

December 19, 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, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Joni Wise, Amanda Bales, Bill Watson, Tim Cunningham, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Larry Robbins, Terry Bays, Bobby James, Kevin Gardner, Ricky Hammond, Chris Wilbur, 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 December 12, 2023 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented for December 12, 2023. 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 the period of December 9, 2023 through December 15, 2023 in the amount of \$12,171,109.25. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the December 9, 2023 through December 15, 2023 claims in the amount of \$12,171,109.25. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Hartman Williams Contract – Auditor. This matter was tabled at last week's meeting in order for the County Attorney to review the agreement. Mr. Bramble said this was an agreement with Hartman & Williams, a CPA group, to compile our 2023 financial statements. Mark Clinkenbeard indicated that the language had been approved and made a motion to approve the agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Capital Improvement Plan – Engineer. Larry Robbins, County Engineer, said that he had finally put together a capital improvement plan working with American Structurepoint to develop the contract and agreement being presented today. County Attorney Terry Modesitt had reviewed the documents and is okay with them. The agreement provides that the consultant will work with the County and local stakeholders, who will be identified as they go, to develop transportation projects over the next 20 years. This will include things that are important to our growth, our safety, and overall improvement of the county transportation system. This will also include, at the request of the Commissioners, the facilities that the County maintains. The buildings are capital assets and will be important over the next 20 years and need to be identified to be looked at. The consultant would work with the Auditor's Office and Baker Tilly or whoever we have that is on the financial side to project funding sources and revenue streams as we identify those going along. They will also help identify revenue sources such as grants, or different state and local funding as it arrives. They will hold several stakeholder meetings with the stakeholders to be identified, have 2 public meetings for the general public as well as a social media platform of some sort and a website for people to voice their opinion on what they want to see done in our community over the next 20 years. The total cost will be \$181,700. That will be broken down into two phases: the transportation capital improvement plan side of it which will be \$104,700 and the facility condition and assessment report which will be \$77,000. They did add that, if requested, this could be negotiated further for facilities master planning. That would go into detail a little bit further on the buildings and does include more in depth look at those facilities and actual structures. Chris Switzer noted that this takes in bridges and everything. Commissioner Switzer said this had been in their budget for 2-3

years but had never been acted on. It was imperative to do this now because we have a dilapidated old jail over by the Court House, this building, the Juvenile Center, a possible new Community Corrections building, all kinds of things that need to be looked at. He thinks that even with the cost being \$181,700, it is important to get this plan together because such a plan is needed for any grant opportunities, READI grants, state opportunities and other monetary opportunities. Mike Morris added that when grant opportunities arise, you need to have some kind of plan to be able to apply for the grants. Mark Clinkenbeard said that it was important to be proactive and he made a motion to approve the agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Asphalt Materials Rollover Prices – Engineer. Larry Robbins, County Engineer, said that Asphalt Materials had made the offer to extend their same bid prices and contract for 2023 into 2024. Mr. Robbins had reviewed it and had no concerns about it. Prices were good and he feels there is no need to rebid this right now. If the Commissioners are in agreement, he would recommend rolling this over for 2024. There was a short discussion. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the agreement. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Swope Art Museum-ARPA Grant Agreement for \$225,000 – Commissioners. Chris Switzer briefly reviewed the awards approved earlier in the year for the Swope Art Museum from the American Rescue Plan Act. The award is going to be used to upgrade their heating, cooling, and elevator to make it handicap accessible, and to also do some more work to the top floor. Mr. Switzer made a motion to approve the Swope Art Museum ARPA Grant Agreement for \$225,000. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Indiana State University-ARPA Grant Agreement for \$3,000,000 – Commissioners. Mr. Switzer then said the next agreement was with Indiana State University for \$3,000,000. It was just announced late last week or early this week that ISU had received the Lilly Endowment match money, so that project is completely funded. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Indiana State University ARPA Grant Agreement for \$3,000,000. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Thrive West Central-ARPA Grant Agreement for \$5,000,000 – Commissioners. Mr. Switzer then said the next agreement was with THRIVE West Central for \$5,000,000. There has been substantial success with their homes for the future program. This award was in partnership with the City of Terre Haute, with the City also putting in \$5,000,000 of their ARPA funds for this program. This will hopefully lead to a large investment in home production in the community. Mr. Clinkenbeard said that steering committee meetings had commenced and were moving well. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the THRIVE West Central ARPA Grant Agreement for \$5,000,000. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

