

September 10, 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, Chief Deputy Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Larry Robbins, Mandy Bales-Puller, Vickie Albright, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Rickie Hammond, Bill Watson, Joni Wise, Bruce Allen, Tony Kassiseah, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Chief Deputy Recorder Chris Eldridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of August 31, 2024 through September 6, 2024 in the amount of \$499,243.43. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the August 31, 2024 through September 6, 2024 claims in the amount of \$499,243.43. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

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

**Road Closure for Rose Hulman Homecoming October 4 from 8:00-11:30.** This is a request from Rose Hulman for a temporary road closure on North Hunt Street between U.S. 40 and Ashton Apartments on Friday, October 4, between 8:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. It is for a celebration for Rose Hulman's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They plan to have a drone show. Mike Morris made a motion to approve this temporary road closure. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Auditor Jim Bramble said that the Wall Street Journal published their college rankings last week and Rose was high in all the rankings. Chris Switzer noted that Indiana State University was also on that list.

**Tri State Proposal – Ricky Hammond.** Ricky Hammond said this is a proposal for adding an alarm monitoring agreement for the new building at 600 West Honey Creek Drive. This is to monitor for fire protection. As of right now, no fiber has been run to the new building. This system will run off a cell card and be monitored back to Tri State who would contact the County if there was a problem. The cost is \$450 per year for the monitoring and installation of the equipment is \$300 for a total of \$750. Mark Clinkenbeard asked if this would be the only year this will be needed. Mr. Hammond said yes unless it was decided to continue with it. Monitoring will go back to the jail system once their new system is installed and Control would be able to dispatch someone out if something came up with the building. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the agreement. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials.** Larry Robbins, County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, said that the Community Crossings project has started. Old Fort Harrison is complete. Milling was started on Rio Grande this morning and will go from Erickson out to the County line. He asked for everyone to be patient with the crews working out there. Gannon Road from 150 out to Howell will be started the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The signal lights came in yesterday for Davis and Canal and are being built

today. Contractor plans to be here tomorrow to start demo of all the old equipment and then start putting everything back together. It is hoped to turn on the signal sometime Saturday or, if not, on Monday. He also said notice had been received yesterday that Vigo County was awarded a Safe Streets for All grant award for \$400,000 in federal funding that has a \$100,000 local match. That will be used to develop a confidence and safety action plan for all the roads in Vigo County. That should start in the coming months. Thanks was expressed to THRIVE, especially Karen Schneider, for their help in applying for this grant. Mike Morris thanked the citizens of the county for their patience and courtesy at Davis and Canal intersection while the signal has been out. Chris Switzer noted that they had been working with someone else's insurance company on this which had increased the down time.

**Public Comments.** There was a lengthy discussion about WVR and the carbon sequestration project with comments made by the following: Evelyn Davis, Bill Wilson, and Cathy Brock.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor

  
Chris Switzer

  
Mike Morris

  
Mark Clinkenbeard