

February 25, 2020

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Brad Anderson, Judith Anderson, Brendan Kearns

Others Present: County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Kristy Jerrells, J.C. Gummere, Paul Mason, Jeff Fisher, Joey Lehman, Mike Ciolli, Judy DeLisle, Tim Drake, Norm Loudermilk, Nancy Allsup, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Bob Murray, Howard Greninger, Channel 2 News, Channel 10 News.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Brad Anderson asked for a moment of silence for Dale Sowards who passed away over the weekend. Dale worked in Building Inspection and Code Enforcement and was also a correctional officer for Vigo County. Paul Mason gave an update on the services for Mr. Sowards.

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

Income Survey Approval – Rural Development. Kristy Jerrell with Jerrell Consulting and J.C. Gummere, Fire Chief of the Pierson Township Volunteer Fire Department, were present to request that the County ask permission from the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs (IOCRA) to conduct an income survey to assess the possibility of applying for an IOCRA fire station improvements construction project in the Pierson Township Volunteer Fire Protection District. They have prepared a letter requesting an income survey and a letter of support for what would be the community development block grant application through the community and rural affairs. Ms. Jerrell explained what the grant is, what the steps would be for this project and the deadlines involved. They are asking three things of the Commission today: (1) to make a motion for the County to be the lead applicant on the project; (2) approve and sign a letter asking OCRA permission to conduct the income survey; and (3) in order for them to apply for the project, it is necessary that they clear everything environmentally, so they have prepared a letter for the Commissioners to sign giving them permission to conduct the environmental review. Fire Chief Gummere then explained the needs of the fire station that this grant would allow them to accomplish. Ms. Jerrell explained that this grant is a \$500,000.00 grant. It is all or nothing and there is a lot of competition. They have been funding anywhere from 3-5 a round in public facilities.

Motion: Action: Motion to approve. **Moved by:** Judith Anderson. **Seconded by:** Brendan Kearns. **Passed:** all ayes.

Consideration of Lease Agreement – Vigo County Commissioners. This has to do with the lease for the former International Paper property on Prairieton Road. The Commissioners solicited proposals from the public for anybody who would be willing/interested in proposing a specific lease arrangement with regard to that property. There was one proposal that was submitted. Discussions have been taking place with that individual representing that entity towards the development of a lease agreement. Attorney Wright has drafted a lease which is for everything north of the main access road as the main

lease grounds. The remaining acreage with the exception of the building that is on the back portion of the property would be an option grounds with right of first refusal. Both parties will continue to work together towards a solution for the building and the establishment of several improvements on the north side of the access road, and making the south side available for overflow parking when such situations might call for that. Tim Drake was present to answer questions. In essence, what Mr. Drake is agreeable to do is undertake the process of grading and developing the site, which is a huge undertaking, at his risk and try to develop something that would be a big win for the community. Mr. Drake then discussed what was planned, i.e. to turn the property into a multi-purpose entertainment venue with a heavy emphasis on music and possibly establish some food and beverage businesses down the road to develop the entire property. Commissioner Kearns then questioned an area south of the access road. It was acknowledged that the area south of the access road would be maintained by the lessee (i.e. new fencing, mowing of grass, things like that) even though it will not be a part of the leased property but available for use as overflow parking when necessary. The County will not be financially responsible for any of the property for upkeep purposes. The lessee does have a right of first refusal if, in the future, there is an interest by someone else in leasing/buying the land south of the access road. Possible use by the Aquatic Center for overflow parking was also discussed. **Motion: Action:** Motion for consideration of the lease. **Moved by:** Judith Anderson moved to approve. **Seconded by:** Brendan Kearns. **Passed:** all ayes. Attorney Wright pointed out that there is a due diligence period provided by the lease. This will not be the only vote that this project will have to undertake. The vote today will allow Mr. Drake to move forward with the next steps.

Attorney Wright then presented two quotes from E-911 that are within their budgets for Savant Learning Systems and Precise Power. Savant Learning Systems is the virtual training for dispatchers and Precise Power is the back up. Savant Learning Systems is \$2,070.00 and Precise Power is \$26,266.00. **Motion: Action:** Motion to approve E-911 expenses. **Moved by:** Judith Anderson moved to approve. **Seconded by:** Brendan Kearns. **Passed:** all ayes.

Commissioner Kearns then gave an update on the Nixel system with regard to notification about County news, road closures, etc. You send a text to 888-777 and type your zip code in the subject line. Nixel will then reply with updates on news of county importance, City of Terre Haute Police Department, Fire Departments, etc. They are continuing to work on enhancing the system in order to better utilize it.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with meeting minutes dated February 18, 2020 for approval. **Motion: Action:** Approve minutes. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Judith Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Expenditures. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of February 15, 2020 through February 21, 2020 in the amount of \$3,076,047.75 plus payroll in the amount of \$967,749.96 for a total amount of \$4,043,797.71. **Motion: Action:** Approve the claim packet. **Moved by:** Judy Anderson. **Seconded by:** Brendan Kearns. **Passed:** all ayes.

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 9:35 a.m.



Brad Anderson, President



Judith Anderson, Vice President

Attest:



James W. Bramble, Auditor



Brendan Kearns, Secretary