

February 21, 2023

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Joel Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Larry Robbins, Diana Winsted-Smith, Bruce Allen, Jordynne Shelton, Josie Thompson, Leanna Moore, Brad Newman, Jackson Kensell, Bob Lawson, Kevin Gardner, Jared Bayler, Howard Greninger, 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 the Board with meeting minutes for February 14, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes for February 14, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for payroll for February 16, 2023 in the amount of \$1,130,555.28. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve payroll for February 16, 2023 in the amount of \$1,130,555.28. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Bramble then presented expenditures for the period of February 11, 2023 through February 17, 2023 in the amount of \$1,512,219.76. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the February 11, 2023 through February 17, 2023 claims in the amount of \$1,512,219.76. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Indiana Trails Grant Program – RJI Solutions. This is the public meeting being conducted by RJI Solutions for the Indiana Trails Grant Program. The meeting was opened for public comment and/or questions. It was explained that this trail will start in the Idle Creek area and run adjacent along State Road 46, head towards the Town of Riley, where it will then extend further towards Clay County where there will eventually be two extensions leading closer into the City of Terre Haute and Clay County. The trail will have bridges and connectors, as well as being close to the Riley Town Hall and different playgrounds and other extensions. This grant is administered by the DNR and the County asking for the maximum amount of \$400,000 with a match for the specific extension of \$100,000 in matching funds from the County. This would be an 80/20 match. This project has been divided into segments with the cooperation of the Vigo County Engineer because it will take additional monies as it is completed. RJI will put everything together on paper and provide minutes of meetings and anything else that goes along with the grant application and submit it on the due date of March 1. Commissioners Switzer and Morris said that the three Commissioners had toured the site and talked about how this project came about. Chris Switzer made a motion to acknowledge the public input session and moved for it to now be closed. Mark Clinnkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Voter Registration - Clerk's Office – Brad Newman. Chris Switzer said he wanted clarification if Mr. Newman was under the impression that if Voter Registration falls under the Clerk's Office that Mr. Newman would make the appointment of the County positions. Mr. Newman said the Clerk's Office would make the appointments. However, he stressed that they would not be removing anyone from a current position. Mr. Switzer said they are still waiting on County Attorney Terry Modesitt to give an official opinion. Mr. Switzer

then made a motion to table this matter until next Tuesday, February 28, for a decision which would still put them within the time frame in advance of the election. Mark Clinkenbeard said he thought this request to move Voter Registration to the Clerk's Office makes sense but the problem lies with the language saying "the Party Chairman shall appoint". The Commissioners want to be sure there would be no grounds for litigation. Mr. Newman said his office had provided documentation to the County Attorney about other Indiana counties who had done this same thing and how it had been handled. Mr. Switzer said as soon as they had an opinion about how to move forward from our County Attorney, they will be ready to proceed. Mike Morris seconded the motion on the floor to table this matter. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

RFP for Painting Community Corrections – Mark Clinkenbeard. The request for the RFP was unavailable to be read into the minutes. Mr. Clinkenbeard said that they were taking bids to paint the exterior of the Community Corrections building at 1st and Ohio Streets. They just want to see what it would come in at. There were no bids received at this point.

North Mechanical Contract – Maintenance. Mike Morris said this had been tabled at the December 20, 2022 meeting and they were now ready to move ahead on the matter. Chris Switzer said that North Mechanical was a contractor that had come in after the malware incident that did most of the work with the control system and things like that with HVAC. This is just a contract for them to continue providing service. Chris Switzer then made a motion to approve the contract. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Johnson Controls Contract for Courthouse and New Jail – Maintenance. There are two different contracts, one for the control system at the Court House (specifically Johnson Control switches and things like that), and the other one is for the new Vigo County Jail. These are just contracts that are in the budget every year. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve these two contracts. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Bid Opening for IP Property – Commissioners. The bid opening for demolition of the building located at the old International Paper Property was conducted. The following bids were received:

Frye Drainage & Excavating	\$ 420,000
McGuire Excavating & Trucking	\$ 82,500
S & G Excavating	
Option 1 – to wreck building, complete removal of concrete loading dock floor, loading dock walls and all foundations removed down 2 feet below surrounding elevation	\$ 170,000
Option 2 – wreck building complete <u>leaving</u> all concrete slabs and elevated loading dock walls	\$ 117,500
Dennis Trucking	\$ 145,900
Collum Excavating	\$ 166,000
Bell & Bell Demolition, Inc.	\$ 80,000
Rigney Construction	\$ 356,000

Chris Switzer clarified that this was for the building that is in the back southwest portion of the property, not the one sitting up front on Prairieton Road. There had been some confusion about which building it was. He also said that now that they have the bids, he wanted to work with RJL Solutions to see if there might be any grant opportunities available to assist with the demolition of this building. He thought the bids just read

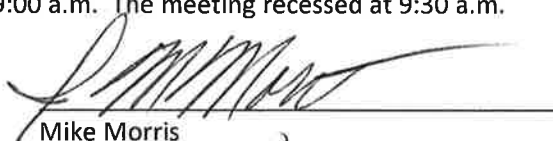
should be good for at least 60 days and they would work through that. Chris Switzer then made a motion to acknowledge that these bids have been received and will be taken under advisement and after receipt of information regarding grant opportunities, the Commissioners will then move forward. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. Evelyn Davis had some concerns about the request of the Clerk's Office to move Voter Registration under the control of the Clerk's Office. There was a lengthy discussion about this and Leanna Moore, Chief Deputy Clerk, addressed some of Ms. Davis' concerns.

Phil Deckert had comments about the bids that had been received earlier in the meeting for demolition of the building on the former International Paper property, the Clerk's Office/Voter Registration issue, the Mill Dam issue, requested monies be set aside in a separate fund for spay/neuter of pets. He also requested monies be set aside for a treatment program and set forth restrictions he would like to see implemented.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Kevin Gardner, Vigo County Assessor, said he had received just this morning his annual contract with Midwest Presort and had been unable to request it be on the meeting Agenda due to its late receipt. He didn't know if the Commissioners would want to take action on this matter today or not. Every year, his office has to do the Form 11's. There has been a slight increase this year due to increased postage but with the budget and money saved by not billing out the exempt properties, and grouping of like addresses for multiple parcels, his office can absorb the cost increase without having to request anything additional for the County to appropriate. The Commissioners thought it would be appropriate to go ahead and act on this today. There was further discussion about the money already being in the Assessor's budget and the cost increase for postage. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Midwest Presort agreement for 2023 in the amount of \$28,065.58. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

The next meeting will be February 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m.



Mike Morris



Chris Switzer



Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor