

October 1, 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, Auditor James Bramble, Tammy York-Allen, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Bruce Allen, Larry Robbins, Joni Wise, Mandy Bales-Puller, Vickie Albright, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Bill Watson, Todd Thacker, Tony Kassiseah, Tyler Claypool, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for September 17, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve September 17, 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 14, 2024 through September 20, 2024 in the amount of \$5,257,699.82. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the September 14, 2024 through September 20, 2024 claims in the amount of \$5,257,699.82. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. He then presented expenditures for the period September 21, 2024 through September 27, 2024 in the amount of \$998,771.70. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the September 21, 2024 through September 27, 2024 claims in the amount of \$998,771.70. 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 27, 2024 in the amount of \$1,332,729.78 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the September 27, 2024 payroll. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Demo of the Vigo County Jail and Roadway Project - Garmong. Chris Switzer said representatives of Garmong were in attendance if there were questions regarding a bid recommendation for jail demolition. He then read the recommendation letter of Garmong into record as follows:

“Bids have been received for the Vigo County Jail Demolition & Roadway Project. The following is a summary of the bid packages and descriptions, recommended bidders, and bid amounts. These recommendations are based on the Commissioners’ desire to accept Alternate No. 1 – Courthouse Sidewalk Replacement. The bidders’ proposals have been reviewed thoroughly and compared to the scope of work. The low bidders for both BP #1 and BP #2 were found to be Non-Responsive. The second-place bidders for both BP #1 and BP #2 were found to be Responsive and Responsible bids. As a result, Garmong recommends the Commissioners contract with these bidders.

<u>Bid Package</u>	<u>Recommended Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Bid Package #1 General Trades	Dennis Trucking	\$505,276
Bid Package #2 Demolition	Renascent, Inc.	\$858,000”

Mr. Switzer said with that recommendation, the Commissioners have the opportunity to move forward today, sign the contract and continue on with the project. He did note that this project has fallen 6-8 weeks behind schedule because of some underground issues with Indiana public safety. It would probably be around mid-November before demolition would actually occur. Mark Clinkenbeard added that it was important to note that this is roughly \$1,000,000 less than what had been anticipated. Mike Morris made a motion to approve Bid Package #1 for General Trades with Dennis Trucking for \$505,276. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Mike Morris then made a motion to approve the award of Bid Package #2 for Demolition to Renascent, Inc. for \$858,000. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Bono Road to be closed for Pioneer Days – Parks. Heather Milian said Pioneer Days was coming up this Saturday and Sunday. Parking will again be in the grass lot belonging to Mrs. Hartman across from Fowler Park. There will be a high volume of people trying to cross Bono Road. They feel it would be in the best interest of everyone and the safest thing to do if Bono Road could be closed from Oregon Church Road up to Harlan so there will only be 1-way traffic of people coming in to park and the rest will be blocked off so people can cross the road safely. They are asking for the closure from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the closure of Bono Road from Oregon Church Road to Harlan from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.


Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, said they are working on Canal and McDaniel Road. Crack seal will start today and tomorrow, chip seal after that, and then finish out with a microsurface. They will then get it restriped and opened back up to traffic. They are paving on Gannon, Smith and Woodland in West Terre Haute. That will be the end of the roadwork for the year which will wrap up about \$2 million in local money, \$3 million on Community Crossing money and about 32 miles of road will have been completed this year. They will start crack sealing everything for the Fall and get everything ready for winter. Mark Clinkenbeard thanked Larry and his crew for all the work they did that past weekend during the storm.

Mainstream Media. Shawn Gardener with Mainstream Fiber Networks gave a short presentation about some work they plan to do in Vigo County if they receive the "BEAD" Indiana Broadband Grant they will be applying for in the near future. This will focus on rural high speed broadband. They anticipate the first round of BEAD funding being allocated by the end of this year. They will focus on the southern part of the County which currently has the least amount of fiber network. They intend to invest 95% of their own funds into this project and ask the State for the other 5% to help cover the cost of this \$9 million plus project. Their company works with veterans coming out of the military to train and give them employment skills to help transition back into the workforce. They are here to ask for a letter of support from the Commissioners to use in their grant application. It is a key to help unlock the funding with the BEAD application. Mark Clinkenbeard asked how their lines would be run. Mr. Gardener said they usually follow power lines both above and underground. It is usually about 85% aerial and 15% underground but it just depends on the area. Chris Switzer said they would look at the material to see if they had any further questions and would get a Letter of Support drafted for review. Auditor Jim Bramble asked the date of the application deadline. Mr. Gardener said it had not yet been officially announced but they anticipate it opening at any time and once it opens there should be about a 35-45 day window to submit the application. They would like to get everything together and be ready to submit on day 1.


Public Comments. There were none.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Chris Switzer said that flu shots will be given today. Jim Bramble said he would like to wish Former President Jimmy Carter a happy 100th birthday today. Mike Morris said lots of things were happening in the community this weekend. Councilman Todd Thacker asked Mainstream Media if the County Council needed to also submit a letter of support. Mr. McDonald said they would welcome a letter from the Council. Mr. Thacker said he thought this is a great opportunity.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.



Chris Switzer



Mike Morris



Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor