

April 2, 2024

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Chris Switzer, Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

**Others Present:** County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Jordynn Shelton, Kara Wright, Tona Bean, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Josie Thompson, Amanda Bales, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Scott Barbour, Bill Watson, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. County Engineer Larry Robbins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Switzer announced that there would not be a Commissioners' meeting next Tuesday, April 9, because all Commissioners will be out of the office. Following that, the next three Commissioner meetings will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room due to early voting.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for March 26, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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 March 27, 2024 in the amount of \$1,300,121.68 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024 payroll. 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 March 23, 2024 through March 29, 2024 in the amount of \$668,047.43. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the March 23, 2024 through March 29, 2024 claims in the amount of \$668,047.43. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Methods of Payments – Josie Thompson.** Treasurer Josie Thompson announced that tax statements will be mailed out on April 8. Ms. Thompson then reviewed Spring and Fall property tax collection for 2023 and the payment methods used. Methods available include: ONB Lockbox (there is a fee to the County for this); online; dropbox located on the outside of the Annex building; payment at various banks; mail; and in person at the counter. She also talked about the methods used for collection of delinquent taxes. Mark Clinkenbeard asked about the total amount shown as delinquency collected not matching the numbers on the graph. Ms. Thompson said she would research the numbers and get the information to the Commissioners. Ms. Thompson also talked about the options available for payment through OnCloud and encouraged taxpayers to explore that method of payment.

Chris Switzer then addressed an alleyway vacation that had been tabled last week. President Switzer asked Scott Barbour of the GIS Department if that alleyway vacation had been advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Barbour confirmed that it had been and he had Proof of Publication in his file. According to Code, that Proof of Publication is also part of the packet that the petitioner has to send to the adjoining landowner. President Switzer said it was his understanding that when an alleyway is vacated, each property owner gets half of the vacated portion. Scott Barbour confirmed that to be true. In this particular case, the vacated area is 66 feet and each would get 33 feet. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said he had looked at the statute and it appears

that all is in compliance and is in legal order for the Commissioners to make a decision. There was some discussion about the ownership of the property. It was determined that the petitioner did own the property in question. County Attorney Terry Modesitt also noted that if either party does not like what the Commissioners decide, they could appeal the decision in the Court system according to statute. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the alleyway vacation. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** There were none.


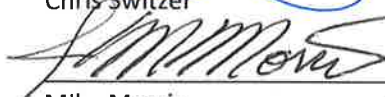

**Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials.** Mark Clinkenbeard gave a shout-out to the ISU Sycamores basketball team in their NIT playoff game tonight. He said he had shared on line an article from Indiana Business about the economic impact that the basketball season at ISU had made on Terre Haute this year.

Chris Switzer also noted that Indiana government offices would be closed for a half day on April 8 (and noted that a half day for government offices ends at 11:30 a.m., not noon). He also reminded that there would be no Commissioner meeting next Tuesday. Mike Morris said that there would actually be a lot of county people working on April 8 for all the planned activities for the Solar Eclipse.

The meeting recessed at 9:24 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

  
Chris Switzer  
  
Mike Morris  
  
Mark Clinkenbeard