

April 20, 2021

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Brendan Kearns.

Others Present: County Attorney Joel Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Kim Bennett, Melanie Mann, Ladonna Ingram, Kara Wright, Kylissa Miller, Bruce Allen, Ryan Wickens, Josie Swalls, Terry Lee Van Dyke Sr., Bob Murray, Howard Greninger, Channel 10 News, and Joey Lehman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Morris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented minutes for April 13, 2021 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of April 10, 2021 through April 16, 2021 in the amount of \$413,938.04 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,034,832.77 for a total amount of \$1,448,770.81. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the claims for April 10, 2021 through April 16, 2021. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Petitions to Vacate Right-of-Way in Nevins Township. Ryan Wickens, of Vigo County GIS, presented a Petition to vacate a public alleyway and a Petition to vacate a public road in Nevins Township. Applicants are Mildred Sissy Starr and Terry Lee Van Dyke, Sr. These vacations are being looked at in order to make residential improvements. The property on the west side of Brown Street will be developed into a garden spot and a vineyard and some fruit trees. They plan to build a new residential structure on the property between First Avenue and Second Avenue. There was an in-depth discussion about the planned improvements. Brendan Kearns made a motion to move forward with Ordinance No. 2 having to do with the alleyway vacation. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. There was then an in-depth discussion regarding Ordinance No. 3 which concerned vacating the public roadway. The petitioners plan to build a house and need to vacate the roadway in order to have the space needed to have a septic system installed. Discussion continued and it was noted that the planned vineyard will initially be for personal use but may become commercial at some point. It was pointed out during the discussion that if you were looking at the site, you would not be able to discern where the "road" is that is being vacated. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve this roadway vacation. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Bridge Inspection Contracts-Vigo County Engineer. Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer, presented two separate contracts. The first was a bridge inspection contract for Bridge #322. This inspection contract was for \$153,094.10. It has been reviewed and is in compliance with all requirements. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the bridge inspection contract. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a

voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. The next document was an INDOT LPA Contract. It is the next step in the bridge inspection process. This is between the County and the State and dictates what bridges are in that contract and which ones are eligible for the federal funds. Joel Modesitt indicated that both contracts had been reviewed and were pretty much standard contracts and there is not much room to negotiate with INDOT. Mr. Robbins advised that these are typical contracts with all 92 counties in the State of Indiana. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the LPA Contract. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Consideration of PTABOA Board Appointment. It was then announced that David Phelps was being submitted as the Commissioners' new member of PTABOA Board to bring the Board appointments in compliance. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the appointment. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives. Cheryl Loudermilk reminded everyone that the tax bills have been mailed out and asked that everyone be patient in the next few weeks. The County has switched over to a new software program and there are a few kinks being worked out. Treasurer Josie Swalls was also present and added that people could also go to *lowtaxinfo.com* and find several options/ways to pay their tax bills. It is a very user-friendly site and easy to navigate. Chris Switzer and Brendan Kearns reminded everyone of the upcoming trash clean-ups scheduled in the coming weeks and thanked everyone who had shown up in the last couple of weeks in the West Terre Haute locations. Chris Switzer advised that in late March/early April, the Commissioners had looked into adding a vestibule to the north end of the annex and putting a staff member there to greet people and direct them to the office they were looking for. The estimate came in at \$141,288 and the Commissioners would like to proceed. Brendan Kearns noted that this was first discussed in November or December and it was suggested that Covid funds be used to fund the project. It was felt at that time that such could be done. There was a short discussion. Brendan Kearns made a motion to move forward with building the vestibule using Garmong Construction and their estimate of \$141,288. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. It was also mentioned that this addition would make the building ADA compliant.

Public Comments. There were none.

Today's meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.



Mike Morris, President



Chris Switzer, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor