

September 12, 2017

Commissioners' Conference Room

Vigo County Annex

Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Judith Anderson, Brad Anderson, Jon Marvel

**Others Present:** County Attorney Mike Wright, County Auditor James Bramble, Jeremy Snowden, Dave Rarden, Neil Costello, Bobby James, Nancy Allsup, Scott Whittenberg, Bruce Allen, Dave Dillon, Kevin Gardner, Rob McMullen, Steve Barnhart, Mike Schalberg, Larry Bennett, Connie Flood, Bill Watson, Tammy York-Allen, Mike Ciolli, Terry Jones, Kylissa Miller, Pastor Dwayne Mallone, Patrick Murphy, Jay W. Dennis

**Acceptance of Southern Manor Roadway.** County Attorney Mike Wright presented to the Board Southern Manor's Roadway. It has been questioned whether or not it has been accepted as an official road. It's been paved and the road does go all the way around. East Morgan Drive, South Kian Street, South Avery Street and East Southern Manor Drive are located in the Northeast corner of the Sizemore Estates Unrecorded Subdivision. County Commissioner Brad Anderson stated that the Southern Manor Roadway is an actual road where it turns all the way around. It was the old Erie Canal Road where it meets Springhill. In 2004 the Commissioners said it was okay to take it in but it was never voted on.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by:** Jon Marvel, **Passed:** all ayes.

**Vigo County Handbook.** County Attorney Mike Wright presented to the Board the new Personnel Policy Handbook. The new Handbook is 128 pages of information, direction and a guide for elected officials, appointed officials, employees and department heads to provide a set of expectation for employment with Vigo County which explains the process in which Vigo County recruits, retains and encourages advancement. County Commissioner Judith Anderson commented that the Commissioners signed off on this project with the consultants that did the salary study. A lot of this is state recommendations to help further explain everything with detail. This is meant to serve as a guide to all Vigo County Employees and this takes effect today. This does grandfather employee's vacations. If someone has served an appointed or elected office and then has subsequently re-employees in another position and the years that they had in their prior service it would count towards their new benefits in a new position and applies to those people who are in that position now. Not doing retroactive or going back to anything. It's a new handbook but the policy is that the people who are employees here now will get credit for years of service in other positions moving forward to their new position. There is further discussion to have County Attorney Mike Wright amend the handbook. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by:** Jon Marvel, **Passed:** all ayes.

**Expenditures.** County Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of 08/26/2017 to 09/01/2017 in the amount of \$461,153.18. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Jon Marvel, **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson, **Passed:** all ayes.

**Expenditures.** County Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of 09/02/2017 to 09/08/2017 in the amount of \$675,847.89. Plus payroll in the amount of \$868,184.82 for a total amount of \$1,544,032.71. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Jon Marvel, Seconded by: Brad Anderson, **Passed:** all ayes.

**Minutes.** County Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes dated 08.29.2017. **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Jon Marvel, Seconded by: Brad Anderson, **Passed:** all ayes.

**Comment from Public or other Vigo County Representatives.** County Commissioner Brad Anderson commented on Cottom Road. Cottom Road was paved because a semi turned over on it and damaged it. They turned the damage cost into the insurance company which was \$17,687.00. There is a cause number and it was turned into Bobby James.

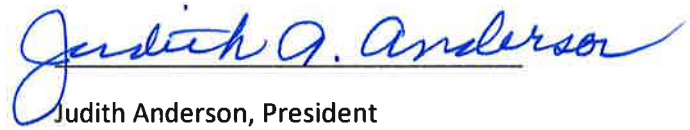
Pastor Dwayne Mallone commented to the Board about his church, First Free Will Baptist Church about their upcoming festival on Friday and Saturday at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Franklin Street. This is a fundraiser festival to build a new church. He also commented on 80% of the people coming in and out of jail that have mental issues and a lot of this does go through Hamilton Center. We have been paying taxes to Hamilton Center each year to help with mental ill in our community. Is there a plan of correction since these repeated offenders continue to come back to jail? County Attorney Mike Wright did state that Hamilton Center does receive money from Vigo County but it's their own tax levy. The money that they get is mandated and the amount that they receive they are entitled too. Whatever services that Hamilton Center provides that's what we receive as a County. County Commissioner Brad Anderson did state that the judges are the ones who incarcerate not the Commissioners. Dave Rarden stated that many people who go to jail refuse any treatment that may be provided for them.

Dennis W. Jay commented to the Board about the Area Plan Department staff. The director of the Area Planning Department he feels is not doing his job. There is a tower company that is wanting to build a cell tower in Otter Creek Township. They've tried 4 different places now to try and get this tower built. They've been either rejected or postponed or set aside but yet the director keeps presenting to the Area Plan Department with favorable recommendation for the rezoning of the cell tower. He is wanting the Area Plan Department to work together with the cell tower company to assure this tower in a different place.

Terry Jones commented to the Board about BEP. They've required 11 properties, 2 of them they just received in August, 9 of them they are still working on and some of them may have to go through ordinance and may have to be demoed.


Larry Bennett with Myers Engineering commented to the Board about the Bridge 338 bid, to see if they've made a decision. It's still tabled for further discussion.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

  
Judith Anderson, President

  
Brad Anderson, Secretary

Attest,

  
James W. Bramble, Auditor

  
Jon Marvel, Member