

November 14, 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, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Tim Cunningham, Ricky Hammond, Sarah Holbert, Joni Wise, Amanda Bales, Kevin Gardner, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Bill Watson, Larry Robbins, 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 regular meeting minutes and rezoning meeting minutes for November 8, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve both sets of minutes for November 8, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard 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 4, 2023 through November 10, 2023 in the amount of \$3,296,323.64. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the November 4, 2023 through November 10, 2023 claims in the amount of \$3,296,323.64. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with payroll for November 9, 2023 in the amount of \$1,263,906.90 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the November 9, 2023 payroll. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**QPH Agreement - Maintenance.** Ricky Hammond, Maintenance Supervisor, explained that he would like to switch from North Mechanical Contracting Services to QPH. The technician who built the program for the Court House that controls the heating, cooling and lighting for the Court House, and who had worked for North Mechanical, has switched employment to QPH. Mr. Hammond would like to keep working with the same technician who is most familiar with the program and would need to switch companies to do that. It will also result in a savings of \$1,384. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the contract. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Surplus Equipment for Auction - Engineer.** Larry Robbins, County Engineer, explained that he was providing a list of equipment he would like to declare as surplus and auction on GovDeals.com. There are 11 vehicles, a tractor, and a trailer. These are items in need of repair and are no longer needed to be used. It was noted that using GovDeals offers a higher platform to sell everything at a better price. GovDeals sells everything from office supplies to vehicles. We just list it on the site and GovDeals takes care of the auction, the payments, and then just sends us a check. The equipment is located at the north Highway Garage if anyone wants to take a look for possible purchase. Chris Switzer made a motion to declare the items as surplus and allow Mr. Robbins to list them with GovDeals for auction. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** Evelyn Davis of Shepardsville was present to voice her opposition to the carbon sequestration project being proposed for the West Terre Haute area.

**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Bill Watson, Director of Court Services, gave an update on the security system at Community Corrections. He has obtained part of the quotes for the system and is waiting on the rest of them at this time. Operations are still normal. They are getting responses very quickly on obtaining the hardware for the system. Pricing is very encouraging. Some of it has dropped in price from what was quoted about 18 months ago due to the availability of some of the equipment now than it had been during supply issues. He hopes that the pricing continues to go down which would result in a substantially smaller amount than originally anticipated. Commissioner Switzer asked Chief Deputy Cheryl Loudermilk if she had been able to confirm that money to fund the project could be used from LIT/Public Safety or LIT/Correctional. She had been out of the office since last week but will be checking on that today. Mr. Switzer said that if he could get that confirmation, the Commissioners would like to possibly get a resolution of support/commitment from the Council so that the Commissioners could go ahead and get started on moving forward with the project. Bill Watson said that he had also discovered that the companies indicated they believed they could get the equipment in 10-14 days to start building the system. That would take 3-4 weeks at the most and then they could schedule a time to come and install the system which would only take one day.

Chris Switzer noted that District Fire Chief David Phelps had recently passed away. Mr. Phelps had also served on the PTABOA Board for the County Assessor. Mr. Switzer asked Kevin Gardner, County Assessor, if the Commissioners could waive the Level 2 requirement for appointments to the PTABOA board. Mr. Gardner said Commissioners can waive the Level 2 requirement and also the requirement of a bipartisan board. Mr. Switzer said the Commissioners had been having issues find a Level 2 and a Republican to appoint to the Board. There was discussion about the requirements and the need to make an appointment sooner rather than later. 510 appeals had been filed this year and there were 214 left to resolve. They could process about 16 appeals per day. It was important to get everything done as quickly as possible in order to let the Auditor's Office know about how much tax revenue would be generated in the coming year. They are currently able to conduct hearings with the 2 members left on the board but occasionally, a member has a conflict which then requires hearings to be rescheduled (which requires 30 days' notice). There are hearings scheduled this week that this could possibly affect. Discussion continued. County Attorney Terry Modesitt thought that any waivers by the Commissioners would need to be done by resolution but he would have to research it.

Larry Robbins said that paving was done for the year except for a small stretch on Trueblood that they are trying to get finished to wrap up the Community Crossings project. They are transitioning to crack sealing to take care of the pavement. They are also striping the new pavement as quickly as possible for safety.

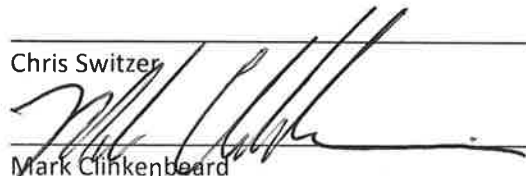
The Auditor's Office reminded everyone that they would need to get their mileage claims turned in by the end of the year.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

  
Mike Morris

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

Chris Switzer  
  
Mark Clinkenbeard