

ingress or egress, or obstruct the aisles or passageways; or to refrain from addressing the Board, resulting in disruption of the Board meeting.

4. Any other conduct which results in disruption of the Board meeting.
- C. Public comment must be limited to three minutes of speaking time. If an attendee uses their permitted time, they may only continue with the permission of the Presiding Board member. If no permission is granted, the attendee may be asked to stop speaking by the presiding Board member.
- D. The presiding Board member will take reasonable steps to maintain order with respect to attendees and the Board.
 1. The Presiding Board member will identify the disruptive activity and issue a verbal warning to the attendee to cease and desist from the disruptive activity.
 2. If, after receiving a second warning from the Presiding Board member, an attendee persists and continues to disrupt the meeting, the Presiding Board member may order that person to leave the meeting location.
 3. If attendee does not remove himself or herself, the Presiding Board member, or upon a majority vote of the Board, may order the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee, to remove the attendee from the meeting location for the duration of the meeting."

Chris said he believed this resolution would create a safer environment for Board meetings and encourage the County Council to adopt something similar if they desired. Mark Clinkenbeard and Mike Morris expressed their support for the resolution. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-7. Mike Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.


Public Comment

There was none.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.

Chris Switzer said all three Commissioners attended Field Days. He said the Board made a \$1,500 contribution to Sports World. Mike Morris said he met with the highway department and noted paving could stretch later into the season, possibly into November. Health Department Administrator Joni Wise said there was an upcoming vaccination clinic September 20th, 2025 at the Vigo County annex. Mark Clinkenbeard said there was currently no burn ban, but the Board was monitoring extended dry conditions.

The meeting was recessed at 9:11 am.


Mark Clinkenbeard
Chris Switzer
Mike Morris

Attest:


Larry T. Hutchings II, Auditor