

December 17, 2021

Commissioners' Conference Room  
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, Tammy York-Allen, Larry Robbins, Scott Barber, Vicki Weger, Ryan Wickens, and Bruce Allen.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**Review of Minutes.** Auditor James Bramble presented the minutes for the meeting held December 14, 2021. There was a brief discussion. 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.

**Petition to Cancel Property Taxes.** Jim Bramble explained that after the CIB meeting earlier in the week, an attempt was made to get clearance from the Treasurer's Office for the liquor license application for the Convention Center. It was discovered that there were four lots on which the parking garage and the Convention Center are being built that had tax bills. Statutes allow the Commissioners upon petition of the Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer, to write off the taxes that are assessed against a governmental unit. That is what this Petition is asking. The figure totals a little less than \$2,600 total. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the petition. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Resolution for Vigo County Commissioners Cancelling Taxes on Convention Center.** This is the Resolution canceling the taxes requested in the Petition that was just approved. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-17. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Memorandum of Agreement for Engineering Services - Engineer.** Larry Robbins stated that this is just an extension of an agreement for on call services. The main reason for this is to have them on retainer for \$10,000 to do some design work for the shop unit and make sure all the needs are satisfied. Joel Modesitt noted that Legal had reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement and they have no issues with it. Mike Morris said that this was Engineering doing its due diligence on a piece of property that the Commissioners are excited about and think will benefit the County. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve this Memorandum of Agreement. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Larry Robbins also noted that he had an agreement from INDOT that had been referred to at Tuesday's meeting regarding the Community Crossings Matching Grant Project. A motion had been approved allowing execution of future contracts with INDOT by just the President. He was unable to have this INDOT contract ready for approval and execution at Tuesday's meeting but he now has it and such needs to be executed yet this year. This is the same document that had been approved and executed in the Spring with the only difference being the amount. The matching grant amount of this Contract today is \$217,080.43 and pertains to five roads located in Rosedale. 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. It was noted that all


contracts will be submitted before the full board of Commissioners for approval but will only require execution by the President.

The last matter concerned the amendment to the Ordinance regarding redistricting matching the map. The map is correct but the description in the Ordinance needed to be corrected. In reviewing the new precinct boundaries received from the Election Division for the last census done in 2020, it was discovered that the legal descriptions in the last Ordinance and the boundaries shown on the map for the precincts did not match up. It is possible that after the census in 2011, there was some renaming done of some precincts and that may be how Precinct 3B got in District 1 when it should be in District 3. The 2002 Ordinance says that precinct 3B is in the east District when it should be in the central district. It is believed that there was some action taken in the 2010 census that made the Ordinance that was done in the 2000 census incorrect by that one precinct. The Commissioner Districts as they stand are the same as they've been for more than 10 years as shown by the map. However, the 2002 Ordinance says that 3B should be in District 1 as opposed to District 3. In order for District 3 to remain contiguous, precinct 3B has to be in District 3. There was a discussion about what is actually being done. It has been determined the map is correct but the legal descriptions in the Ordinance need to be amended to reflect the correct information. According to state statute, the legal descriptions take precedence so they need to be corrected to reflect the correct information. Ordinance 2021-06 will move precinct 3b from the east district into the central district. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Comment from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** There were none.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

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



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Mike Morris, President



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Chris Switzer, Vice President

Attest:



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James Bramble, Auditor

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Brendan Kearns, Secretary