

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

January 16, 2024

Roll Call:

Present: Chris Switzer, Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Jordynne Shelton, Amanda Bales, Bill Watson, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Larry Robbins,, Adam Grossman, Kevin Gardner, Vickie Albright, Scott Swan, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order and Chief Deputy Recorder Chris Eldridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with regular meeting minutes and rezoning meeting minutes for January 9, 2024 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented for January 9, 2024. Mike Morris 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 January 6, 2024 through January 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,695,436.64. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the January 6, 2024 through January 12, 2024 claims in the amount of \$1,695,436.64. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

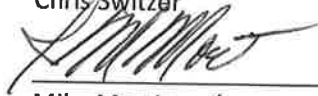
Public Comments. Lyle VanLannen, a volunteer firefighter with the Shepardsville Fire Department, talked to the Commissioners about the P-25 compliance process for a new radio system that is going to be implemented by the State for all fire departments throughout Indiana. Their radio equipment is over 20 years old. When this goes into effect, everything they have will become obsolete. The replacement cost is going to be more than they, and all other small volunteer fire departments, can handle. He had a quote from Ra-Comm for the cost of replacement radio equipment in the amount of \$228,811.23. This is a need, not a want. The department cannot function without this and if the State implements the law, they will not be able to function. Mark Clinkenbeard asked if there was a date when this would happen and Mr. VanLannen did not know but was of the understanding it would be soon. He said it would take 6 months to get the equipment once it was ordered. Chris Switzer said the Commissioner would discuss this with their resources to see what they could come up with. He also said if they do this, they would really like to assist all the small volunteer fire departments. Mark Clinkenbeard said they would also talk to the State legislators to see what, if any, assistance they planned to provide because this was going to be a big expense state-wide. Chris Switzer said they would research this and see what they could come up with and get back to Mr. VanLannen in about a month.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Mike Morris said he had learned that the Treasurer of the State of Indiana had met with Treasurer Josie Thompson and discussed services being used and other things available that can be used. Mr. Morris said he learned that the Treasurer of the State of Indiana was also in charge of the 911 services across the State.

The meeting recessed at 9:12 a.m.



Chris Switzer



Mike Morris



Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor