

November 15, 2022

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris and Brendan Kearns

Others Present: County Attorney Jared Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Kara Wright, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Tim Cunningham, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, John Villa, Josie Thompson, Bruce Allen, Jared Bayler, Karen Dyer, Howard Greninger, Channel 2 News, and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented meeting minutes for November 1, 2022 for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the minutes dated November 1, 2022. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble presented the Board with expenditures for the period of October 29, 2022 through November 4, 2022 in the amount of \$559,425.05. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the October 29, 2022 through November 4, 2022 claims in the amount of \$559,425.05. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Next, claims were presented to the Board with expenditures for the period of November 5, 2022 through November 11, 2022 in the amount of \$1,334,376.59. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the November 5, 2022 through November 11, 2022 claims in the total amount of \$1,334,376.59. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Bramble then presented payroll for the period October 29, 2022 through November 11, 2022 in the amount of \$1,108,433.85. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve payroll for the period October 29, 2022 through November 11, 2022 in the amount of \$1,108,433.85. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution for Habitat property – John Villa. John Villa of the Auditor's Office explained that the Resolution presented today was a continuation of what had been discussed at the last meeting where it was proposed that Habitat acquire 1345 Third Avenue. This is a parcel that is in between two already owned by Habitat. Mike Morris noted that this had been on the radar for probably 4-5 months. This will help continue to clean up our community. Mr. Morris made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken, Mr. Villa explained that this was Resolution was to approve to advertise that there will be a hearing on this in two weeks. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Vigo County/Saint Mary of the Woods College IOCRA Historic Preservation Project – final public hearing – Kristy Jerrell. Karen Dyer, Vice President for Advancement and Strategic Initiative at St. Mary of the Woods, explained that this process had been started several months ago. This is the final public hearing. Grant writer Kristy Jerrell was unable to be present in person but participated via telephone. The final meeting with the IOCRA representative was last week and she seemed very hopeful about this project. Ms. Jerrell reviewed everything that had taken place with regard to the grant application process that had been set out in the first public hearing. Final application will be submitted on December 22. Grants will be awarded on February 23. There were 10 proposals submitted but two may be withdrawing, leaving 8 applications. 3-4 grants will probably be funded out of the 8 applications. St. Mary's total project cost is \$612,112. They have requested the full grant of \$500,000. The local match will be \$112,112 consisting of \$5,000 of previously paid

environmental review, \$25,097 of philanthropic capital (which were gifts or donations received by St. Mary's for this specific project, such funds being held by the Wabash Valley Community Foundation) and \$82,015 from the St. Mary of the Woods checking account. She explained how the point system worked and how many points they have accrued and were obtained. She also reviewed what would be done to the building if the grant was awarded. She said this is federal grant dollars that trickles down from HUD at the federal level to the Indiana Lieutenant Governor's Office (which is the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs) who then awards them as community development block grants. Brendan Kearns clarified that Vigo County is not giving any money to this project but is only acting as sponsor. Ms. Jerrell said that IOCRA only recognizes a lead applicant as a city, a town or a county. So Vigo County Commissioners will be the lead applicant while St. Mary of the Woods will be the recipient. No money is being put up by the Commissioners, just their 100% support. The only action needed today is for the Commissioners to acknowledge that this is the final hearing.

Invoice Cloud – Josie Thompson. Treasurer Josie Thompson said this had been reviewed at the last meeting. This is a contract with Invoice Cloud which the Treasurer's Office would like to implement for electronic communication with the taxpayer. Some modifications suggested by the County Attorney have been made and the document has now been approved by the County Attorney. Commissioner Switzer indicated yesterday that he planned to sign the contract after it had been approved. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the contract. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Morris asked the Treasurer to review how this would work. She explained that this will be an option for taxpayers to digitally pay their taxes by various choices. There was a brief discussion. It was pointed out that this is only an option that is available if the taxpayer chooses to use it.

Public Comments. Grace Clay talked about some concerns regarding the move of inmates to the new jail. Jordan (last name not given) also shared her concerns. There was a lengthy discussion. The Commissioners advised they were unable to address almost all of the issues raised. The Commissioners own the building and maintain it. Brendan Kearns said that they would forward the email to the Sheriff because it is his jail and he would have to be the one to respond to their concerns. The things that the Commissioners can address is the issue of the excessive dust and the inconsistent water being off. They will look into it since they are building issues but the Sheriff runs the jail. He will forward the email to the Sheriff but that is all that the Commissioners have the power to do.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Assessor Kevin Gardner said that an agreement had been signed back in September with Aumentum to do the property record cards accessible through Beacon because of the State mandating that those must be available to the public. That job has been completed and is working. He has a letter from Aumentum which is a delivery acceptance statement which says that it has been received and the project is completed. He asked the Commissioners to sign the letter since they had been the ones to sign the contract.

The next meeting will be December 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:35 a.m.



Chris Switzer, President



Mike Morris, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor