

November 1, 2022

Commissioners Conference Room  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Chris Switzer, Mike Morris and Brendan Kearns

**Others Present:** County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Jordynne Shelton, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Tim Cunningham, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, John Villa, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Bruce Allen, Chris Wilbur, Tony Cassiseah, Channel 2 News, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented meeting minutes for October 18, 2022 and rezoning meeting minutes for October 18, 2022 for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve both sets of minutes dated October 18, 2022. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble said that going forward, we will be separating payroll from the claims which will require a separate motion to approve payroll and briefly explained the reasoning for this. He then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of October 15, 2022 through October 21, 2022 in the amount of \$699,806.12. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the October 15, 2022 through October 21, 2022 claims in the amount of \$699,806.12. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Next, claims were presented to the Board with expenditures for the period of October 22, 2022 through October 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,165,380.44. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the October 22, 2022 through October 28, 2022 claims in the total amount of \$1,165,380.44. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Bramble then presented payroll for the period October 15, 2022 through October 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,141,312.22. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$1,141,312.22. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Property at 1345 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – John Villa.** John Villa of the Auditor's Office explained that this property had been in several tax sales but remains unsold. The properties located on either side are already owned by Habitat. Giving this property to Habitat would be the sensible thing to do. We are not currently collecting any revenue on the property but transferring it would make it viable in the future. There would need to be a hearing on this and he can have the tax sale attorney prepare a resolution to accomplish that. The advertisement would need to be 10 days prior to the public hearing (which would be the next Commissioners' meeting) and then the Commissioners could act on transferring the property. Brendan Kearns noted transfers like this had been done in the past with Reach Services and Mental Health America and asked Mr. Villa what he needed from the Commissioners today. Mr. Villa said he was looking for a motion to approve the preparation of a resolution for a hearing. Brendan Kearns made a motion to have a resolution prepared for the hearing. Mike Morris said he had been approached about this and had investigated it and would second the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. There was then a brief discussion regarding this year's tax sale.

**Appointment to Honey Creek Fire Protection District – Commissioners.** Chris Switzer noted that Rick Jenkins had passed away and an appointment to the Honey Creek Fire Protection District needed to be made to fill

his vacant spot per the request and recommendation of Joe Shackelford, Chairman of the Trustees of the Honey Creek FPD. Mr. Switzer read the appointment into record as follows: "This is to certify that you, George Brown III, will fulfill the remainder of Richard Jenkins' term on the Honey Creek Fire Protection District for Vigo County on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022, expiring on December 31, 2025. In testimony whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022." Mike Morris made a motion to approve the appointment. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Electronic Bill Presentment and Bill Payment – Josie Thompson.** Treasurer Josie Thompson introduced Adam Ek with Invoice Cloud, who had been meeting with members of the Treasurer's Office to implement a program for electronic bill presentment and bill paying for the Treasurer's Office. Among many benefits for the taxpayer, this will also reduce costs of printing, postage, and the amount of traffic coming into the building for the County. Mr. Ek gave a presentation about the program and how it could provide value to taxpayers and the County. He did note that they already have integration with Vigo County's core software provider, LOW Associates, which will allow the information to be conveyed correctly and in real time. At the end of the presentation, there were questions raised by the Commissioners about various things they would like to see before a contract was signed. Discussion continued. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said he had reviewed the agreement and thought there should be a couple of changes and will be talking with the attorney for Invoice Cloud and no problems were being anticipated.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** There were none.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting recessed at 9:29 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

Chris Switzer, President



Mike Morris, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary