

December 8, 2020

Commissioners' Conference Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Brad Anderson, Judy Anderson and Brendan Kearns

Others Present: County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Stacey Todd, Nancy Allsup, Tona Bean, and Kylissa Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Brad Anderson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance and turned the meeting over to Michael Wright.

Consideration of Appointment to Health Department Board. The first matter on the agenda concerned an appointment to the Board of Health Department. There has been a vacancy on the Board of Health pretty much throughout this pandemic. It has not impacted the work that the department has been doing but they have expressed a desire to fill the position. Jennifer Ann Todd, an assistant professor at Indiana State University with a doctorate in Health Sciences from ISU, her Masters in Social Work from the University of Cincinnati, and a Bachelor of Social Work from ISU, is more than qualified to fill the position. The spot she would be filling is for a lay-person. Her party affiliation does not create any problems. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer Ann Todd to the Board of Health Department. Judy Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Judy Anderson then asked what the term of her appointment would be. Mr. Wright advised that she will be fulfilling the remainder of the term of Mr. Farnsworth, who she is replacing. She will have to be considered for re-appointment in 2022.

Consideration of Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificates to WTH Department of Redevelopment. The next item was a resolution assigning tax sale certificates to West Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment. Attorney Jordan Marvel recently contacted Mr. Wright and provided a list of properties in the town the Department was considering acquiring. There are 9 properties. The Auditor's Office has verified that each of them have been through the tax sale and have been certified. The Department has plans for the property, the specifics of which are not yet known. Judy Anderson commented that it would either be a remodel and back on the taxes or a teardown and turned into something else. Mr. Wright said that was the plan. The Commissioners made several comments of appreciation. Judy Anderson made a motion to approve this resolution. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Consideration of Joint Resolution for Treasurer's Office. The next item to be discussed is an item that will also be considered by the County Council tonight. It is an adjustment to Vigo County's cash book. The Treasurer and the Auditor have been in discussion with the State Board of Accounts for several months regarding a discrepancy between the County's cash book and the bank accounts in the amount of \$2,550.91 spread across five different bank accounts. The issue dates back to 2017. There is no allegation of impropriety. The State Board of Accounts has audited, and continues to audit, the books. The two offices have been in balance with each other since May of 2019 at the direction of the State Board of Accounts. The Auditor then gave examples of how this could have occurred. After many hours of searching for the errors, this method is what was suggested by the State Board of Accounts as acceptable in adjusting the books. Mr. Wright wanted it noted that since May of 2019, both departments had worked hard to establish better communication and balancing now occurs daily. Judy Anderson made a motion to approve execution of the Joint Resolution. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Consideration of Release of Easements. The last item to be discussed concerned the expansion of Hydrite Chemicals that had been taking place and had come before the Commissioners a few months ago. Mr. Wright believed that this Release had been addressed at some prior date but the signature page has been unable to be located. So execution today of this Release will allow this process to be completed and allow Hydrite to complete their development. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve execution of the Release of Easements. Judy Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented regular meeting minutes, at which Commissioners Judy Anderson and Brendan Kearns were present, for December 1, 2020 for approval. Judy Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Next, minutes from the rezoning meeting with Area Plan conducted on December 7, 2020, at which Commissioners Brad Anderson and Brendan Kearns were present, were presented for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the minutes. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of November 28, 2020 through December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$591,943.28. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the claims from November 28, 2020-December 4, 2020. Judy Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives. Larry Robbins, County Engineer, announced that there would be a public meeting tomorrow night at Otter Creek Middle School regarding the Clinton Street Corridor. Meeting is scheduled for 5:30-8:00. There will be social distancing and only 25 people are allowed in the building. The meeting will be live streamed (Mr. Robbins will check on what media that will take place). They will be taking

digital input and emails via links on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Emails can also be addressed to Clintonstreet@usiconsultants.com. USI is the firm that is doing the corridor study. There is also a website where people can view the project and the options being proposed. Questions and/or comments can be raised there. Comments will be open until January 15. That can be found at USIConsultants.com/ClintonStreet. The media has announced this but he will ask them to do a reminder to the public.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Brad Anderson, President

Judith Anderson

Judith Anderson, Vice President

Attest:

James Bramble

James Bramble, Auditor

Brendan Kearns

Brendan Kearns, Secretary