

February 2, 2021

Commissioners' Conference Room  
Vigo County Annex  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Brendan Kearns

**Others Present:** County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Joel Modesitt, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Diana Smith, Kim Bennett, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Kara Wright, Bruce Allen, Kylissa Miller, Bill Watson, Terry Modesitt, Norm Loudermilk, John Villa and Joey Lehman.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mike Morris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Resolution for Tax Sale Certificate – Vigo County Auditor.** James Bramble explained that St. Ann's Clinic wants to acquire a couple of lots on which the County holds the tax sale certificates. A resolution by the Commissioners is required in order to put the wheels in motion to accomplish the transfer and acquisition of the property. John Villa was present to give a brief history of the real estate. Both properties consist of vacant lots located on First Avenue and have been in tax sales since 2006 for one and 2010 for the other. Neither have ever had any bids or have ever sold. The signing of this Resolution today is the first step in transferring the property and will allow public notice and the setting of a hearing for any objections to the transfer. No objections are anticipated. A short discussion took place. Transfer of this property to the Clinic will not only help them but will also improve the neighborhood. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve execution of the Resolution. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Consideration of Professional Services Agreement – Vigo County Commissioners.** This agreement concerns the vending for Indiana Family & Social Services Administration for Disability and Rehabilitative Services. This is a standard agreement required annually. The vendor is a certified as party. Michael Wright noted that state regulation requires that vending services run through the Family & Social Services Administration Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services and specifically promoting economic opportunities through the Randolph Shepard Act for Indiana citizens who are blind or visually impaired by providing vending services execute this contract annually with the State to use a state approved contractor. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the service agreement. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Request for Information – Vigo County Juvenile Center – Security Doors.** Norm Loudermilk, Executive Director of the Juvenile Center, was present and gave each of the Commissioners a copy of quotes from two vendors for installation of three new doors at the Juvenile Center and

the need for same. The doors could be purchased from one vendor but installation would have to be provided by a different vendor. There was a lengthy discussion about whether the funds should come from the budget of the Juvenile Center or the Commissioners' maintenance budget. Brendan Kearns pointed out that purchase of the doors had been approved at a meeting in January and he thought the Commissioners should also be responsible for the installation costs. There was some additional discussion. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the quote submitted by Sycamore Engineering for door installation and that it be paid from the Commissioners' budget. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously passed.

**Resolution for Thralls Regional Sewer District.** This resolutions concerns a change in personnel on the District Board for the Thralls Regional Sewer District. Michael Wright advised that counsel for the District has indicated that Ann Margaret O'Hara is no longer able to serve due to ill health and that Janet Gilligan is being recommended to serve the remainder of Ann Margaret O'Hara's term which expires 12/31/21. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve execution of this Resolution. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously passed.

**Credit Card Application – Vigo County Community Corrections.** This matter had been discussed at a previous meeting but the Commissioners wanted some additional information before approving a \$10,000.00 credit card limit. Bill Watson was present to explain the need/reasoning for the \$10,000.00 limit. A lengthy discussion took place. Mr. Watson noted that this card would be used exclusively for the payment of psychiatric services provided for by the grant and the grant required tracking of fees expended. It was felt that use of the credit card for payment of services would provide an easier way of tracking for grant requirements. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 credit card limit for Community Corrections. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously passed.

**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives.** Michael Wright noted that he failed to mention when discussing the Resolution for the Thralls Regional Sewer District earlier, the Resolution also provides the reappointment of Rose Ann Eaton and Martha Wessel who have both been on the Board since its inception in 2009. Brendan Kearns complimented the great job of the Highway Department during the recent bout inclement weather.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of January 23, 2021 through January 29, 2021 in the amount of \$2,108,712.93. Brendan Kearns raised a question with regard to the amount of the Duke Energy bill seeming to be excessively high. There was a brief discussion and Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk advised that she would follow up on the matter and get back to Commissioner Kearns. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the claims. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble presented minutes for the 2021 Board of Finance for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Board of Finance minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented regular meeting minutes for January 26, 2021 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

Today's meeting concluded at 9:33 a.m.

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Mike Morris, President

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Chris Switzer, Vice President

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Brendan Kearns, Secretary

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James Bramble, Auditor