

May 18, 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, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Kara Wright, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kim Bennett, Tim Cunningham, Josie Thompson, Laureen Hoffman, Bill Watson, Bruce Allen, Joey Lehman, Howard Greninger, 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 11, 2021 for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes. Chris Switzer 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 8, 2021 through May 14, 2021 in the amount of \$3,700,955.18 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,042,528.02 for a total amount of \$4,743,483.20. 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.

**Body Cams – Sheriff Plasse.** Sheriff John Plasse presented the Commissioners with quotes for body cameras from Axon in the amount of \$577,484.22 and from Body Worn, who supplies the body cameras for the Terre Haute Police Department, in the amount of \$552,449.00. These prices are for a 5-year contract. Sheriff Plasse then discussed the pros and cons of the two products. When comparing the two, Sheriff Plasse prefers the Body Worn system due to some safety features it has compared to the other. He realizes he will need to seek funding from the Vigo County Council but he is seeking approval from the Commissioners of the 5-year contract that would have to be signed if funding is received. It was also noted that this could possibly be funded with the American Rescue Plan funds being received by Vigo County. An in-depth discussion took place. It was noted for the record that the Commissioners are in favor of this and officially support the request when it goes before the County Council.

**2021 Surplus Inventory – Highway Dept. – Larry Robbins.** Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, presented a list of 37 items of old equipment that is no longer used that the Highway Department would like to have declared as surplus and disposed of. If the Commissioners declare these items as surplus, they can be advertised, bids taken, items sold and then use the funds from the sale towards new equipment. Mike Morris made a motion to declare the list as surplus. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Robbins also had an off-agenda item to discuss regarding the purchase of four new Kubota tractors for mowing. They are looking at financing of this purchase and the Bank is requiring Commissioner approval for paperwork purposes. The cost of these tractors is \$46,635.62 each for a total of \$186,542.48. It was clarified that this cost was for the tractors only. The mower additions will be paid for separately through the department budget. Brendan Kearns made a motion to acknowledge procurement so financing can move forward. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.


**Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.** This is a document that needs to be signed acknowledging that in receiving the funds, the County will comply with certain laws and regulations, most of which we already do, and agreeing that we will maintain compliance after we receive the funds. Brendan Kearns made a motion to acknowledge and approve the recovery fund and authorize the President to sign the document singly. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

An item added to today's agenda concerned a contract from Gordon Flesch Leasing for a replacement copier/printer for Voter Registration. This is a standard lease. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives.** Trash clean-up around the county continues and has been very successful in past weeks. Other community happenings were discussed, including ongoing improvements to The Mill. Kevin Gardner, Vigo County Assessor, discussed increasing mileage rates for the County in the near future. Gas prices are rising and if future predictions for price increases do happen, then the current rate of \$0.40 per mile would not be sufficient. There was a brief discussion about raising the rates.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

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

  
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Mike Morris, President

  
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Chris Switzer, Vice President

  
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Brendan Kearns, Secretary

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James Bramble, Auditor