

October 29, 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, Tammy York-Allen, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Diana Winstead-Smith, Chris Eldridge, Larry Robbins, Vickie Albright, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Bill Watson, Norm Loudermilk, Joni Wise, Mandy Puller, Scott Swan, Tony Kassiseah, Bob Rhodes, 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.

Mr. Switzer noted that the meeting next week will be held back in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, November 6, the day after the election.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for October 22, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve October 22, 2024 minutes as presented. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. He then presented the Board with October 24, 2024 bid opening minutes for the culvert/drainage project. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the October 24, 2024 bid opening minutes. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. He then presented the Board with October 28, 2024 bid opening minutes for the Hasselburger Bridge 205. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the October 24, 2024 bid opening minutes. 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 October 24, 2024 in the amount of \$1,411,351.24 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the October 24, 2024 payroll. Mike Morris 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 October 19, 2024 through October 24, 2024 in the amount of \$4,323,739.66. Mr. Bramble noted that the total was high because income tax distributions for cities and towns and LIT was included. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the October 19, 2024 through October 24, 2024 claims in the amount of \$4,323,739.66. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Burn Ban Reissued. Chris Switzer said the burn ban was being extended another week since there has been no rain. There is a chance of rain later this week. This ban will be re-evaluated again next Tuesday.

Contract Between Purdue and Vigo County Government – Commissioners/Auditor. Auditor Jim Bramble explained that this is the contract that is approved annually between Purdue and Vigo County for the operation of the Purdue Extension Office. County Attorney Terry Modesitt has reviewed it and it is fine from a legal perspective. Mike Morris made a motion to approve execution of the contract. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Accept/Award Bid for Culvert Replacement Project - Engineer/Commissioners. Larry Robbins said we had received 5 bids for this project, all of them fairly competitive. He recommended that the bid be awarded to

Milestone Contractors in the amount of \$2,331,000. Chris Switzer said this was an American Rescue Plan project approved earlier this year by the Council. Mr. Robbins said this will replace 17 culverts in various areas across the county. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the bid for culvert replacement of Milestone Contractors in the amount of \$2,331,000. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Accept/Award Bid for Bridge 205 Hasselburger Bridge - Engineer/Commissioners. Larry Robbins said we had also received 5 bids for this project. These were opened yesterday and reviewed. It is the recommendation that the bid be awarded to the most responsible bidder, CLR, Inc. in the amount of \$1,366,462.80. This is for the complete replacement of the Hasselburger Bridge. Mr. Robbins explained that this bridge ties into several plans for the north end and would be a detour route for several projects up there. It is necessary to make sure this bridge is in good shape and will handle the traffic rather than have something go wrong during one of the other construction projects. With the assistance from the ARPA funds, this project can be started now and completed before the other projects begin. There was a short discussion about the cost of the culvert project and the bridge project compared to what had been estimated. Construction will probably start this winter on the low volume roads for culvert replacement with the high volume roads being worked on in the Spring. Bridge project will probably also start over the winter with utility relocation and some cleaning of the areas so it will be ready for construction in the Spring. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to award the Hasselburger Bridge project to CLR, Inc. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Amended Ordinance Pertaining to Off-Road Vehicles – Commissioners. Chris Switzer said that side-by-sides, 4 wheelers, ATV's have been seen across the County on designated trails prohibiting such. The County did not have an Ordinance specific to or have the ability to fine people for using their off road vehicles on the trails prohibiting that use. This amendment to the ordinance pertaining to off road vehicles has added some language allowing penalties/fines to be enacted if rules are broken. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the amendment to the Ordinance. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.



Public Comments. Kevin Ball, Director of Club Soda, said he had addressed the meeting a few weeks ago and was now there to ask for any assistance the Commissioners could give with the expenses required to keep the facility open. President Switzer said they would take the information and look into it.

Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials. Mark Clinkenbeard noted that Canal Road has now been striped and turned out really well. Larry Robbins said there were still a few things such as turn lanes and arrows to be completed but was nearly finished. Chris Switzer reminded all to vote. Early turnout has been great.

The meeting recessed at 9:13 a.m.



Chris Switzer

Mike Morris

Mark Clinkenbeard

Attest:


James Bramble, Auditor