New Vehicle – Surveyor. Joe with the Surveyor's Office explained that they are asking the Commissioners to sign a purchase order with Bloomington Ford to put a hold on a truck until the first of the year when the 2024 budget goes into effect. Funding had been approved for this purchase in their 2024 budget. Trucks are hard to find at a reasonable cost but one had been located at Bloomington Ford that could be held until the first of the year if a signed purchase agreement was executed. There was a short discussion. Mark Clinkenbeard clarified that pricing had been checked locally but this deal at Bloomington Ford was the best that could be found. Mr. Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve this purchase order. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

New Vehicle - Maintenance. Ricky Hammond, Maintenance Supervisor, explained that this request was much the same as the Surveyor. He was requesting approval of a purchase agreement to be able to lease a

new truck. The funding to lease a truck for 2024 had been obtained from the Vigo County Council and he had been having the same issues as the surveyor in finding an affordably priced truck. He had searched dealerships all around Indiana and Bloomington Ford could offer the best deal. They are also currently in the process of researching which financial institution will offer the best funding for the lease. There was a short discussion. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the agreement. 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. Chris Switzer briefly reviewed a timeline of accomplishments by the Commissioners in 2023. Some items mentioned included the demolition of Markle Mill Dam and the discussions and public meetings leading up to that decision; public meetings held for ideas about what to do with the old jail; unveiling the proposed ARPA plans for \$21 million; demolition of the former International Paper building on Prairieton Road; the selection of Vigo County for locating a new Entek Plant, for a \$1.5 billion dollar company to be located in the South Industrial Park; completion of the bridge over Lost Creek on 13th Street; obtaining approval from the Council for \$2.1 million in ARPA funds to address drainage problems in the County; approval of the Riley Spur Trail; joining with INDOT in breaking ground on a \$50 million Clear Creek Welcome Center; contracting with Union Health to operate the Health Clinic; had discussions about moving the stop light on US 41 South in front of the fairgrounds and have been advised that such will probably take place this Spring; ARPA funding grants for ISU Early Childhood Education, the Hub, Happiness Bag, St. Mary of the Woods Equine Center, Terre Haute Humane Society, Children's Museum, Rose Hulman Ventures, Swope Art Museum and THRIVE West Central.; a successful community blood drive sponsored by Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard; the windstorm that took place on June 29 that left a large portion of the County without power up to and including July 4; approval of an emergency plan for the Vigo County Annex resulting in security and x-ray machines being put in the Annex which made all of the County government buildings equipped for safety; the top off ceremony at the casino which is under construction and expected to open in the Spring; relocation and updating of Vigo County E911 Dispatch Center; opting into Indiana State Health Funding in partnership with our local Health Department; funding was obtained for construction of a new maintenance building that will also house an area for vehicular maintenance for the Sheriff's Office, document storage for several county offices, and morgue space for the Coroner. They are also helping fund the Terre Haute Air Show, and made a substantial investment in the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce for the community development fund. Commissioner Switzer also thanked the Highway Department and the Parks Department for all their extraordinary and untiring efforts during the windstorm and his fellow commissioners for all their efforts and cooperation. He then announced that this is the last meeting for 2023 and the next meeting would take place on January 4 (which is a Thursday) so that all 3 commissioners could be in attendance. Mike Morris agreed with Commissioner Switzer and Mark Clinkenbeard thanked everyone for welcoming him and helping him through his first year as a Commissioner. It was also acknowledged that the Commissioners and the Council worked well together overall and find workable solutions to necessary matters. He also touched on the pay increase for county employees and the fact that the Commissioners were doing all they could to keep the cost of insurance in check. Mike Morris also assured everyone that the Commissioners would continue to monitor accountability on projects as they move ahead. Joni Wise with the Health Department advised that the Healthy First Indiana plan has brought about \$1.4 million into our community for 2024 to improve public health. Most of that funding will stay within the County departments such as capital improvement for the parks, and programs with the family and criminal courts. In 2025 we will receive double that funding. She would like to propose that after the first of the year a working group be created from the Commissioners, the Council, Board of Health, and the Health Department to look into how to best spend those funds in 2025. Others can be brought on board as needed. Budgets are started for the following year around May or June. This is a big responsibility and she would like the input of more than just the Health Department on the allocation of the funds. Senate Enrolled Act 4 was

specific on how data must be gathered and what the funds can be used for but there is lots of usage within County government and other entities to help improve our public health.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor

Mike Morris

Chris Switzer

Mark Clinkenbeard