

July 2, 2024

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

**Others Present:** County Attorney Terry Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Ricky Hammond, Bill Watson, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Bruce Allen, Brad Newman, Leanna Moore, Elizabeth Stiverson, Brendan Kearns, Rhonda Coombs, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mike Morris called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Bob Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Morris noted that Commissioner Switzer was out of the office for a few days and would not be in attendance at today's meeting.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for June 25, 2024 and minutes for the July 2, 2024 bid opening for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve June 25, 2024 minutes and July 2, 2024 bid opening minutes as presented. Mark Clinkenbeard 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 June 22, 2024 through June 28, 2024 in the amount of \$5,743,375.81. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the June 22, 2024 through June 28, 2024 claims in the amount of \$5,743,375.81. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**IV-D Consulting Service – Clerk's Office (tabled from June 4).** Vigo County Clerk Brad Newman said he wasn't really sure why this had been tabled originally but some questions had been raised that he wanted to address. He said their paperwork would be drastically reduced. They would also save an incredible amount of time with the new process used by the new vendor. Mr. Newman did a time study and found that they would save approximately \$700 per month in manpower used. The only cost saved by continuing to use the current vendor is \$16.25. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the contract with Malcon. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**MOU for MPO – Jeremy Weir (tabled from June 11).** This matter had been tabled previously in order to give the Commissioners and the County Attorney time to review it. It was reviewed and was in order. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the MOU. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**AC Unit for Juvenile – Ricky Hammond.** Ricky Hammond, Director of Maintenance, said this was a proposal for a new AC unit for the Juvenile Center. A compressor had recently went out and the fan motor would also needed to be changed. The cost of repair would be \$4,500. It is a 24-year old unit. Replacement cost would be \$7,890.67. It would make more sense to replace it since the unit is so old. Commissioner Clinkenbeard thanked Mr. Hammond and his crew, along with the Highway Department, for all the many, many hours they had put in during the recent weather emergency. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve this request. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Purchase of Loaders for Highway – Larry Robbins.** Larry Robbins, Highway Superintendent and County Engineer, said the Highway Department was in need of several new loaders. He had consulted with several vendors and obtained quotes. The bids were all fairly close but it was felt that the John Deere equipment fit the needs the best and met the specs required. The request is to purchase two John Deere loaders from West Side Tractor Sales, a local company. Approval today is the first step in the process to officially secure financing for the equipment. Similar to the past, the plan is to spread the payments out over three years. They have checked with First Financial Bank, Old National Bank and John Deere for financing information rates and First Financial Bank came in with the lowest rate which would be 5.18% over three years. Mr. Robbins would recommend purchasing the John Deere loaders with financing at First Financial Bank. There was a short discussion. Auditor Bramble suggested Mr. Robbins compare with First Financial Bank their loan rate versus a lease rate to see if there would be a difference. Mike Morris made a motion to approve to move ahead with the purchase of the two new loaders. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Robbins then said the a bid opening for the Community Crossings Grant 2024-1 had taken place on July 1. Milestone Contractor South was the sole bidder with a bid of \$3,057,374.50. Mr. Robbins' had originally estimated the cost to be \$3,059,948.32, so the actual bid came in lower than estimated. This would include the following roads: Rio Grande, Gannon, Old Fort Harrison, Erie Canal, and McDaniel. Mr. Robbins recommended that the bid be accepted. The bid package was complete and all criteria had been met. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to accept the bid of Milestone Contractor South. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Clinkenbeard also thanked Mr. Robbins and his department for all the work and hours they had put in and continued to put in concerning the recent weather emergency

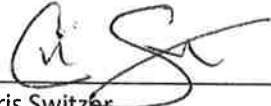

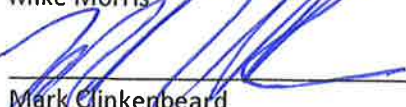
**Public Comments.** Commissioner Clinkenbeard announced that copies of the agreement from Wabash Valley Resources were available for anyone that wanted one and it was also posted on the website. A large group of Concerned Citizens Against Wabash Valley Resources was present and discussed their displeasure with this project, the allotted time frames for input, and the deadline for comments for the proposed agreement with Wabash Valley Resources for funds to be put in trust for community education, training, and funding, and that the Commissioners not sign the proposed agreement. The following is a list of people who spoke: Whitney Boyce (a copy of her comments and an email referred to are included with these minutes); Janet Strole Cianteo; Flo Evinger; John Ford; Amy McClennan; Doug Scott; Pete Ford; Marie Osborn; an unnamed gentleman who is a veteran spoke but did not give his name; Matt Larimer. In addition, Director of Soil & Water Brendan Kearns voiced the opinion that the Soil & Water District was okay with the project. County Assessor Kevin Gardner also commented on the situation.

**Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials.** Commissioner Morris made comments about the recent weather emergency and how the community came together.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

  
Chris Switzer  
  
Mike Morris  
  
Mark Clinkenbeard