

October 22, 2024

Commissioners' Conference Room
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, Josie Thompson, Elizabeth Meny, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Larry Robbins, Vickie Albright, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Joni Wise, Norm Loudermilk, Todd Thacker, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for October 15, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve October 15, 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 October 12, 2024 through October 18, 2024 in the amount of \$365,995.80. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the October 12, 2024 through October 18, 2024 claims in the amount of \$365,995.80. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

President Switzer announced that the Commissioners had extended the burn ban this morning to next Tuesday when it will be re-evaluated.

Agreement for forensic Services – Coroner. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said the previous contract for forensic services had expired. The Coroner sent Mr. Modesitt a copy of that expired contract along with some requested changes/additions. Mr. Modesitt and his office drafted a new agreement which has been approved by the Coroner and signed by Dr. Adeagbo. Mr. Modesitt did say that it was a real problem all over the State of Indiana to get a forensic doctor to do autopsies. He believed there were less than five doctors throughout the State and Vigo County was lucky to have someone here. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the Agreement for Forensic Services. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

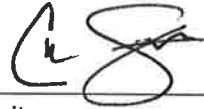
Appointment to the Otter Creek Township Building Corp. – Commissioners. Chris Switzer said Jerry Chaney had passed away and a replacement needed to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Otter Creek Township Building Corporation. Otter Creek Township Trustee Robert Salmon is recommending Valerie Stapleton fill the position. Mike Morris made a motion to appoint Valerie Stapleton to the Board of Directors of the Otter Creek Township Building Corporation. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. Becky Curry of West Terre Haute said that last week there was a road blockage for testing and she was trying to find out why, who was doing the testing, what it was for, and if they had a permit. Chris Switzer said it was his understanding that they were doing seismic testing all over the State of Indiana and have been for years. Larry Robbins, County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, said they were doing seismic testing across the entire county and it is somewhat state-wide. They did have a permit and were following the guidelines in shutting the road down. He does not know what they are looking for. The

company doing the work is called Geophysical. Mark Clinkenbeard said they were also in Riley and went down the road to the Clay County line. Mr. Robbins said typically they are searching for oil but he doesn't really know what they're looking for.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Joni Wise reminded everyone that flu shots are now available. Dr. Brucken had advised that the flu was starting earlier this year and people should get them as early as possible.

The meeting recessed at 9:07 a.m.



Chris Switzer



Mike Morris



Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor