

Present: Chris Switzer, Mike Morris, Mark Clinkenbeard

Others present: Auditor Larry Hutchings, Tammy York-Allen, Terry Modesitt, Morgan Vinzant, Scott Swan, Josie Thompson, Joni Wise, Bruce Allen, Kevin Gardner, Chrissy Patterson, Billy Caldero, Chris Eldredge, Jordynne Gackle, Alex Powell, Diana Smith, Larry Robbins, WTHI-TV.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Morris called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Review of minutes/claims

Auditor Larry Hutchings then presented the Board with the minutes from the February 17, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the February 17, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting minutes as presented. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 3-0 the motion was passed.

Larry then submitted the claims docket dated February 13, 2026 through February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$1,119,468.55 to the Board. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the claims docket dated February 13, 2026 through February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$1,119,468.55. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vocal vote.

Ordinance 2026-3 Establishing a Non-Reverting Fund for Liability Claims

Mike Morris explained this Ordinance establishing a Non-Reverting Fund for Liability Claims was related to property damage insurance. He said in order to retain insurability with the County's current provider, this Non-Reverting Fund would be necessary. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-3 establishing a Non-Reverting Fund for Liability Claims. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2026-1: Assigning Tax Sale Certificates

Alex Powell with the Auditor's Office approached the Board and explained she was requesting the Commissioners approve two resolutions assigning tax sale certificates. She said the first resolution would assign tax sale certificates for three properties in West Terre Haute to the Town of West Terre Haute. West Terre Haute Town Manager Tommy Roberts explained the efforts by West Terre Haute to combat blighted property. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-1. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a 3-0 vocal vote.

Resolution 2026-2: Assigning Tax Sale Certificates

Alex explained Resolution 2026-2 would assign tax sale certificates to the Burnett Fire Department. Alex said this assignment had been approved in 2025, but due to a miscommunication with attorneys notices had not been sent out in time. She said this approval would start the process over. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 voice vote.

Alex then noted the Tax Certificate Sale would be held March 25th at the Terre Haute Convention Center.

GIS Election Maps

Vigo County Surveyor Bruce Allen approached the Board and provided an overview of resources on the County Website. He demonstrated new GIS maps that show elected representatives and districts/precincts for Vigo County. He said these same tools could be used for parks additions/trails, snow routes, and more in the future.

Public Comment

There were none.

Comments from the Commissioners or other Elected Officials

Shannon Giles with Chances and Services for Youth approached the Board and noted Tuesday the following week the Circles of Change Conference would be held 9am to 4pm at the Terre Haute Convention Center. She said she was in the middle of the annual Point-of-Sale survey to document all tobacco sellers for Vigo County and said she felt trends were not moving in the right direction. Shannon gave a brief overview of services her organization provides to County schools.

William Caldero with Veteran's Assistance approached the Board and introduced a new employee Shelby McDaniel.

Auditor Larry Hutchings gave a brief overview of the Auditor's Office's current efforts in completing the Annual Financial Report and briefly discussed County departments reporting Capital Asset additions to the Auditor's Office.

Molly Collett approached the Board and provided a brief overview of the RISE program and the services and impacts the program has combating substance abuse in Vigo County.


Chris Switzer discussed efforts to combat misinformation on social media. Chris discussed potentially inflammatory comments being spread on social media related to the Vigo County School Corporation's consolidation and modernization plan. He briefly discussed tension between the County Council and County Commissioners. The commissioners expressed their support in finding a solution to school improvements without raising taxes. Chris expressed support for finding a solution to jail overcrowding. He discussed potential impacts from changes made at the Indiana Statehouse regarding local government funding. Chris noted the Commissioners would be available to answer any questions from the public and elected officials.

Mark Clinkenbeard expressed his support for Chris Switzer's discussion.

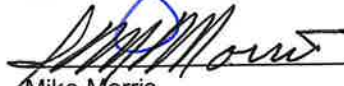
The meeting was recessed at 9:34 a.m.



Mark Clinkenbeard

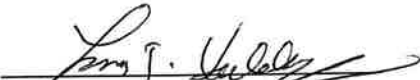


Chris Switzer



Mike Morris

Attest:



Larry T. Hutchings II, Auditor

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