

May 23, 2023

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

**Others Present:** County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Chris Eldridge, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Kara Wright, Bill Watson, Josie Thompson, Bruce Allen, Joni Wise, Sheila Priester, Terry Bays, Howard Greninger, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with rezoning meeting minutes for May 16, 2023 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the rezoning minutes for May 16, 2023. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented meeting minutes for May 16, 2023 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 16, 2023. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of May 13, 2023 through May 19, 2023 in the amount of \$970,455.91. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the May 13, 2023 through May 19, 2023 claims in the amount of \$970,455.91. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Real Property Donation Agreement - Commissioners.** County Attorney Terry Modesitt explained that this concerned the property discussed at last week's meeting where the Catholic Archdiocese had entered into an agreement to donate some property to Vigo County. There were certain terms required to complete the transaction which, for whatever reason, never happened. The Archdiocese now would like to donate that same piece of property to the Vigo County Parks Department and the Parks Department would like to have the property. In order to do that, the prior agreement will need to be voided. The Archdiocese prepared the necessary documents which Mr. Modesitt has examined and finds to be in order. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to void the prior agreement with the Archdiocese. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion was unanimously approved. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the donation agreement between the Archdiocese and the Vigo County Parks Department. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** Dr. Dan Bedeck, Treasurer of the Zorah Shrine, said that they have an older, historic building (circa 1920). They are in need of help with replacement of their heating and cooling system. The bid they have from Hoosier Heating is \$250,000. They would like any assistance that the Commissioners could give. President Morris said he would refer this to RJL Solutions to see if they could find any grants or something that this could qualify for.

Jim Kmetz was at the meeting two weeks ago with issues arising from two daycares operating in his neighborhood. Commissioner Switzer had indicated he would look into the matter and Mr. Kmetz wanted to know if there was any update. Commissioner Switzer was not at today's meeting but President Morris

indicated that Commissioner Switzer said he was waiting to hear back from Joe, Fred and Jared together and he will have a response by June.

**Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.** Larry Robbins noted that the Highway Department will begin summertime hours starting next week. Summertime hours are four 10-hour shifts Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If an emergency should arise on the off days, 911 or dispatch should be contacted and they can then reach the necessary people. He also said that with road construction season going on, he was asking for people to be patient and courteous so everyone can have a safe summer. Mike Morris thanked the Highway Department for their quick response on re-stripping the area at Davis and Canal Roads this past week. Mr. Robbins gave a brief update on the Springhill Road project. Construction has started and they are working on the widening of the first part of the closure. Everything seems to be going okay. He will give updates as things progress.

Mark Clinkenbeard spoke briefly about all the upcoming events taking place in Terre Haute.

Joni Wise said that the mosquito spraying schedule has been posted on the Vigo County Health Department website.

Mike Morris said there will be a half day relay taking place at Hawthorne Park this weekend.

The next meeting will be May 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.



Mike Morris



Chris Switzer



Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor