

April 19, 2022

Commissioners' Conference Room  
Vigo County Annex  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

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

**Others Present:** County Attorneys Terry Modesitt and Joel Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldredge, Tim Cunningham, Kevin Gardner, Terry Bays, Bill Watson, Adam Grossman, Kara Wright, Larry Robbins, Kylissa Miller, Laura Tohill, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented meeting minutes for April 5, 2022, for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the 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 April 2, 2022 through April 8, 2022 in the amount of \$404,328.22. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the April 2, 2022 through April 8, 2022 claims in the total amount of \$404,328.22. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Bramble then presented expenditures for the period of April 9, 2022 through April 15, 2022 in the amount of \$2,857,260.39 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,075,692.43 for a total amount of \$3,932,952.82. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the April 9, 2022 through April 15, 2022 claims in the amount of \$2,857,260.39 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,075,692.43 for a total amount of \$3,932,952.82. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Bramble also presented the Commissioners with the 2021 encumbrances in the amount of \$8,454,769.22 carried into 2022. He said there was no approval required, it is just for the Commissioners' information and to get it on the record. Chris Switzer acknowledged receipt of the 2021 encumbrances. Mr. Bramble also noted that if the Commissioners intended to use the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds of \$10,000,000.00 as revenue replacement, they needed to get it on record today. Chris Switzer said that they absolutely are planning to use the ARPA funds in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 to replace revenue loss. Brendan Kearns made a motion to dedicate the \$10,000,000.00 allocation that the government is allowing us to be used as revenue loss replacement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Chris Switzer said that they have a 3-4 page list of projects that qualify for usage under the plan and are scheduling meetings with County Council members during the next two weeks to discuss the projects with them.

**Road Closure for Ruble Park – Parks Department.** Adam Grossman, Parks Superintendent, said that April 30 is the opening day for Ruble Park. There is a 5k race scheduled that day on Eaton Drive, east of Carlisle Road. It will be substantially safer and easier if that road could be closed from the corner of Carlisle to the southeast corner of Ivy Tech. Anyone needing entrance to that area can use Ivy Tech Road to gain access. They would need it closed from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Larry Robbins, Highway Superintendent, will get message boards with the information placed and barricades for that area. Chris Switzer made a motion to close the area of road as requested. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Grossman said that the ribbon cutting is at 9:00 with the 5k starting at 9:30.

**Commissioners need to acknowledge they have received the DLGF TIF Management Report.** The Commissioners acknowledged that they had received the DLGF TIF Management Report last week. Mr. Bramble advised that no action needed to be taken, only an acknowledgement of receipt.

**Mineral Rights Excess Property – Commissioners.** Chris Switzer said that this matter needed to be tabled for now because there was still some work that needed to be done before discussion. Chris Switzer made a motion to table the mineral rights matter. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Opioid Opt Back In – Commissioners.** County Attorney Terry Modesitt said that there had been some changes to how the opioid settlement was going to be done and it was going to be a better deal for the counties now than before when they decided to opt out. According to all information he had been able to obtain, everybody is recommending that their counties opt back in now. Paperwork has been provided to accomplish that opt back in. Brendan Kearns thanked the attorneys for keeping on top of this issue. Mike Morris made a motion to opt back in to the opioid settlement. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Letter of Support.** Chris Switzer said that they had a letter of support for the application by the Parks Department for the Land and Water Conservation grant for Bicentennial Park. Brendan Kearns noted that at the presentation for this at the recent County Council meeting, it appeared that the Parks Department had only applied for grants twice since 1983. That is not the case. Grants are being applied for constantly. This will be the third time to apply for the Land and Water Conservation grant since 1983. There have been applications for many other grants. There had been a miscommunication/misunderstanding at the Council meeting and he was just setting the record straight. Mike Morris made a motion to send the Letter of Support with the grant application. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** There were none.

**Public Comments.** Adam Grossman, Parks Superintendent, commented that everybody had been working together really well and there were great things happening in the Parks and the Commissioners had helped him tremendously and County Highway had been doing a great job getting some connectivity through the trails and he wanted to express his appreciation for everyone's help. Martin Miranda commented that he and his wife had recently used the new walkway from Terre Haute to West Terre Haute and said it was a wonderful thing and wanted to give kudos to everyone involved. Chris Switzer commented on all the positive things going on the County right now and spoke about the Convention Center opening last weekend.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.



Chris Switzer, President

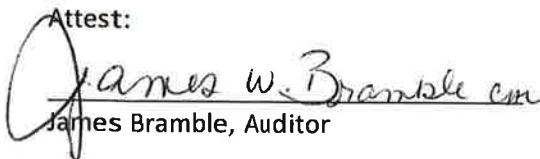


Mike Morris, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor