

January 30, 2024

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Chris Switzer, Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Jordynne Shelton, Kara Wright, Josie Thompson, Scott Barbour, Adam Grossman, Todd Thacker, Tona Bean, Joni Wise, Amanda Bales, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Vickie Albright, Terry Bays, Norm Loudermilk, Scott Swan, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order and County Councilman Todd Thacker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of January 20, 2024 through January 26, 2024 in the amount of \$4,597,967.01. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the January 20, 2024 through January 26, 2024 claims in the amount of \$4,597,967.01. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with meeting minutes for January 23, 2024 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for January 23, 2024. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Appointments – Commissioners. Chris Switzer said they had interviewed 5 people (with a sixth not showing) for the 911 Dispatch position. The Commissioners are happy to announce that Brian Dehart is going to be appointed as Dispatch Director as follows: “This is to certify that you, Brian Dehart, are appointed as the Vigo County 911 Dispatch Director, effective this 30th day of January, 2024, for a two year term, expiring on December 31, 2025. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 30th day of January, 2024.” Mike Morris made a motion to accept Brian Dehart as new 911 Dispatch Director. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Officer Dehart thanked the Commissioners for putting their trust in him.

Next, “This is to certify that you, Bernie Anderson, are appointed to the Prairieton/Prairie Creek Fire District Protection Board for Vigo County on the 30th day of January, 2024, to fulfill the remaining term of Drew Phelps, expiring on December 31, 2024. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 30th day of January, 2024.” President Switzer said he would go through the Fire Protection Districts and do one motion to approve. “This is to certify that you, Jason Parker, are appointed to the Lost Creek Fire Protection District to fulfill the remainder of Keith Carter’s term on the 30th day of January, 2024, expiring on December 31, 2025. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 30th day of January, 2024.” Mike Morris made a motion to accept Jason Parker and Bernie Anderson appointments to the Fire Protection District. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

“This is to certify that you, Jeff Lind, are re-appointed to the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission, effective this 16th day of January, 2024, for a one year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 16th day of January, 2024.” Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to accept the appointment of Jeff Lind to the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

"This is to certify that you, Judith A. Anderson, are appointed to the Western Indiana Community Action Agency, effective this 16th day of January 2024, for a one year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 16th day of January, 2024." Mike Morris made a motion to approve this appointment. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

"This is to certify that you, Tyler Dinkle, are appointed to the Vigo County Redevelopment Commission on this 16th day of January, 2024, for a one year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 16th day of January, 2024." We also have: "This is to certify that you, Mary Caye Pfister, are re-appointed to the Vigo County Redevelopment Commission on this 16th day of January, 2024, for a one year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 16th day of January, 2024." Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to accept the appointments of Tyler Dinkle and Mary Caye Pfister. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

These are for the Vigo County Building Corporation: This is to certify that you Patrick Ralston, you John Wright, and you Becky Buse, are re-appointed to the Vigo County Building Corporation on this 16th day of January, 2024, for a one year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 16th day of January, 2024." Mike Morris made a motion to accept the appointments for the Vigo County Building Corporation. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

This is to certify that you, Todd Brinza, are re-appointed to the Vigo County Board of Zoning Appeals, effective the 9th day of January, 2024, for a three year term, expiring on December 31, 2026. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 16th day of January, 2024." Mike Morris made a motion to accept this appointment. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Vacate 2 Alleys – Scott Barbour. Scott Barbour explained that these are 2 of the 3 vacates that he introduced and explained late last year and which were preliminarily approved. These have both now been advertised. Franklin Judy is the petitioner on the first one which is for the east-west stretch of Hensley Avenue that is directly east of Pottsville Road that dead ends into the Wabash River and it is also for the 16 foot alley that is directly south of that. A map was provided to show the location. There had been no opposition. Franklin Judy owns the property that adjoins both sides. Mr. Barbour said that the third alley vacation will require notice a homeowner who is not the petitioner. This has not yet been done due to the individual being out of town. The petitioners own both sides of the properties of the two being presented today. The second ordinance pertains to the east-west alley directly north of Hensley Avenue and the petitioner is Nita Wilson. She owns the north and south sides of the property. It is also next to Pottsville Road to the Wabash River. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mark Clinkenbeard then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Change Order INDOT – Larry Robbins. Larry Robbins said this change order was for the Springhill job. It is a change to the INDOT contract. This is to relocate some laterals for clean-outs. Once Springhill is widened, they will be right in the curb line or the pavement, which was what was wanted, so these were moved back behind the curb lines. This is a \$5,384 change order for White Construction to move those cleanouts. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the change order. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion was unanimously passed.

There was one additional appointment to be made: This is to certify that you, Timothy Moore, are reappointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA), effective the 30th day of January, 2024, for a one year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 30th day of January, 2024." Mike Morris made a motion to accept Tim Moore for the Vigo County PTABOA board. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. Shannon Giles with Tobacco Free Vigo County announced they had 2 events coming up in February. The first is February 13 at ISU of a documentary showing called "Black Lives Black Levels" and briefly explained what it concerned. The second event takes place February 26 and is a 1-day conference on the topic of drug endangered children. Mike Morris asked why there was such a rapid expansion of vape stores. Ms. Giles explained that a license to sell tobacco products on line could be obtained very easily and there was plenty of empty brick and mortar space available for rent in Vigo County.

Evelyn Davis voiced her continued displeasure and concerns regarding carbon sequestration and thought that not enough had been done to stop it. County Attorney Terry Modesitt reminded everyone that the Commissioners did not have a vote on this matter.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Mike Morris thanked all the appointees for stepping up and their continued service to the county. Assessor Kevin Gardner announced that state-wide, all Indiana counties are looking at exempt properties because there are so many out there and it is a burden on the rest of the county. Vigo County has been reviewing them for the last 1 ½ years and will be continuing for at least another year. If it is found that the property does not qualify for the exemption by statute, the tax exemption will be removed. Letters notifying the property holder of such are frequently returned with no forwarding address. Mr. Gardner would like exempt property holders to be aware that they should contact the office to make sure all is in order. If no contact is made, or able to be made, the exempt status will be removed.

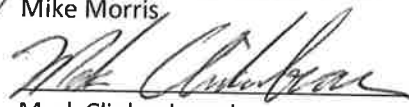
The meeting recessed at 9:24 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Chris Switzer


Mike Morris


Mark Clinkenbeard