

October 15, 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, Cheryl Loudermilk, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Larry Robbins, Vickie Albright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Bill Watson, Brendan Kearns, Rhonda Coombs, Laura Tohill, Norm Loudermilk, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for October 8, 2024 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve October 8, 2024 minutes as presented. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. She then presented the Board with minutes for the rezoning meeting for October 8, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve October 8, 2024 rezoning minutes as presented. 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 October 5, 2024 through October 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,060,185.40. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the October 5, 2024 through October 11, 2024 claims in the amount of \$1,060,185.40. 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 October 10, 2024 in the amount of \$1,348,125.26 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the October 10, 2024 payroll. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments. Shannon Giles of Tobacco Free Vigo County gave a short update on their point of sale campaign survey. 106 retailers had been surveyed. They are still calculating some of the numbers but she did talk about some of the information that had already been calculated. She will be giving a full presentation at their Circles of Change conference in late February or early March. She talked about how retailers place tobacco products in key locations to draw attention to them. Some store managers are paid a monthly fee by companies to place displays in their stores. There were 33 additional tobacco retail licenses issued in Vigo County in the last two years which is far more than any other type of retail store. She also talked about the physical location of the tobacco stores and their proximity to schools and to each other. Ms. Giles is collecting the confiscated vaping materials from the high schools and setting up a recycling program so they do not go into landfills. Tobacco Free Vigo County will be looking into some ordinances they want to have put in place to crack down on future locations.

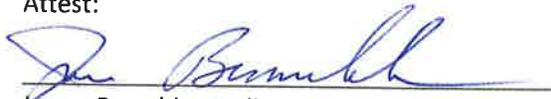
Kevin Ball, Director of Club Soda, talked about the services they provide to people who suffer from alcohol addiction and are trying to get and stay sober. He was seeking information on any financial assistance that could be had to help the program. They had recently been hit with a lead abatement for which the cheapest bid to remediate was \$26,000 and a fire upgrade costing approximately \$7,000. They are a not-for-profit group and do not have funding in order to be able to cover those kind of expenses in order to be able to keep the program going. He explained how the program worked. They provide a valuable service to the

community. Vigo County Prosecutor Terry Modesitt agreed and said they are a much needed organization. He has contacted everyone that he could think of for help. He also said they used to get \$200 per person which had stopped and he wondered what had happened and if that could be reinstated. It was determined that assistance had come from the Sheriff's Department and he should contact them for that information. The Commissioners said they would be happy to meet with him. Auditor Jim Bramble said they might look into using some of the Opioid settlement for assistance. Club Soda will also be looking at some grant funding that will be available towards the end of the year.

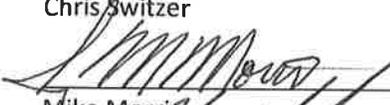
Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Mark Clinkenbeard asked Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer and Highway Superintendent, about the striping on Canal Road. Mr. Robbins said he had a call in to Milestone to see when it will be done.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor


Chris Switzer


Mike Morris


Mark Clinkenbeard