

January 26, 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, Scott Barber, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Diana Smith, Kim Bennett, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Kara Wright, Bruce Allen, Kylissa Miller, and Joey Lehman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consideration of Service Agreement with Joink – Vigo County Group Homes. This is an agreement that will replace the current internet service provided to the Vigo County Group Homes. The up-front cost for the extended fiber is \$5,000.00 and the extended monthly reoccurring charge is \$209.00. This is for a 60-month term. They have money in their budget for an internet provider and this will replace that. There was a brief discussion. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve execution of the Agreement. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Consideration of Ordinance – Vigo County Sheriff. The Sheriff has been made aware of a change in the Indiana Code providing Counties the ability to establish a Sex and Violent Crime Offender Fee and Fund. This fund has to be approved by both the County Commissioners and the County Council. The fee would be \$50.00 per year and \$5.00 for each time an offender registers an address change. The Sheriff's Office has a full time employee whose responsibilities include verifying addresses, and following up on, individuals who are required to register. Sheriff Plasse estimated the annual revenue would be around \$1,800.00. That money would be used to offset the cost of the employee hours used on monitoring this program. Brendan Kearns advised that this had actually been requested in the last week of October last year. Follow-up on this just basically was overlooked last year but it was the intent of all Commissioners then to approve this matter. There was a short discussion about how this works. The primary purpose of the ordinance is to establish a non-reverting county sex and violent offender administration fund that will be broken down according to state statute. 90% will remain here and 10% will revert back to the State Treasurer. Brendan Kearns asked if this was approved if it would go into effect immediately. Michael Wright advised that it would require adoption by the County Council as well. Approval here today would start the process. If the County Council approves adoption, it would then be advertised and become effective. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve these statements. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Construction Documents from Art Spaces, Inc. This is a project that Art Spaces has been working on for several years. They would just simply like to confirm that the Commissioners are aware of the current design plans and have signed off on them. This is basically following up from last year when the Commissioners requested being kept apprised of what was occurring. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve Art Spaces moving forward with the plans. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously passed.

Lease Agreement – Vigo County Commissioners. This is a proposal from Haute City Center to lease the former Sears Automotive Center consisting of approximately 5,408 square feet for three \$5,000.00 monthly payments to the County in order to have access to that site for a drive-thru vaccine station for the County. Initially six months was proposed but it was decided to go with leasing in three month increments. This can be opted out of at any time. There is also an agreement that if it becomes necessary for relocation, that can be accomplished by relocating somewhere in the building with ease of access. The monthly fee also includes utilities. A brief discussion continued. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve execution of this Lease. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously passed.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented regular meeting minutes for January 19, 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.

Auditor James Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of January 16, 2021 through January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$2,866,439.24 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,046,339.97 for a total amount of \$3,912,779.21. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives. James Bramble distributed a schedule for the Tax Certificate Sale with the sale date being March 29. Any later than that could be too close to the Spring tax payment schedule which could cause confusion. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the date for the Tax Certificate Sale. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

It was then noted that there were additional appointments that needed to be announced. Mike Morris then read the following appointments:

Mark Bird	Weights & Measures
Brenda Goble	Prairieton/Prairie Creek Fire District Protection Board
Jeanne Liffick	Prairieton/Prairie Creek Fire District Protection Board
David Cochran	Prairieton/Prairie Creek Fire District Protection Board
Richard Busy	Riley Fire District Protection Board

Vern Tincher
Jeff Fisher
Bill Bryan
Tyler Dinkle
Mary Caye Pfister
Richard Jenkins
Judith Anderson

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Vigo County Redevelopment Commission
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Western Indiana Community Action Agency

Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve these appointments. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Kevin Gardner raised a question as to whether the TMA Fund required a resolution by the Commissioners. James Bramble stated that it did not. Funds are established based on the requirements in each fund and this particular one stated that it was established by the Auditor.

Larry Robbins briefly discussed the snow removal Plan. They are establishing snow routes and removal system in order for it to run more efficiently. The ultimate goal is to have a map available to the public.

Public Comments. There were none.

Today's meeting concluded at 9:22 a.m.



Mike Morris, President

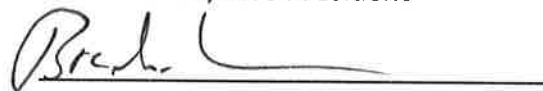


Chris Switzer, Vice President

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor



Brendan Kearns, Secretary