

December 30, 2021

Commissioners' Conference Room  
Vigo County Annex  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Morris and Chris Switzer.

**Others Present:** County Attorney Joel Modesitt, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Terry Modesitt, Rob Roberts, Tim Cunningham, Kara Wright, Diana Winsted-Smith, Tribune-Star reporter Lisa Trigg, Channel 10 News and Channel 2 News.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**Review of Minutes and Claims.** Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented the minutes for the meeting held December 17, 2021. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of December 11, 2021 through December 17, 2021 in the amount of \$3,724,720.20. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the December 11, 2021 through December 17 claims. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Claims were then presented for the period December 18, 2021 through December 24, 2021 in the amount of \$3,448,666.04 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,077,962.20 for a total amount of \$4,526,628.24. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the December 18, 2021 through December 24, 2021 claims. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Claims were then presented for the period December 25 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$860,065.60 since the last check run for the year had been completed on December 29. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the December 25, 2021 through December 31, 2021 claims. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken, Mike Morris asked if this closes the books on 2021. Ms. Loudermilk said that other than reviewing/making any adjustments, any 2021 expenses would have had to be encumbered or else be paid out of the 2022 budget. Ms. Loudermilk also requested that the checks that were being prepared to go out today be stamped and mailed out today. She asked that the Auditor's Office be notified if, for some reason, they were not in today's outgoing mail so that someone could physically take them to the post office. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Chris Switzer also asked for information for a particular claim and Ms. Loudermilk said that she would provide same to him.

**Subagreement between Prosecutor's Office and Indiana State Prosecutor's Office.** Rob Roberts, Chief Deputy Prosecutor, explained briefly the history of this proposed program. During previous legislative sessions, the State of Indiana allocated money to the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys' Council to start 10 hub units throughout Indiana of high tech crime units for investigations. Vigo County applied for, was approved for, and was awarded \$285,000 to get the program up and running. Negotiations took place with ISU and when everything was agreed upon, the subagreement that resulted is being presented today to the Commissioners for review and approval. The urgency for this is so that the draw down of those funds can happen as of the first of the year and bills can be paid and equipment put in place for the program to be up and running for the employees that will be a part of it. This Subagreement has been reviewed by the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys' Council since anything approved here today also had to be approved by them in writing. An email with that approval has been provided to the Commissioners. The primary purpose of the agreement is so that ISU can be reimbursed for the parts of the salaries they will be paying for the student

investigators and the faculty advisors to the program. If the Commissioners approve the agreement today, Mr. Roberts will then obtain the signature from ISU. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Subagreement. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Ordinance creating a new fund for Prosecuting Attorneys Council.** Rob Roberts then presented Ordinance 2021-08 which was provided by the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, which had been slightly adjusted to the way the program was being set up in Vigo County as well as to the way Vigo County operates. This allows for the establishment of the fund for the monies that will be coming in from the State for the High Tech Crime Unit. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Memorandum of Agreement – Prosecutor's Office.** Rob Roberts then presented the Memorandum of Agreement between the Vigo County Prosecutor's Office and the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys' Council which is a formalization of the award of monies in conjunction with operation of the High Tech Crime Unit. This program is for a 2-year term. They do anticipate renewal in the future possibly with expanded funding. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

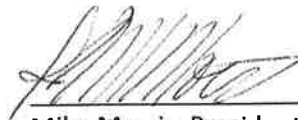
**High Tech Crime Unit – Prosecutor's Office.** This is the High Tech Crime Unit Agreement with the Vigo County Prosecutor's Office. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the agreement. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Ordinance Authorizing and Approving Establishment of non-reverting fund for Capital Improvement of US 40.** County Attorney Joel Modesitt explained that Ordinance 2021-08 being presented today concerned establishing a fund for capital improvements for a stretch of US 40 that the State of Indiana has relinquished to Vigo County. The stretch runs from Bennett Lane to Illiana Drive and the State of Indiana is providing \$250,000 to be used exclusively for the operation, maintenance and improvement of that stretch of road. In order to ensure that these funds are used for those specific purposes, it is being requested that this non-reverting fund be established for that funding. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-08. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

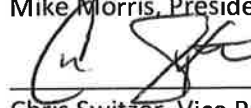
**Comment from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Mike Morris noted that the Commissioners had originally intended to complete business a couple of weeks ago but sometimes plans have to change. Commissioner Brendan Kearns, who was not in attendance today, had been kept informed of all interactions and been included on all decisions that had taken place.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

Today's meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.



Mike Morris, President



Chris Switzer, Vice President

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor

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Brendan Kearns, Secretary