

May 11, 2021

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Annex  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

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

**Others Present:** County Attorney Joel Modesitt, County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Kara Wright, Adam Grossman, Vickie Oster, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kim Bennett, Rick Long, Jason Lester, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented minutes for May 4, 2021 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of May 1, 2021 through May 7, 2021 in the amount of \$414,503.60. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims for May 1, 2021 through May 7, 2021. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement.** Larry Robbins, County Engineer, advised that this is the award for the 2021-1 grant award through the Indiana Department of Transportation for the Community Crossings Matching Grant. We were awarded \$512,977.38, which was about two-thirds of the roads we applied for. The balance of what we were awarded and the amount we were eligible for (\$1 million dollars) will be applied for when the next award comes around. There was a brief discussion regarding media release. The roads that were selected under this award are Haythorne Avenue to Mill Dam, Bono Road from Dallas Drive to Oregon Church, Woodsmall Road from State Road 159 to Deerborn, Ferree Drive from Fagin to Eldridge, and Eldridge Road from Ferree to Gross. This is roughly 10-12 miles of resurfacing. Brendan Kearns asked for an update on the Springhill Road project. Springhill Road went to bid last week but was deemed unawardable because there was only one bid. That will be re-bid later this year after they have a chance to look at the issues as to why they didn't receive more bids. Debris clean-up is still in progress. Once tree removal is completed, they will authorize utility relocation, which will take 3-4 months. Chris Switzer made a motion to with approve the contract for the Matching Grant Agreement. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Ordinance No. 2021-03 Establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Fund.** Attorney Modesitt noted that Ordinance No. 2021-03 will essentially be establishing the fund that is necessary to get funds under the American Rescue Plan that Congress put into place. Mike Morris noted that this was a necessary step in order to be able to use the funds. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-03. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Sun Life Assurance Company – Acceptance of Health Insurance Policy.** This is a standard health insurance policy that needs to be accepted for 2021. Jason Lester of Sycamore Insurance was present to give a brief summary of this document. The only real change was moving the “stop loss” insurance (which is claims over \$100,000) from Optum to Sun Life. The actual cost increase is \$239,653. If staying with Optum, the cost

would have been \$392,699. This is attributed to the increased number of claimants over \$100,000. Brendan Kearns then gave a brief explanation how the County insurance works. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the agreement for health insurance. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives.** Brendan Kearns wanted to note for the record that the Commissioners and the Parks Department were looking at putting a restroom facility at Ivy Tech. They currently have a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") in the process of being drafted to present to the County Council concerning this request. It was hoped to be ready to give to the Council at tonight's scheduled meeting but it is still being reviewed and will not be ready tonight. Adam Grossman, Parks Superintendent, said that he had spoken with Ivy Tech and there were a couple of additional things that needed to be added to the document. It is hoped that the MOU will be ready for the Commissioners to consider at the next meeting, or the following meeting at the latest.

Mr. Kearns also wanted to recognize Sondra Gray of E911 who is retiring tomorrow. She is a long-standing employee who has done a great job. She was instrumental in helping with the rebuilding of 911 over the last few years. He also noted that the clean-up in Burnett last weekend was a fantastic success and reminded all that there would be a clean-up this weekend in Riley Township from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mike Morris wanted to recognize the birthdays of Les Switzer and Tammy York-Allen.

Kevin Gardner, County Assessor, noted that the Form 11 assessments did go out on April 27. That is the assessment for taxes for 2021 payable 2022 are based on. His office receives a lot of returns of these mailings every year and makes every effort to get them to the proper address. However, if the taxpayer has not received the form by now, they probably are not going to. They should contact the Assessor's Office at (812)462-3358 or via email by going to the government's website for the email link so that they can make arrangements to receive this form. These forms were not sent to any exempt properties (i.e. churches, government, colleges, etc.) because most of them do not want them anyway and it saves a significant amount of money spent on postage and printing. If, however, these entities want a Form 11, they should submit a request and he will get one to them.


Rick Long, Lost Creek Township Trustee, was there to follow up on a cemetery project on Chamberlain Road and find out the status. There was a brief discussion

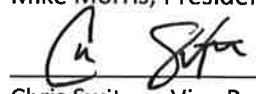
**Public Comments.** There were none.

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

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

  
Mike Morris, President

  
Chris Switzer, Vice President

  
Brendan Kearns, Secretary