

April 13, 2021

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris and Brendan Kearns. Chris Switzer arrived after meeting started.

Others Present: County Attorney Joel Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kim Bennett, Vickie Oster, Sarah Holbert, Leanna Moore, Joyce Raley, Bob Leib, Terry Modesitt, Kara Wright, Tom High and Joey Lehman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Review of Minutes/Claims. James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of March 27, 2021 through April 2, 2021 in the amount of \$886,620.24 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,021,097.38 for a total amount of \$1,907,717.62 and for the period of April 3, 2021 through April 9, 2021 in the amount of \$3,008,406.80. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the claims for March 27, 2021 through April 2, 2021. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Brendan Kearns then made a motion to approve the claims for April 3, 2021 through April 9, 2021. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented minutes for April 6, 2021 for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented minutes for the Rezoning meeting conducted April 12, 2021. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the April 12 rezoning minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Appointment of IT Director. Brendan Kearns announced that the Commissioners were appointing Joey Lehman as the new Director of IT. Mr. Kearns and Mr. Morris commended both Joey Lehman and Scott Swan for their hard work and dedication getting their live-streaming up and running, and during the malware and Covid-19 crises. Mike Morris made a motion to accept this appointment. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

911-NIXLE Onboarding info sheet. This is a text messaging service the County can opt into. Brendan Kearns advised that this system is set up right now with the Sheriff's Department/911. People can subscribe to this service and choose what information they would like to receive notifications from. The Commissioners are looking at adding another channel for Vigo County Government in general. This will allow notices of interest (i.e. road closures) to be "pushed" and notify the public. There is no additional cost to add the County Government. They will be looking at people to add as administrators to it. Tammy York-Allen will be one of the administrators. There was some additional discussion. Brendan Kearns made a motion to acknowledge the agreement to move forward with the Vigo County

Government channel. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Chris Switzer had arrived at the meeting at the time of this vote and upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Clerk's Office-Knowink software license and services agreement. This agreement will allow the Clerk's Office to set up electronic poll books and the Knowink poll pad system. The agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney and all requested changes have been made. Leanna Moore, Chief Deputy Clerk, was present and gave a little background on this project. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the contract. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Engineering-LPA Consultant Contract. Larry Robbins, Chief County Engineer, presented this contract for the county-wide bridge inspection for cycle years 2021-2024. This is a contract for \$542,085.00 with VS Engineering for this next cycle. The contract is split up over the next four years but it is heavy in Phases I and Phase II, which are two years apart. This is a standard agreement with INDOT and the federal highway that states Vigo County will inspect all its bridges on a cycle of at least two years. Mike Morris made a motion to accept this contract. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Brendan Kearns that asked Mr. Robbins about the status of Bridge 77, an old historical bridge that was to be moved. Mr. Robbins reviewed where they were at in the process and about what remained to be done. After all the steps have been accomplished, they will then move it to Prairie Creek Park where it can be used on one of the walking paths and cross one of the ponds. There was some additional discussion.

Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives. Chris Switzer spoke about the recent clean-up in New Goshen and reminded everyone that there are clean-ups scheduled in various places throughout the county for the next eight weeks and encouraged everyone that was willing to help to please come out and participate.

Mike Morris extended an invitation to all to attend a presentation at 10:00 tomorrow at the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Vigo County is receiving national recognition from the Road Runners Clubs of America for runner and walker-friendly community. It's a certification process that two communities nation-wide were awarded last year and Vigo County was one of them.

Larry Robbins noted that they were beginning to address all the complaints regarding potholes/road conditions since the asphalt plant is now open. There is about 75 miles of roads that were affected weather-wise. It was noted that Hasselburger Road (which has recently received a lot of complaints) was patched last week and it is still a little rough but that will be smoothed out as best they can, however, until the bridge replacement has been completed, it is not cost effective to do extensive repairs because it would just get torn up in the bridge replacement process.

Tom High, Honey Creek Fire Department Fire Chief, was present to request permission from the Commissioners for the use of portable speed bumps to help with traffic control safety issues they experience when fighting fires or responding to vehicle accidents. They currently have traffic cones, sign boards and emergency lights but are still experiencing issues with drivers who are either distracted or driving too fast and creating a safety hazard for emergency personnel. It was suggested that they come to the Commissioners and ask to use portable speed bumps during any type of emergency incidents. They have not purchased them yet but do have money in their budget for some. The cost is \$400-\$600 per speed bump. Brendan Kearns asked Mr. Bramble if COVID money could be used to purchase these items. Mr. Bramble indicated he would do some research and find out. There was some additional

discussion. Brendan Kearns made a motion to give all fire departments in the county the blessing to use these measures. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. There was additional discussion. It was decided that the County would take care of sign installation in order to have it in the proper location.

Leanna Moore, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that the need for repairs at their warehouse building where they stored records off site was becoming a dire necessity. They are experiencing leakage/moisture problems and are having trouble keeping the records from being ruined. There is water seeping through the walls and dripping from the ceiling. They are doing everything they can to preserve the records but it is becoming an impossible task. They need some sort of fix. Bob Leib, Deputy Clerk Supervisor, gave some additional information regarding their efforts.

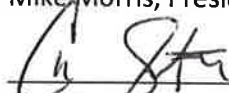
Mr. Bramble gave a brief update about the Tax Certificate Sale and a short summary of how the sale works.

Public Comments. There were none.

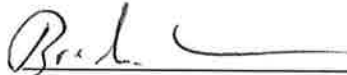
Today's meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m.



Mike Morris, President



Chris Switzer, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor