

March 21, 2023

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Bruce Allen, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Josie Thompson, Kevin Gardner, Tim Cunningham, Leanna Moore, Ricky Hammond, Chrissy Patterson, Valerie Stapleton, Terry Bays, Howard Greninger, Tony Cassiseah, 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 Board with meeting minutes for March 14, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes for March 14, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of March 11, 2023 through March 17, 2023 in the amount of \$3,586,538.03. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the March 18, 2023 through March 24, 2023 claims in the amount of \$1,008,396.64. 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 payroll for March 16, 2023 in the amount of \$1,170,084.46. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve payroll for March 16, 2023 in the amount of \$1,170,084.46. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Keith Holbert. Keith Holbert of Emergency Management explained that this is a plan that has to be updated every five years. It was last updated in 2015 but Covid had delayed approval of a new one. Mr. Holbert gave a brief review of what is contained in this document. This plan has to be adopted through resolution by the County, the City of Terre Haute, Seelyville, Riley, and West Terre Haute for us to be in line for disaster relief funds from FEMA and IDHS. He doesn't know if adoption of this in 2023 will make the next adoption in 5 years or if it will continue with the original timeline and have to be adopted again in three years. They have a grant that paid for preparation of this plan. Commissioner Switzer thanked Mr. Holbert and the others at EMA for the recent tour and said that Vigo County has a state of the art Emergency Management office at the Airport. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Bridge 322 Change Order & Close Out – Larry Robbins. Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer, said that Bridge 322 (which is at 13th Street over Lost Creek on the north side of town) is basically complete. There are a few change orders that need to be approved before the project can be closed out and he also has a Letter of Acceptance. Change Order #3 was for \$2,900 for flowable fill. Change Order #4 was for zero dollars since contractor agreed to swap out concrete for asphalt for the same price. Change Order #5 was a negative change order of \$98,474. In discussion with the contractor, it was decided to pull the asphalt surface work out and do it locally which may end up being a little cheaper than the INDOT contract amount. Chris Switzer made a motion to accept the change orders for Bridge 322. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon

a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously approved. Larry Robbins said that he would also like to have a recommendation to accept Bridge 322 for INDOT. Generally, the County will accept the bridge in the form it is now and relieve the contractor of all obligations that he has at this point. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve Acceptance of Bridge 322. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Robbins did note that the project was not completely done. They still have some surface work to do. It is scheduled to be paved on April 3 so the bridge will be shut down for a day or so to complete all the surface work and that will make the project complete. Commissioner Switzer said that the City was moving forward with a new overpass project on 13th Street. He wanted to know if that overpass becomes the responsibility of the County when it is complete. Mr. Robbins said the bridge portion would. Any bridge in the County, by statute, is the responsibility of the County. Mr. Switzer also noted that INDOT is preparing to start a project that will shut down Darwin Road from April until August.

Appreciation Certifications – Commissioners. Mark Clinkenbeard recognized the efforts of the Society of Trashbaggers in the County. He gave a brief review of some of the accomplishments of the group. He presented Terry Mullen, Larry Mullen, Brent Youngblood, and Al Heramb with the very first Vigo County Commissioners' Community Service Awards for outstanding service to Vigo County. There was a short discussion where it was noted that the Trashbaggers would welcome any and all volunteers to the program. They also believe there is a serious problem with drinking and driving in the County and talked about all the beer cans/liquor bottles they pick up, a lot in the same areas every single day, and the need for some additional road signs.

Public Comments. James Robertson talked about his plan to start a crisis response team for Vigo County, along with other projects he planned to implement. He is not asking the County to fund this (he will be funding it himself) but he is asking for the following: a vehicle, a radio to communicate with Central Dispatch, and fuel for the vehicle. There was a short discussion. The Commissioners indicated they would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Robertson because there are many issues that would need to be addressed.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Commissioner Switzer commended Ricky Hammond on the great job he is doing and all his efforts and handling of all the duties in his new position as head of Maintenance.

The next meeting will be March 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m.

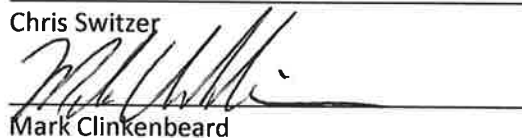


Mike Morris

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor

Chris Switzer


Mark Clinkenbeard