

March 10, 2020

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Brad Anderson, Brendan Kearns

Others Present: County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Glenna Cheesman, Stacey Joy-Todd, Alexis Layton, Don Pruitt, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Adam Grossman, Larry Robbins, Kylissa Millder, Beth Tevlin, Bill Watson, Vicki Oster, Neil Costello, Norm Loudermilk, Bob Murray, Jim Hunter, Channel 2 News, Channel 10 News.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Brad Anderson then turned the meeting over to County Attorney Michael Wright to start the agenda.

Consideration of Lease Agreement – Vigo County Prosecutor. The Adult Protective Services Division of the Prosecutor's Office has made a modification to their budget basically doing away with the use of personal cars and establishing leased vehicles in order to do away with the mileage portion of their budget. They have obtained a standard lease term for three 2020 Toyota Corollas with a local dealer. This is in their budget appropriation but they need the approval of the County Commissioners to consummate the lease. Commissioner Kearns commented that they were able to get more favorable terms with regard to mileage and service coverage locally than they could with an out-of-town vendor.

Motion: Motion to approve the lease. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Consideration of Letter of Support for Community Foundation. The Wabash Valley Community Foundation is planning to submit a proposal to the Lilly Foundation for a Gift Seven Implementation Proposal. Beth Tevlin, of the Foundation, gave a short presentation as to what this is and what it can do for our County and the need for the Letter of Support. The Lilly Endowment wants to know that the Community is behind this action and supports the request. No funding is being sought for this proposal, only a letter supporting the endeavor. Commissioner Kearns asked some questions for clarity. **Motion:** Motion to approve the letter of support. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns moved to approve. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Consideration of Letter of Support for VOCA Grant. Glenna Cheesman was present to talk to the Commission about the purposes of the VOCA Grant and to request a Letter of Support from the Commissioners. She gave a short presentation about what this Grant allows them to accomplish and the need for continued funding from this Grant in order to be able to maintain, and hopefully exceed, their progress and success. The Grant will be used to support the continuation of the three current part-time staff positions, increase those positions from \$11.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour, and the full-time Casa position to take on a larger caseload and to assist in the family recovery. The funding for VOCA is highly competitive and they are now being asked to go back to the community for support. They have already received a letter from the State because Vigo County Casa was one of the programs this year

that was able to do major reduction through the implementation of a pilot program that allowed them to triage. This grant will allow them to continue with their success rate and allow them to bring a full-time person whose benefits would be covered by the Grant instead of the County. In order to be in contention for this grant, they are being required to have government support, community support and legislative support. They only learned about the need for the letters yesterday. Ms. Cheesman also gave a short presentation on their plans to recruit male volunteers. **Motion:** Motion to approve the letter of support once it has been prepared by Attorney Wright. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Consideration of Engagement Letter for Baker Tilly – Vigo County Auditor. Mr. Bramble has presented a proposal from Baker Tilly regarding the continuing disclosure services. As part of the bond, one of the terms agreed to was to continue to file continuing disclosures updating the investors on any material issues that have occurred. Baker Tilly is proposing to provide that service. This is a budgeted item. The continuing disclosures are a part of every bond that the County has. The bonds that the County currently has that require these disclosures are the 2016 Economic Development income tax refunding revenue bonds, the 2770 county general revenue bonds, the lease rental refunding bond of 2016 and the jail bond of 2019. The fees are set forth on an exhibit and are on an hourly basis. **Motion:** Approve and sign engagement letter. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with meeting minutes dated March 3, 2020 for approval. **Motion:** Approve minutes. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Expenditures. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of February 29, 2020 through March 6, 2020 in the amount of \$385,460.10 plus payroll in the amount of \$977,823.37 for a total amount of \$1,363,283.47. **Motion:** Approve the claim packet. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Attorney Wright wanted to point out the he had a draft of a memorandum of understanding that has been discussed relating to the Juvenile Center. This is for an advisory board for the Juvenile Center.

Commissioner Kearns gave a brief update on the littering situation in the County. There is an inordinate amount of trash throughout the County. Solutions are being discussed, including raising the fines for littering and new signage throughout the County. They are continuing discussions on how to proceed.

Commissioner Kearns also briefly talked about the Nixle system previously discussed. In order to get on the alert system, you just need to text 888-777 and in the subject line put a Vigo County zip code to receive the alerts.

Comment from Public or Other Vigo County Representatives. There were none.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed at 9:25 a.m.



Brad Anderson, President

Judith Anderson, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:



James W. Bramble, Auditor