

December 12, 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, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Jordynne Shelton, Joni Wise, Amanda Bales, Bill Watson, Tim Cunningham, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Larry Robbins, Jared Bayler, Adam Grossman, Joey Lehman, 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 December 5, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve minutes as presented for December 5, 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 December 2, 2023 through December 8, 2023 in the amount of \$56,204,342.58. Mr. Bramble explained that this amount included tax distributions to units. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the December 2, 2023 through December 8, 2023 claims in the amount of \$56,204,342.58. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with payroll for December 7, 2023 in the amount of \$1,374,122.94 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023 payroll. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

St. Mary of the Woods-ARPA Grant Agreement for \$500,000 – Commissioners. Chris Switzer briefly reviewed the awards approved earlier in the year for both St. Mary of the Woods and Rose Hulman Ventures from the American Rescue Plan Act. The St. Mary's request is going to be used to improve their equestrian facilities on campus. The award to St. Mary's is for \$500,000 and execution of this agreement will get them under contract yet this year. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the St. Mary of the Woods ARPA Grant Agreement. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Rose Hulman Ventures-ARPA Grant Agreement for \$500,000 – Commissioners. Mr. Switzer then said Rose Hulman Ventures came and gave a wonderful presentation earlier this year about their expansion moving from their current facility which is located further south on State Road 46. They are going to move to the northeast corner of State Road 42 and State Road 46 right off of Poplar Street. Their award was also for \$500,000. Rose Hulman Ventures has now met all their obligations for funding so this project will probably start early next year. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Rose Hulman Ventures ARPA Grant Agreement. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Hartman & Williams Contract – Jim Bramble. Mr. Bramble explained that this is an engagement letter for a compilation of the 2023 financial statements. Chris Switzer made a motion to table this agreement in order

to have time for the County Attorney to look it over and approve same. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Nyhart Agreement - Auditor. This Agreement for a cost analysis for health and the impact on the funding for retirement had been tabled last week. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said he had reviewed and approved the document. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the Nyhart agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Bill Watson, Director of Court Services, presented the agreement from Securitas Technology Corporation that he had received Friday for the equipment to upgrade the security system in the residential center that had been discussed for several weeks. Mr. Watson had called Commissioner Clinkenbeard on Friday. Mr. Clinkenbeard had told Mr. Watson to go ahead and sign it and get it back so they could get started on ordering the equipment. This is being presented today for approval by the entire group. Mr. Switzer asked if there was an estimated time on getting the equipment. Mr. Watson said they estimated about four weeks for arrival. Securitas did send a confirmation late Friday afternoon that an order had been placed for everything needed. Mr. Watson had worked with the Auditor's Office and funding was available so an additional appropriation was not needed. If a shortfall does come up, it will be at the end of this year and a request for additional money could be made from the Council at the first of next year. The total cost came in about \$340,000 which was significantly less than initially thought. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Before voting took place, County Attorney Modesitt pointed out that Section 16 of the document indicated that the agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. We generally require all agreements to be governed by Indiana law. Mr. Watson indicated he did not see that language but it had never been an issue before and he would talk with the company. There was a brief discussion. Mark Clinkenbeard withdrew his prior motion. Mr. Clinkenbeard then moved to approve the agreement pending the change in language that governing law will be Indiana law rather than New York. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. There were none.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Mark Clinkenbeard said E-911 plans to be up and running at their new facility later this week. It is hoped to have a ribbon cutting ceremony next week.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Mike Morris


Chris Switzer


Mark Clinkenbeard