

July 9, 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, Auditor James Bramble, Diana Winstead-Smith, Tona Bean, Larry Robbins, Jared Bayler, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Ricky Hammond, Bill Watson, Kevin Gardner, Vickie Albright, Scott Swan, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Cheryl Loudermilk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for July 2, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve July 2, 2024 minutes as presented. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of June 29, 2024 through July 5, 2024 in the amount of \$1,408,758.99. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the June 29, 2024 through July 5, 2024 claims in the amount of \$1,408,758.99. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Springhill Project Change Order #2 - Engineering.** Larry Robbins said there had been discussion about some change order delays in the past on the Springhill Project due to some utility concerns. These are actual, official change orders that need to be approved and signed. They have all been approved and signed through INDOT. Change Order #2 is just time extensions due to utility delay changing the end date from 2023 to 2024 and is for utility relocations that did not occur in a timely manner. This change order is only for time extension, not money. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve Change Order #2. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Springhill Project Change Order #3 - Engineering.** Larry Robbins then explained that this change order deals with some sanitary laterals that ended up being in the curb line and some other things that were in conflict with the sanitary sewer for the Honey Creek Fire Station. Extensive work had to be done to eliminate that conflict which resulted in a \$4,816.31 change order amount for additional sanitary sewer relocation. The total amount of change orders to date, if this is approved, amounts to \$10,200.31. He did note there will be significant monetary change orders in the future once the time extensions are done and everything officially approved. The County is looking to recoup some of those expenses from the utility companies. Mike Morris made a motion to approve Change Order #3. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mike Morris noted that Edgar Ramirez of RQAW came to the project after the storm last week and cleaned up the storm damage and made the road passable again. Mr. Robbins noted that a lot of the construction signage and barricades had been blown around and Mr. Ramirez put it all back together for the County and got the road back open. Appreciation was expressed for his efforts.

**Cintas Defibrillator Service Agreement – Maintenance.** Chris Switzer said that Ricky Hammond indicated there had been a wording change on the Cintas agreement for the AED's and same has now been approved by the County Attorney. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the contract with Cintas for the new AED's. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** Chris Switzer noted that several people were at last week's meeting from the CO2 group and some were here again today and he welcomed any new comments. Comments were limited to 3 minutes. Janet Strole Cianteo asked that a list of comments she was going to read be placed in the minutes and are attached. The following people spoke against this project and asked that the CBA agreement not be signed in its current form because it did not provide enough safety and monitoring: Janet Strole Cianteo; Kathy Brock; Flo Evinger; and Bill Wilson. Chris Switzer responded to the question of the group as to why the Commissioners have never retracted their letter of support for the project. He said that on January 14, a fiscal note was introduced at the Indiana State legislature talking about a carbon sequestration project **on the land WVR owns**. On January 19, Senate Bill 451 was introduced still with no language about wells or pipelines. Commissioners wrote a letter of support on January 29 for that project on WVR property. Beyond that, the language in Senate Bill 451 did not change until February 14 or 15 in a Senate committee hearing. What the Commissioners supported did not have anything to do with well heads or pipelines. That is why the letter of support was never retracted. There was a lengthy discussion about what the group wanted, questions about what were they supposed to do, the fact that State laws had been passed and local government does NOT supercede State law.

**Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials.** There were none.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.



Chris Switzer



Mike Morris



Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor

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## Vigo County Commissioner Meeting

1. Thank -you Commissioner's for getting the link to the CBA and announcements on the County website.
2. Once the deadline ends, when will the comments be compiled and released to the public?
3. When can we expect the responses to the comments to be released publicly?
4. First, if there is a revised draft of the CBA it should be made public before it is signed. Second, the public should have a chance to comment on the revisions before it is voted on.
5. If no revisions are made, that CBA is unacceptable to this community because we want safety and monitoring protections in place. Therefore it should not be accepted or signed by the commissioners.
6. We have been trying to find the commissioner meeting agendas prior to the meeting dates so we can stay informed. However, we are unable to locate any agenda. This makes it difficult for people interested in specific issues to become involved and attending meetings to stay informed. Please let us know where we can find these agendas.

Janet Strole Cianteo