

November 19, 2024

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Chris Switzer and Mike Morris

**Others Present:** Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Amanda Puller, Vickie Albright, Adam Grossman, Terry Bays, 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 November 9, 2024 through November 15, 2024 in the amount of \$7,828,967.29. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the November 9, 2024 through November 15, 2024 claims in the amount of \$7,828,967.29. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for November 12, 2024 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve November 12, 2024 minutes as presented. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with minutes for the rezoning meeting for November 12, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 rezoning minutes. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with minutes for the November 13, 2024 bid opening for the Dewey Point Trailhead and Wabashiki State FWA. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve November 13, 2024 bid opening minutes as presented. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Appointment to Honey Creek Fire Protection Board - Commissioners.** Chris Switzer read the following Certificate of Appointment into record:

“This is to certify that you, Kevin Murphy, appointed to the Honey Creek Fire Protection District for Vigo County on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, for a four year term, expiring on December 31, 2028. In Testimony Whereas, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners have hereto set their hands and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.”

This is to fill a vacancy on the board due to a resignation. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Murphy to the Honey Creek Fire Protection District. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Fly Over – Kevin Gardner.** Assessor Kevin Gardner said the County is currently in a 6-year contract with Eagleview Pictometry who does a flyover and provides the pictures for Beacon. There are still 3 years remaining on the current contract which takes a 3 inch flyover. If we change to this new contract, it will change that to a 1 inch flyover. The difference between the two sizes is tremendous. A lot of surrounding counties are switching or are in the process of switching to this 1 inch flyover. Current flyover cost is \$149,619. The new 1 inch would cost \$173,200. That can be offset somewhat by dropping the changefinder application (which does not get utilized due to lack of available staff) for a savings of roughly \$23,581. By dropping changefinder, he currently has enough money in his budget to pay for this switch. He is not asking for more funds, but just permission. He would like to cancel the current contract (which is not paid for in advance) and then get approval for the new 6-year contract with the 1 inch flyover. There was a brief discussion. Mike Morris made a motion to rescind the current contract with Eagleview Pictometry and approve the new Agreement with the 1 inch flyover. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz – Larry Robbins.** County Engineer Larry Robbins said this was a professional service agreement for design of the Next Level Trail segment of the Riley Spur. This is a partnership with the City as well. This is for a design contract from Lama (where trail currently ends) to roughly behind Idle Creek Golf Course and then from Canal into Terre Haute at 7<sup>th</sup> and Margaret. Currently working on an MOU with the City so they will be paying for roughly half of this contract as well. This includes survey, design, bridge design, utility and any permits required at a cost of \$193,530 plus \$10,000 of construction support once this project goes to construction because of the issues and nature of this project with rehabbing railroad bridges. Funding has been approved for next year's budget of \$500,000 for trail work and it can be covered under that plus the City will be paying half. Timeline would be roughly 4 months to get ready to bid which would make it March or April. This has been reviewed by the County Attorney who asked for, and received, some minor changes. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the Agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Award Bid for Dewey Point – Adam Grossman.** Park Superintendent Adam Grossman said three bids had been received. Low bidder for the project was Earl Rodgers & Associates with a base bid of \$125,900 with the alternate bid being the roofing at \$35,450. Mike Morris made a motion to award the bid to Earl Rodgers & Associates for the base and alternate bid for a total of \$161,350. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Agreement for Provision of Limited Professional Services – Adam Grossman.** Mr. Grossman said this is an agreement with Align who was involved in the engineering for this to do the permitting requirements through DNR not to exceed \$7,000. Mike Morris made a motion to approve this agreement. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** Kevin Ball of Club Soda said he had been to a couple of meetings and was told that the Commissioners would contact him with regard to funding assistance and he hasn't heard from anybody. Chris Switzer said that with it being the end of the year, their funds had been depleted and the balance of the ARPA funds were going before the Council in December for Chances & Services for Youth. The Commissioners are still having some internal conversations to see if they can help get some funding and where it might come from. Mr. Switzer said they would reach out to him as soon as they had some answers.

**Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials.** Mike Morris said that the Commissioners had a good trip to Washington, DC. Chris Switzer talked about closing the Group Homes and that the Commissioners were looking internally to try to find a resolution or solution or some way to keep group homes in this community. They are aware of the need of placing children in the community who aren't necessarily dangerous but possibly in some type of abusive relationship that need a place to go. They are working on a way to rectify the situation.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.



Chris Switzer

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor

Mike Morris



Mark Clinkenbeard