

July 5, 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, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Josie Thompson, Bill Watson, Joey Lehman, 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 18, 2022 through June 24, 2022 in the amount of \$897,267.80 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,167,558.80 for a total amount of \$2,064,826.60. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the June 18, 2022 through June 24, 2022 claims in the amount of \$897,267.80 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,167,558.80 for a total amount of \$2,064.826.60. Mike Morris 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 25, 2022 through July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$389,620.31. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the June 25, 2022 through July 1, 2022 claims in the total amount of \$389,620.31. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented meeting minutes for June 21, 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.

Approve Plans and Specs. Bridge 310 A & B - Engineering. Larry Robbins said that he had reviewed the plans and specifications for Bridge 310 A & B located on Fruitridge Avenue over Lost Creek and was presenting them for approval. This is a bridge rehab project to conserve the superstructure of that bridge. The bridge had to be load-posted several years ago with the new Federal regulations. This rehab will bring it all up to code so that the restrictions can be removed. It will also help improve that corridor. The project will probably start late Fall of this year and be about a 3-month job. Tentative date for opening bids right now is August 2. There was a brief discussion about a few issues to be taken care of. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve. 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. Kevin Gardner advised that House Enrollment Act 1260 stated, among other things, that a County has to have available on their website access to the property record cards. Beacon contains the same information but the House Bill says the property record card itself has to be available for access. Mr. Gardner has talked with Beacon and they advised that they can attach a pdf to the portal so that when you bring up your property, you can access a link and print off your property record card. The cost would be roughly \$1,400 and he does have enough money in his budget to cover the cost. However, he does not have any type of agreement in hand yet but will bring it to the Commissioners for approval after he receives it. The law went into effect as of July 1 but it will probably be about mid-August before we can comply. He had discussed with the Chief Deputy Auditor about the possibility of Low (who is the service provider for our tax program) being able to provide the same

type of link. There was a short discussion. Mr. Gardner will present any quote/contract to the Commissioners once it has been decided who to use.

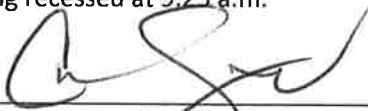
Mr. Bramble said that the County had received the additional \$10 million from the American Rescue Plan last week.


Vigo County Treasurer Josie Thompson noted that with the Fed's bumping the interest rate recently, the County was generating a pretty good interest rate at the moment for its checking account, up from ¼% to about 1.65% since we are tied to the Fed Funds Rate. She believed there might be another rate hike in July.

Public Comments. There were none.

Phil Kesner with the Department of Redevelopment gave an update on the Pathways Day Center. The facility is now open and able to take clients in. This project has taken about 2 years. An adjoining lot had been deeded by the Commissioners for use as a future parking lot. Originally, the project was bid using CARES funds. Bids came in a lot higher than anticipated and about \$140,000-\$150,000 had to be cut out of the project to get it back into the cash available. So the parking lot, handicap ramp (to make it ADA compliant) and a couple of other small items had been cut out of the contract because of the budget change and now remain to be done. A letter had been sent to the Commissioners asking about assistance and fund raising is also planned. Mike Morris asked Mr. Kesner to elaborate about the services provided by the Center. Mr. Kesner stated that the building will be open daily from 8:00-5:00. Available services are laundry facilities, showers, mailboxes that can be used as a permanent mailing address, and staffing by various agencies that will come in on a rotating basis to provide client intake information. Reach Services will have people there to assess housing needs and try to get people into the system. It is a place where homeless people can get in during the daytime and get cleaned up, and get access to supportive services. During extreme heat or extreme cold, it will be used as an emergency heating/cooling center. During further discussion, Brendan Kearns asked if the county would provide gravel and do the dirt work for the parking lot if that would help or did the work have to be contracted out. Mr. Kesner said it did not have to be contracted out. Discussion continued. All monies that they have for this project have been committed and does not include the parking lot. It was established that the County had no other money in the CARES Act funding that could be applied toward housing to help with this project.

Next meeting will be July 19 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.


Chris Switzer, President


Mike Morris, Vice President


Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor