

March 7, 2023

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris, Chris Switzer and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Larry Robbins, Diana Winsted-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Bruce Allen, Jordynne Shelton, Josie Thompson, Lisa Brown, Kevin Gardner, Tim Cunningham, Adam Grossman, Chrissy Patterson, Valerie Stapleton, Tony Cassiseah, and several 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 expenditures for payroll for March 2, 2023 in the amount of \$1,141,306.61. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve payroll for March 2, 2023 in the amount of \$1,141,306.61. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented expenditures for the period of February 25, 2023 through March 3, 2023 in the amount of \$470,153.51. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the February 25, 2023 through March 3, 2023 claims in the amount of \$470,153.51. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble presented the Board with meeting minutes for February 28, 2023 for approval. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes for February 28, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with bid opening meeting minutes for March 6, 2023. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the minutes for March 6, 2023. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Award Bids for Asphalt – Larry Robbins . Larry Robbins said bids were opened yesterday for asphalt materials for liquid asphalt. The only bidder was Asphalt Materials. The bid was in order. Prices went up about 5% per gallon on most of the items. The bid also included pricing for RPE penetrating emulsion. He has a couple of roads they want to try this on. Penetrating emulsion is something you put down after you pave that is supposed to make the asphalt last 25% longer and seals all the voids after paving to prevent moisture/contaminants penetration. Chris Switzer made a motion to accept the bid of Asphalt Materials. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded he motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Lease Capitalization Policy – Jim Bramble. Mr. Bramble explained that this is an accounting and financial reporting requirement. The accounting rules for how leases are reported on financial statements changed for 2022. This will capitalize leases that are over \$20,000. We'll have to go back and look at leases that are less than \$20,000 that we have and determine if they are, in aggregate, material in nature. If so, this would require them to be reported on financial statements. Execution of this will put us in compliance with the new lease rules. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Lease Capitalization Policy. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion passed unanimously.

ARPA Plan Approval - Commissioners. Chris Switzer said that they finally have a Plan. This Plan will fund a little over \$16 million. There was a public meeting regarding this last night. They plan to engage with and discuss this with the County Council tonight. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 ARPA Plan. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mark Clinkenbeard thanked the Commissioners, including his predecessor, for all the hard work that had gone into putting this plan together. He believes there is a lot of good that this can bring to our community.

Public Comments. There were none.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Treasurer Josie Thompson and Deputy Treasurer Lisa Brown gave an update on the new Invoice Cloud program being implemented by the County. They are currently in training in their office. Flyers have been created to promote the new platform which offers many new options to taxpayers that will enhance the payment options they currently have. There will be an option to pay by text, auto pay with several options available where they can automatically pay by installments or for the whole year, scheduled payments (with the option of setting up the frequency of the payments), e-statements, etc. The phone system will be much more user friendly. There will be services fees (e-checks will be \$1.50, credit or debit cards will be \$2.75 with a minimum of \$2.95). The system has what is called an IVR (Interactive Voice Response). Once you are registered and utilize the pay by phone, the system will recognize your telephone number and pull up your file so that you do not have to re-enter information. They have created a QR code and prepared some handouts that will be available at the Treasurer's windows and there will be an insert that is mailed with the tax bills. The benefit for the taxpayer is all the many new payment options. Hopefully the benefit for the County is that it will eventually reduce printing and postage for mailing the statements. Taxpayers will also have a 2-year history available for all payments made simply by logging into their account. Mike Morris said he had heard good comments about all the new payment options and thanked them for all their efforts.

Larry Robbins gave a brief update on the Springhill Road project. Getting closer to construction. Signs are up saying closed on or after March 13. He is hopeful they will hit that date but they will be getting a utility update tomorrow. He will keep the public updated through the news media.

Chris Switzer said they will be meeting with Adam Grossman today about some potential improvements to the Markle Mill Dam Park. They anticipate announcing a decision about Markle Mill Dam.

Chris Switzer also announced they had a request on tonight's County Council agenda to get two appraisals on a piece of property for a potential new location for Vigo County Dispatch at 21 Wabash Avenue (which is the former FBI building) along with the ARPA presentation.

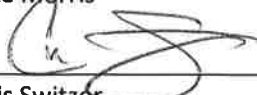
Mark Clinkenbeard said the Commissioners had attended the Riley Town Board meeting and answered some questions about the Riley Trail. The Commissioners plan to attend the April 3 Town Board meeting at the Riley Town Hall and open up a question and answer session about anything people want to know about the Trail plans.

Mr. Clinkenbeard also noted that for the last few months, we have had a Sheriff's Deputy in attendance at meetings here in the Government Center and expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners are continually working on the security issue of this building.

The next meeting will be March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.



Mike Morris



Chris Switzer



Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor