

June 21, 2022

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

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

**Others Present:** County Attorneys Jared Modesitt and Terry Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kevin Gardner, Tim Cunningham, Sheriff John Plasse, Leanna Moore, Larry Robbins, Kylissa Miller, Howard Greninger, Bob Murray 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 the Board with expenditures for the period of June 4, 2022 through June 10, 2022 in the amount of \$3,957,680.95 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,165,244.13 for a total amount of \$7,644,674.12. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the June 4, 2022 through June 10, 2022 claims in the amount of \$6,479,429.99 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,165,244.13 for a total amount of \$7,644,674.12. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Next, Mr. Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of June 11, 2022 through June 17, 2022 in the amount of \$629,650.52. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the June 11, 2022 through June 17, 2022 claims in the total amount of \$629,650.52. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented meeting minutes for June 7, 2022, and rezoning meeting minutes for June 7, 2022, for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Amendment to SRI Sheriff's Sale Program Fee - Sheriff.** Chris Switzer stated that they had received an email from Sheriff John Plasse stating that SRI is raising their fee by \$80 to \$180 for a Sheriff's Sale for properties effective July 1. We currently assess a fee of \$213 which includes the fee for SRI. The Commissioners need to approve raising this fee to \$293 in order to continue receive \$113 from each property sale as we have in the past. Otherwise, because of this increase, we would only receive \$33 for each sale. The increase would only be to offset the SRI cost. There was a discussion as to whether to amend the fee or execute an Ordinance to reflect this amount. It was decided that an Ordinance should be passed to reflect this change. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05 to reflect the fee being increased to \$293. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. The next Sheriff's Sale will take place in July. Sheriff Plasse said that these sales take place every month if there are properties to be sold. There was a brief discussion about advertising the Ordinance.

**Covered Bridge Certification - Auditor.** James Bramble said that this is the annual certification of the number of covered bridges that we have, which is one. It has to be sent to the Auditor of State and they, in turn, will send us \$1,850 for maintenance on the bridge. Brendan Kearns made a motion to certify the Irishman's Covered Bridge located in Fowler Park as our only covered bridge. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Mike Morris said he would like to publicly thank the contributions being made by citizens in the County who are picking up trash and

mowing along roadways using their own equipment and things so that the County does not have to do it. It is much appreciated.

Chris Switzer thanked the Sheriff's Department for the recent active shooter training provided to Annex employees. It was well done and appreciated.

County Assessor Kevin Gardner ask if there was any update about the status of getting badge swiping enabled for the offices in the Annex who are not currently locked. Chris Switzer said yes and no. Sheriff Plasse and the Sheriff's Department has new technology at the new jail that is going to have to be matched here to replace the old technology now currently in use for some of the offices. They are currently working on this but there is no time frame as to when it will be done. Mr. Gardner then asked if there were any updates on the compensation study. Budget time is here and he is unaware of anyone hearing anything about this at this time. Brendan Kearns said that while the Commissioners initially led the charge to get this going, it is now out of their hands.

**Public Comments.** Evelyn Davis expressed her appreciation to whoever was responsible for finding a glass recycling facility that will allow Vigo County residents to be able to recycle glass. Mike Morris noted that it was Karrum Nasser, Director of Solid Waste Management, who had been diligently searching for a glass recycler for a very long time. Brendan Kearns also noted that there were many, many people behind this project.

Next meeting will be July 5 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.



Chris Switzer, President



Mike Morris, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor