

September 17, 2024

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Chris Switzer, Mike Morris and Mark Clinkenbeard

**Others Present:** County Attorney Jared Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Josie Thompson, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Mandy Bales-Puller, Vickie Albright, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Gretchen Etling, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

President Chris Switzer noted there would be no Commissioners' meeting next week due to all three Commissioners being at a conference in southern Indiana.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for September 10, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve September 10, 2024 minutes as presented. 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 the period of September 7, 2024 through September 13, 2024 in the amount of \$891,034.26. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the September 7, 2024 through September 13, 2024 claims in the amount of \$891,034.26. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with payroll for September 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,347,459.48 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the September 12, 2024 payroll. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Vigo County Code Chapter 21.2 Deputies' Retirement - Commissioners.** Chris Switzer said the only item of business today is something that the Commissioners' Office, the Auditor's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the County's legal counsel and others have been working on for several years. It is General Code Chapter 21.2 which offers Merit Deputies health benefits after retirement from their career. Deputy Jim Palmer thanked the Commissioners for the time and effort spent looking into this matter. He feels it will be a fantastic benefit for the deputies and for the future of the Sheriff's Office. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said it has been a long road to get there. President Switzer said this is seed money from ARPA funds and the rest of the money will come from the Council in the budget. Mark Clinkenbeard said he was happy to be a part of it. Mike Morris said there had been good discussions on it and he thinks it will work out nicely and benefit the Sheriff's Department now and in the future. Mike Morris made a motion to approve Vigo County Code Chapter 21.2. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

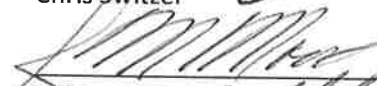
**Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials.** Chris Switzer said the Commissioners had signed a burn ban this morning, effective today, joining surrounding Indiana and Illinois counties in implementing this. Campfires in protected areas on campgrounds are still allowed. This will be revisited in the future. Mark Clinkenbeard said he had been contacted by John Hendricks with the Seelyville Fire Department to ask him to announce that there would be a live power line demonstration given by REMC today at 2:00 p.m. at the Seelyville Fire House at 2277 North Main Street in Seelyville and all are welcome to attend.


The meeting recessed at 9:06 a.m. until October 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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Chris Switzer

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James Bramble, Auditor

  
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Mike Morris

  
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Mark Clinkenbeard