

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Brendan Kearns.

Others Present: County Attorney Joel Modesitt, County Attorney Michael Wright, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kevin Gardner, Vickie Oster, Sara Holbert, Larry Robbins, Josie Thompson, Bruce Allen, Kylissa Miller, Terry Bays, Todd Thacker, Vicki Weger, Tim Cunningham, Aaron Loudermilk, Kara Wright, Scott Barber, Adam Grossman, Judy DeLisle, Joey Lehman, Howard Greninger, Heather Good, 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. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented the minutes for the meeting held December 7, 2021. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Morris 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 December 4, 2021 through December 10, 2021 in the amount of \$57,068,212.45 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,070,366.66 for a total amount of \$58,138,579.11. Ms. Loudermilk noted that this includes the total settlement of pass through money in the amount of \$56,609,407.95. Brendan Kearns asked where Move Over Lake was located. Ms. Loudermilk explained that it was a conservancy located in the Riley area. There was a brief discussion about this. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the December 4, 2021 through December 10, 2021 claims. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution for Responsible Bidder Ordinance (RBO) – Johnathan Brian. Johnathan Brian, Business Agent for Ironworkers Local 22 and a delegate with the Wabash Valley Building Trades, spoke about the Responsible Bidder Ordinance (“RBO”) being presented and the intent of it and why it is being brought up. When it comes to enforcing the RBO currently in effect, it is difficult to find a body to enforce the ordinance. He then cited an example of what he was talking about. He further explained how this would work and how it would include tax abatements. Brendan Kearns asked if there was anything unique in Section 9 to Vigo County. Mr. Brian noted that the one unique item contained concerned the abatement clause. The money to fund the project isn’t coming directly from the county but it’s in the form of taxpayer money through an abatement. That is the one thing that is slightly unique as opposed to other counties. Mr. Kearns noted that this concerned property owned by the Commissioner and under Vigo County Redevelopment. Discussion continued. Chris Switzer asked if an issue arose with regard to an abatement, what exactly is being asked of the Commissioners. Mr. Brian noted that this has been a work in progress and that whatever the best avenue would be (between the Council and the Commissioners) is what they are looking for. Language can be changed on this, if need be, but essentially, since the Council grants an abatement, they would be the ones who would have to pull it if it became necessary. Perhaps the Commissioners would have to advise the Council that the abatement would need to be pulled. Mr. Brian also stated that this was not a union/non-union type of thing. This is simply ensuring that the opportunity is given to as many local workers and local businesses to work on projects. They are not trying to hinder anyone from coming to Vigo County. To the contrary, they want as much business as possible to locate here but they just want a fair shot to be able to provide the labor and services. Mike Morris stated that the Commissioners would take this under

advisement. Brendan Kearns noted that the original RBO was passed in September 21, 2010 so it is good to revisit this.

