

December 5, 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, Kevin Gardner, Deana Chrisman, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Joni Wise, Bill Watson, Tim Cunningham, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Ricky Hammonds, Larry Robbins, Scott Barbour, Rick Burger, Brandon Sakbun, 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 November 21, 2023 and bid opening minutes for November 21, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve both sets of minutes for November 21, 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 18, 2023 through November 24, 2023 in the amount of \$3,436,993.78. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the November 18, 2023 through November 24, 2023 claims in the amount of \$3,436,993.78. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. He then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of November 25, 2023 through December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$1,181,915.25. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the November 25, 2023 through December 1, 2023 claims in the amount of \$1,181,915.25. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with payroll for November 22, 2023 in the amount of \$1,383,946.59 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the November 9, 2023 payroll. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Happiness Bag-ARPA Grant Agreement for \$750,000 – Commissioners. Mike Morris presented the Grant Agreement that had been prepared for the \$750,000 grant to Happiness Bag from the ARPA funds. Chris Switzer noted that Happiness Bag has started construction and hired a contractor to do some of their work. Mike Morris said that Happiness Bag was going to have to raise more funds to complete the project but this was a big step in getting started. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Happiness Bag ARPA Grant Agreement. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Requests for Commissioners to Vacate Right-of-Ways in Vigo County – Scott Barbour. Scott Barbour said he had three petitions all for the same area in Tecumseh. Franklin Judy, William Boyll, and Nita Wilson had spoken to the Commissioners about this. In looking at this area on a map, there are 2 road right-of-ways and 2 alleys that you can see. The 3 petitions would handle all four pieces of the property. They are all dead end roads from Pottsville to the river and depending on who the ownership is determined to be is who is petitioning for what piece. This is just for preliminary approval. If the Commissioners approve this then Mr. Barbour will begin the formal petition process. The property has been surveyed. Mr. Barbour said that just like all alleys, if they are vacated, they will be split between the adjoining property owners. Mr. Switzer said

these are all riverfront parcels off Pottsville Road. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the process to move forward. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Nyhart Agreement - Auditor. This Agreement will be tabled. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to table the Nyhart request. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Mark Clinkenbeard – aye; Mike Morris – aye; and Chris Switzer – nay. With a vote of 2-1, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard presented the Community Service Award, an award that goes to those that go above and beyond to help and improve our community, to Rick Burger. Mr. Clinkenbeard talked about all the organizations that Mr. Burger volunteers his time and efforts to in and around the community. Mr. Burger accepted the award, thanked everyone for the honor and spoke briefly. He did remind all present that an Air Show, that will be bigger and better than before, will take place June 1 and 2. Tickets are on sale for \$20 now and will be \$45 the day of the show.




Public Comments. There were none.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. There were none.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Mike Morris

Chris Switzer

Mark Clinkenbeard