

January 12, 2021

Commissioners' Conference Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Brendan Kearns

Others Present: County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Cheryl Loudermilk, Kevin Gardner, Larry Robbins, Diana Smith, Kim Bennett, Josie Thompson, Kara Wright, Bruce Allen, and Kylissa Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Morris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Border Bridge Agreement – Vigo County Engineer. The first matter on the agenda concerned a border bridge agreement. Federal Highway dictates that all of the border bridges will have some kind of agreement that dictates who manages the bridge to avoid confusion between states. This is the agreement with Clark County, Illinois, for the bridge on State Line Road bordering Indiana and Illinois. The agreement states that Vigo County will maintain the inspection side of it (which Vigo County has done for a number of years). In the event any maintenance, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the bridge is required, there will be a new agreement for that but it should be in the 50-50 range for costs. This has already been approved and signed by Clark County. Once this has been signed by the Commissioners, Mr. Robbins will forward same to the Federal Highway. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the contract. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Cardholder Agreement – Vigo County Auditor. The next matter deals with a request for new credit cards to be issued for the newly elected Recorder, Treasurer and their Chief Deputies. The Commissioners have to approve each new card and set a limit. Brendan Kearns questioned whether the old cards had been cancelled. Chris Switzer asked if the limit was the same \$2,000 as previous years. Community Corrections has also submitted a request with a limit of \$10,000 in order to comply with the requirements of a grant that they had received for the services of psychologists. Payment for services is required when rendered. The grant requires tracking of these expenses separately and use of the credit card will allow easier tracking. Brendan Kearns raised questions and a lengthy discussion was had with regard to specifics. It was decided that a meeting with the Commissioners and Bill Watson would be in order to obtain additional information. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the cardholder agreements for the Treasurer, Recorder and their Chief Deputies with a \$2,000 limit but to table approval for Community Corrections until further information was obtained. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Contract for Surveyor Services – Vigo County Surveyor. Since 2014, each year the Surveyor has executed a Contract for Surveyor Services with Myers Engineering. This basically keeps Myers Engineering on retainer for any specific engineering services needed during the course of the month. The monthly stipend has been \$1,000 since 2014. Myers Engineering is requesting that this be increased beginning in 2021 to \$1,100 per month. That equates up to 13 hours of services each month. Bruce Allen, County Surveyor, advised that this fulfills the requirement of the State that they have a licensed surveyor on retainer. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve this contract at the new rate. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Petition to Accept Roadway – Vigo County GIS. The next item is for informational purposes. There will be a hearing next Tuesday, January 19, at this meeting. This is for a portion of South Lost Street in Hidden Court South. The developer has done all the necessary improvements to the roadway, and it has been evaluated that it meets the County's standards. If the Commissioners accept it next Tuesday, the County will maintain it after that point. Mr. Robbins does not anticipate any problem with acceptance but that will be officially determined next Tuesday. Commissioner Kearns asked if there were other items for that hearing but it was determined that the other matters were not yet ready. There was also a lengthy discussion about the status of accepting Shrine Hill Farms which had previously been brought before the Commissioners but was on hold pending receipt of additional information. Mr. Robbins advised that he will follow up on that with the developer.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented regular meeting minutes for December 29, 2020 and January 5, 2021 for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

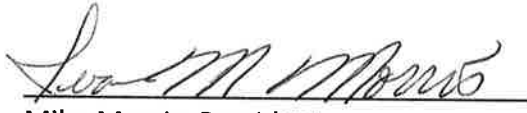
Auditor James Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of January 2, 2021 through January 8, 2021 in the amount of \$525,382.07 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,032,201.98 for a total amount of \$1,557,584.05. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims from January 2, 2021 through January 8, 2021. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives. Brendan Kearns asked if another RFP was anticipated for the stone. Larry Robbins advised that he was going to get together the information to obtain yearly bids for stone, gravel, asphalt. If needed, they can operate off of 2020 until new awards are made. Brendan Kearns noted that this is traditionally the meeting where appointments/annual positions/reappointments are made and currently these matters are still under consideration and those announcements will be made next week. Kevin Gardner then commented regarding the GIS system and the contract that is maintained for flyovers that are performed. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the various departments that are impacted and some changes that might need to be looked at. Michael Wright noted that there was one matter that he had overlooked in the prior discussion regarding cardholder agreements. He also had one for Donald Furnas, the new Chief Deputy

Surveyor, for \$2,000, and would like that to be made part of the prior motion and approval. Brendan Kearns welcomed the new elected officials and briefly discussed the credit card situation. It was noted that the County does not use the same credit card for each office. It was determined that this should probably be discussed down the road. Chris Switzer noted that it should be discussed about how to make credit card usage available for E Waste Days. It was determined that this should be discussed at the upcoming board meeting of Solid Waste Management.

Public Comment. Michael Wright noted that there had been an email from the Reform Group in response to some of the comments made last week. Sheriff Plasse has responded to that directly. Brendan Kearns noted that they are working on a forwarded request regarding the election. The person making that request had contacted Commissioner Kearns last night and this morning advising that their request was not being responded to by the Clerk after multiple requests for a response. Michael Wright advised that he had a meeting set up for tomorrow with the Clerk's Office to address this matter. Larry Robbins noted that a section of the parking lot has been cordoned off for use by the Health Department for people getting vaccinations for the next two weeks and to please let him know if any problems are encountered. Commissioner Kearns stated that the best way to stay current on vaccination sites will be to monitor the Health Department website for information.

Today's meeting concluded at 9:40 a.m.


Mike Morris, President


Chris Switzer, Vice President


Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor