

August 13, 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, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Tona Bean, Elizabeth Meny, Diana Winstead-Smith, Joni Wise, Vickie Albright, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Bill Watson, Todd Thacker, Kevin Gardner, Norm Loudermilk, Terry Bays, Gretchen Etling, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for August 6, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve August 6, 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 August 3, 2024 through August 9, 2024 in the amount of \$3,707,063.68. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the August 3, 2024 through August 9, 2024 claims in the amount of \$3,707,063.68. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Chris Switzer noted that \$3.1 million of that amount was the LIT certified shares and the public safety money that got distributed. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with payroll for August 1, 2024 in the amount of \$1,336,249.89 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the August 1, 2024 payroll. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Appointment to Library Board - Commissioners. Chris Switzer said they had an appointment to the Vigo County Public Library Board as follows: "This is to certify that Kelly Ford is appointed to the Vigo County Public Library Board, effective this 13th day of August, 2024, for a four year term expiring on August 13, 2028. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereunto set their hand and seal this 13th day of August, 2024." Mike Morris made a motion to approve the appointment of Kelly Ford to the Vigo County Public Library Board. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Chris Switzer said they appreciated Terry Miller, their prior appointee, who had served on the Board for 12 years.

General Release of All Claims – Commissioners. Chris Switzer said he believed last week they had taken action on the potentially contaminated soil down at The Mill. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said this had been discussed in a previous meeting where the City is doing some work by The Mill and they have some excess dirt. The request was made to the Commissioners to put the dirt on the land that is currently The Mill property. Mr. Modesitt met with Marcus Mauer, the City Engineer, and he agreed that the County should not have any liability concerning this dirt. The City prepared a General Release of All Claims and Mr. Modesitt reviewed it, requested a couple of changes, which were made, and is now presenting it for approval and signature. It basically says they can put the dirt on the County property but they assume all liability for it now and in the future. Mark Clinkenbeard said it was important to note that they were going to put a couple of feet of clean dirt over the top of it. The City has been working with the EPA on this and the EPA has approved

this action. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the release. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.


Public Comments. There were none.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Mike Morris said that the first section of the Riley Trail Spur will have the final coat put on it today and it should be open next week. Chris Switzer said he will be notifying all employees and putting out information to the public that as of tomorrow, the Cherry Street entrance to the City Hall/Court House parking lot will be closed because Misco will have a crane set up to deliver and execute the small building for all of the technology equipment still in the old jail. That entrance will be temporarily closed for a period of time. He also said that following up on Markle Mill Dam, the Commissioners had been informed via e-mail last week by former Commissioner Brendan Kearns that Otter Creek is the cleanest it has ever been. An e-coli study has been done along with some other testing as the EPA or IDEM would and the water is completely clean. There had been some concerns expressed but it is perfectly clean. The fishing is good there and families have been swimming and using the new facilities.

The meeting recessed at 9:08 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Chris Switzer

 8-20-24
Mike Morris


Mark Clinkenbeard