

April 14, 2020

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Brad Anderson and Brendan Kearns

Others Present: County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, and Larry Robbins.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Brad Anderson announced that there wasn't a lot on the agenda but there were a couple of things that needed to be attended to. The Commissioners are doing their best to conduct business as best they can under the circumstances. Commissioner Anderson asked Larry Robbins from the Engineering Department to share some good news. Mr. Robbins advised that they had applied for the Community Crossings Grant and had received a memo from INDOT advising that Vigo County had been chosen to receive the maximum amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the first round of the 2020 fund of the Community Crossings Project. The roads that were applied for as part of the application were Old Paris Road from State Line to Bennett Lane, Thralls Road from Sunflower to Keegan, Park Avenue from 13th to Mill Dam, Grant Avenue from Clinton to Rosedale, Oregon Church from Sullivan to US 41, Louisville Road from Blackhawk to Canal, and Frye Road from SR 46 to Margaret. This award will go a long way toward our goals of improving the quality of the road system in Vigo County. Between this grant and the grant from last year, that will be a total of \$4,000,000.00 of paving work that will be done this summer. A brief discussion followed on the status of the projects that have been started.

Contracts for Engineering Department Vigo County Engineer. County Attorney Michael Wright advised that they would like to enter into an agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC,, who has agreed to provide the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Town of Seelyville, Town of West Terre Haute, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana State University, Ivy Tech Community College, Terre Haute and Honey Creek-Vigo County Conservancy Districts an updated storm water quality management plan. The estimated total cost of this project will not exceed \$6,000.00. The City and the County have agreed to evenly share the cost of this service. The Sanitary Board approved this back in March. Larry Robbins discussed how this will work now and in the future. **Motion:** Motion to approve the agreement. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Attorney Wright advised that the other contract to be considered relates to County Bridge #37 located on Farmersburg Street over Turman Creek nearly a mile north of SR 246. This has been

designated as a select historic bridge and a historic bridge alternative analysis has been requested. That analysis provides a public hearing process that was not originally anticipated in the contract. This is a Contract Amendment for \$7,000.00. Larry Robbins then gave a more detailed description of why this is being requested and what all it would entail and a brief discussion followed. Attorney Wright advised that this amendment is with VS Engineering, Inc., who was the original engineering firm on the bridge and is just a slight contract increase for the additional duties. **Motion:** Motion to approve the agreement. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Request for Emergency Management – COVID-19 Response. Dorene Hojnicky, Director of Emergency Management, has indicated a need to procure about \$30,000.00 worth of personal protective equipment that she is in need of for supply chains that have not been filled by FEMA or the State Department of Health. She does not have that money in her budget since this could not be foreseen. She would like to go through this in such a way that she could be reimbursed by FEMA after the public health emergency has subsided. **Motion:** Motion to approve the additional \$30,000.00 in funding for EMA to use as needed for supplies. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with meeting minutes dated March 17, 2020 for approval. **Motion:** Approve minutes. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Expenditures. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of April 4, 2020 through April 10, 2020 in the amount of \$3,089,136.88. **Motion:** Approve the claim packet. **Moved by:** Brendan Kearns. **Seconded by:** Brad Anderson. **Passed:** all ayes.

Comment from Commissioners. A brief discussion was held regarding operations during the health emergency.

Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk advised that claims still needed to be paid during the closure of offices to the public. She suggested that some type of box or basket be placed at the sole entrance to the Annex for the other governmental offices to drop off their claims for processing. The Commissioners agreed that this would be a very good idea and to go ahead and implement this action. She also advised that she would see to it that an email was sent advising that the various departments should note COVID-19 on the "Notes" section of the claim form if these were expenses that could be reimbursed at a later time by various agencies.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed at 9:35 a.m.



Brad Anderson, President

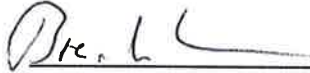


Judith Anderson, Vice President

Attest:



James W. Bramble, Auditor



Brendan Kearns, Secretary