

September 3, 2024

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Josie Thompson, Elizabeth Meny, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Vickie Albright, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Norm Loudermilk, Todd Thacker, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Clinkenbeard announced that Mike Morris was running late but would start the meeting with comments until Mr. Morris arrived. He then called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Norm Loudermilk, Director of the Juvenile Center, told Commissioners there was a pre-construction meeting set for September 5 at 7:30 a.m. at the Juvenile Center if any of the Commissioners wanted to attend. Hannig Construction, Ross Readinger, and Eric Ratz from DLZ would be at the meeting. He said they would be going over the calendar and what will be taking place. The concrete change order will also be discussed.

Todd Thacker said he had received a lot of questions recently regarding the status of the old jail demolition. Mark Clinkenbeard said bids were opened last Thursday and received 6 demo bids and 3 bids for the road portion. Due diligence is currently being conducted but as of now, the project should be coming in under the proposed budget. Mr. Thacker asked if they were local contractors. Mr. Clinkenbeard said the two low bidders on the demo were from out of town and the third was local. The road construction bids were all local. Chief Deputy Auditor said that the minutes for the bid opening will be approved at this meeting and once that is done, the information will be public record.

County Attorney Terry Modesitt said that he is meeting today and working with Indiana State and the High Tech Crimes Unit. There are currently 10 units throughout the State. They have sworn in 10 "investigator students" from ISU. There are different requirements for qualifications for the students to participate. They will be analyzing electronics on various cases for the Prosecutor's Office. They download cell phones and prepare summaries of what is on them, listen to jail calls and summarize what they hear, and they also have a technological dog that is taken out to sniff out different types of electronics. The meeting today will discuss what has been going on locally, how helpful this has been to law enforcement and the Prosecutor's Office, and going forward whether the funding is going to continue and whether the program may be expanded. They also hope this will generate more students to become interested in getting involved in the criminal justice system as police officers, law enforcement and/or potential prosecutors down the road.

Larry Robbins, County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, said that there will be a ribbon cutting tomorrow morning at 10:00 for the Springhill Road project to reopen it to traffic. Contracts should be back this week to work on Canal and Davis. The bases for the poles were set last week and takes 7 days to cure before further work. Contractors should be back this week. Additional paving will be taking place with regard to the Community Crossings project this week. The roads to be paved will be Old Fort Harrison, Rio Grande, and Gannon. Canal and McDaniel will be a little bit later after the signal is hooked up and finished.

Mark Clinkenbeard said with regard to the jail demo, it is scheduled to power down the week of the 16th. After that, the Terre Haute Police Department will use the building for some training. Demolition will actually start at the beginning of October.

Public Comments. There were none.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for August 27, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve August 27, 2024 minutes as presented. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board minutes for the bid opening meeting of August 29, 2024 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the August 29, 2024 bid opening minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.


Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of August 24, 2024 through August 30, 2024 in the amount of \$1,364,428.30. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the August 24, 2024 through August 30, 2024 claims in the amount of \$1,364,428.30. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.


Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with payroll for August 28, 2024 in the amount of \$1,332,212.93 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the August 28, 2024 payroll. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

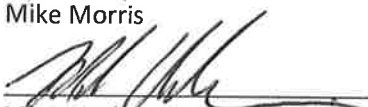
The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Chris Switzer


Mike Morris


Mark Clinkenbeard