

December 7, 2021

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Brendan Kearns.

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kevin Gardner, Vickie Oster, Sara Holbert, Larry Robbins, Josie Thompson, Bill Watson, Bruce Allen, Kylissa Miller, Terry Bays, Todd Thacker, Joey Lehman, Howard Greninger, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the minutes for the meeting held November 23, 2021 and the minutes for the December 6, 2021 rezoning meeting. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Mike Morris made a few comments regarding the rezoning meeting. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of November 20, 2021 through November 26, 2021 in the amount of \$445,688.76 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,013,180.12 for a total amount of \$1,458,868.88. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the November 20, 2021 through November 26, 2021 claims. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of November 27 through December 3, 2021 in the amount of \$389,582.79 plus the County bonus in the amount of \$636,000.00 for a total amount of \$1,025,582.79. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the November 20, 2021 through November 26, 2021 claims and the November 27 through December 3, 2021 claims. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Commissary Software – Community Corrections. Bill Watson, Director of Court Services, noted that this concerned software with a company they currently do business with. This allows the purchase of bulk commissary so that the items can be sold at a cheaper rate to people in their residential program than when they buy it on their individual account. Mr. Kearns asked if this agreement was the same as last year and if it was just a continuation. Mr. Watson replied in the affirmative. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve this agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Electronic Monitoring Service Agreement – Community Corrections. Bill Watson, Director of Court Services, stated that they had been testing for a while and this agreement was for a portable alcohol testing device. This will basically fit in a man's pants pocket, or be carried in a jacket or a purse. Community Corrections controls the times that the offender has to give a breath sample for alcohol. When using this new device, the offender has to plot the GPS point and the device takes a picture at the time so you know where their location is when they are testing for that alcohol sample. It also give the offender a little more privacy while complying with the regulations. Funding is covered as it is an "offender pay" item. The cost is \$5.45 per day. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve this agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Joink Fiber Optic Service Agreement for Vector Control – IT. Joey Lehman, IT Director, advised that this to have a fiber circuit connected to the Vector Control location in order to improve the connection there. The building is located on 13th Street but has a Seventh Avenue address. It is being connected at 8th Avenue in order to avoid having to go under the railroad tracks and avoid that extremely expensive cost. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve this agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comment from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Brendan Kearns asked Terry Modesitt if the final version of the animal ordinance discussed at last week's meeting was ready to be signed and passed. Mr. Modesitt was unaware if it was ready today since he had not been in attendance at last week's meeting and their entire office was at a Prosecutor's Conference. Discussion continued with Mr. Kearns stating that he would like to be sure that this matter was ready for signature/passage at next week's meeting.

Mike Morris noted that with everyone getting into the holiday spirit, a Christmas decorating contest was ongoing at the Annex. Pictures of the various offices had been posted on his Facebook page and is open for voting. He suggested perhaps a traveling trophy for the winner that would get awarded each year going forward would be a good idea. It was noted that the winner would be by determined by people voting for the office they thought best.

Chris Switzer stated that at their conference last week, a lot of conversation centered around jail, mental health and drugs. 49 of Indiana's 92 counties are currently constructing or remodeling a jail, 14 counties are in a study process, and 10 counties are getting ready to start the process of a study or are talking about doing something with their jail or inmates. Almost every county commissioner asked the State for help regarding mental health and drug addiction with the common theme being that a person addicted to drugs or struggling with mental health issues do not deserve to sit in jail. Mr. Kearns noted that he was looking forward to hearing from agencies who had previously indicated they wanted to come in and help and provide their services to step up to the plate.

Public Comments. Kylissa Miller, Vigo County Council Administrator, presented the Commissioners, per state statute, with the Annual Certification of Elected Officials on Compliance with IC 36-1-21 and the Annual Certification of Elected Officials on Compliance with IC 36-1-20.2 signed by each member of the Vigo County Council.

It was also noted that December 14 would be the last meeting of the year for the Commissioners.

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


Mike Morris, President


Chris Switzer, Vice President


Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor