

April 16, 2024

Council Chambers
Vigo County Government Center
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Chris Switzer, Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

Others Present: County Attorney Terry Modesitt, James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Vickie Albright, Ricky Hammond, Jordynn Shelton, Kara Wright, Tona Bean, Josie Thompson, Diana Winstead-Smith, Sierra Thompson, Adam Grossman, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, Bill Watson, Joni Wise, Amanda Bales, Terry Bays, Ryan Keller, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented the Board with minutes for April 2, 2024 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the April 2, 2024 minutes as presented. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of March 30, 2024 through April 5, 2024 in the amount of \$1,140,717.40. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the March 30, 2024 through April 5, 2024 claims in the amount of \$1,140,717.40. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of April 6, 2024 through April 12, 2024 in the amount of \$3,787,930.68. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the April 6, 2024 through April 12, 2024 claims in the amount of \$3,787,930.68. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with payroll for April 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,338,725.83 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the April 11, 2024 payroll. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

ARPA Grant Agreement for Vigo County School Corp. - Commissioners. Mark Clinkenbeard said that the request for ARPA funds for Vigo County School Corporation had been previously approved by the Council. These funds are to help out with their mental health program. They school corporation didn't get a grant that they had in previous years and needed a little help through 2025 and this money will provide that assistance. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion approve this grant agreement. Mike Morris said it had been discussed and was a very positive thing to use the ARPA money for and then seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

ARPA Grant Agreement for Vigo/Sullivan Rural Water – Commissioners. Mark Clinkenbeard said this is to pay for a grant to help Vigo/Sullivan Rural Water to receive more funding to help connect water customers in southern Vigo County. The Commissioners had worked with the Council on this and felt this was a good use of ARPA money. Mr. Clinkenbeard then made a motion to approve this grant agreement. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Phone stipend for Building Maintenance and Parks Department - Commissioners. Chris Switzer said he thought the phone stipend requests for Building Maintenance and Parks Department were pretty self-

explanatory. It would be one phone stipend per department. Mark Clinkbeard made a motion to approve one phone stipend for the Parks Department and one for Building Maintenance. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Chris Switzer said the two phone stipends were for \$35 monthly.

Public Comments. Karen Schneider of THRIVE West Center said she was there to speak about a contract. Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer, apologized stating that he had not got it on the Agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Robbins said it was an agreement for Safe Streets for All. It is an application to have THRIVE apply on behalf of the County for the funding. Chris Switzer asked her to go ahead and explain what it was. Ms. Schneider said THRIVE West Central had been contacted by Larry Robbins about this proposal. The Federal Highway Administration has come out with an application for a program called Safe Streets and Roads for all. This is to create safety action plans that target transportation which is basically funding in those areas where there is known problems and exploring ways to fix them. It is all-encompassing. It is not just for roadways but can be for roadways connecting with trails and other things. They have worked with Clay County and the City of Terre Haute, both of whom were selected last year. It is THRIVE's understanding that the federal government is really pushing this agenda for safety and now would be the time to take advantage of it. They have a pot of money for planning and one for implementation of the planning documents. THRIVE is proposing an action plan for Vigo County. It can be put together with a pretty quick turnaround making the cost of the application very low. The question THRIVE still has is what the target amount for the application itself would be. It is an 80/20 application so there would be a cost associated with conducting the study. There is a submittal date coming up in early May but if that time frame cannot be met, there is another submittal date in August. Mr. Robbins said he needed to determine where he would be using the funds for the match before this was brought to the Commissioners and would be working on that. This would also allow time for County Attorney Terry Modesitt to review the document before next week's meeting.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Mark Clinkenbeard said they are getting very close to disbursing all the ARPA funds and thought that it would be completed within the next two months. He believed a lot of good was being done for the community with the monies. Councilman Todd Thacker, who was present at the meeting, requested an updated list of the funds that had been committed so he could provide same for a request that he had received from the public. Chris Switzer said early voting was ongoing and turnout so far has been pretty dismal.

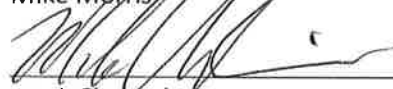
The meeting recessed at 9:12 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Chris Switzer


Mike Morris


Mark Clinkenbeard