Resolution for Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Appointment. Brendan Kearns said that this was the process to reappoint him to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission of which he is currently a member. He is seeking approval to be appointed for another year. Each county in the Wabash River area has a representative appointed by the commissioners. The main goal of the Commission is to take funds that are given to the State through royalties from minerals underneath the Wabash River basin (mainly oil) and redistribute it into the communities. He currently serves as president of the organization and would appreciate being re-appointed to the Board. It was also noted that Adam Grossman was an additional appointment. There was a brief discussion. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Brendan Kearns and Adam Grossman to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Animal Control Ordinance. This is an amendment to the Ordinance that has been requested by the Commissioners to allow goats, chickens, sheep and rabbits. The Commissioners had reviewed the amendment. Brendan Kearns asked Evelyn Davis if she had reviewed the draft sent to her since this directly affected her. There was a short discussion. Ms. Davis expressed her gratitude that the Commissioners had addressed and taken care of this issue. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve this Amendment to Chapter 49 of the Animal Control Ordinance. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. This is an agreement with the Town of Seelyville to allow the County ordinances to be enforced in Seelyville. Brendan Kearns explained that this originated when Building Inspection addressed an issue about an unsafe structure they were contacted about by the Seelyville Town Marshal. After citing the property, it was realized that Vigo County does not have the authority to do that. Towns historically took care of their own issues but as things have changed, the County has moved in to help provide support. This document will allow the County to support the Town of Seelyville as needed/requested. Brendan Kearns is on the Town Board of Seelyville and will present this document to them at their meeting this evening. Once this is fully executed, until the Town Board figures out a way to handle things themselves, Vigo County will continue to be their partner. County Attorney Michael Wright explained that adoption/approval of this refers to all County Ordinances being enforced in the town jurisdiction, if requested. It was also noted that this required consent of both parties in order to become effective. If passed by the Commissioners this morning but not passed by the Town Board of Seelyville tonight, would not go into effect. Passage today by both parties, however, will allow Building Inspection to go ahead with citing the property and others that are in question and move forward with condemnation. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Seelyville. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comment from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Chris Switzer announced that the Commissioners would be meeting Friday morning, December 17, at 9:00 and asked Larry Robbins to explain why. Mr. Robbins, County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, explained that any time there is new census information, the GIS Department is tasked with reviewing and making sure that the boundary lines are correct. According to IC 36-2-3-4, if there is a conflict between the map showing the boundaries for the Commissioners and the Council Districts and the legal descriptions of those boundaries, the legal description takes precedence. Some errors in the legal descriptions have been discovered in the latest review that do not follow the precinct lines and they have to follow the precinct lines by state statute. The map does follow the precinct lines but the legal descriptions do not. They need to make sure this is correct. Those changes could not be ready for approval/passage today so they will need the meeting on Friday to get this accomplished. To Mr. Robbins' knowledge, there are no other changes being requested or acted upon and

everything will be exactly the same as it has been for the last ten years but they just need to make sure that everything is correct. Mike Morris spoke briefly about this matter. It was noted that the Chambers was reserved for another matter on Friday so the Commissioners' meeting will take place in the Commissioners' conference room.

Larry Robbins then addressed Resolution 2021-16. INDOT is moving towards having contracts/documents executed via *DocuSign* now and in the future. They prefer to have one signature for every document we have with INDOT or using federal money for any projects requiring approval by the Commissioners. INDOT is moving towards one signature per LPA. They want the County to have one signing designee. After talking with the Commissioners and the Legal Department, it was decided that everything will be brought to the Commissioners like always but it will only take the signature of the President for the document to be valid. It will be set up so that whoever the President is at any given time will be the signature designee. In that way, it will not be necessary to amend the resolution each time there is a change in president. Mr. Robbins stated that he did have a contract right now that needs to be signed so action on this resolution is a necessity. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-16. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Robbins then noted that the document he needs to have executed before the end of the year is the interlocal agreement for the Community Crossings award for this year. This is just for the Fall award of \$15,000.00. It was decided this will be dealt with at the Friday meeting also. Michael Wright noted that it will still require a vote by the three Commissioners even though just one signature will be required.

Vicki Weger, County Councilwoman, said that she had been contacted by several county employees who were concerned about the future of the Wellness Clinic. Chris Switzer said they had had zero communication about closing the clinic and were totally unaware of where that statement might have come from. Brendan Kearns addressed the rumor and there was a lengthy discussion. He stated that there were no plans to do away with the current clinic. It was noted that there had not been a premium increase to employees since 2005.

Mike Morris said the year was drawing to a close and touched on some highlights and stated he was looking forward to the new year. Brendan Kearns added a few comments. Chris Switzer added that the ready grants are being awarded today at 4:00. Because the asks were so big, Governor Holcomb was digging into the pot a little more. Vigo County was supposed to ask for \$50 million but asked for \$73 million for some projects to get completed over the next several years.

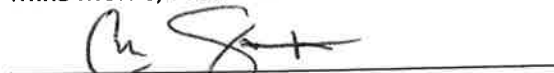
Public Comments. There were none.

Today's meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Mike Morris, President


Chris Switzer, Vice President


Brendan Kearns, Secretary