

December 20, 2024

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Government Center  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

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

**Others Present:** Terry Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Kevin Gardner, Jordynne Shelton, Bruce Allen, Norm Loudermilk, Cindy Hunter, Ricky Hammond, Bonnie James, John Villa, Kathy Smith, Judy DeLisle, Charles Funk, and several members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented the Board with minutes for the regular meeting for December 10, 2024 for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve December 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 minutes from the December 16, 2024 bid opening for the Old Paris Road Sidewalk Project. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the December 16, 2024 bid opening 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 minutes from the December 18, 2024 bid opening for the Griffin Bike Park Project. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the December 18, 2024 bid opening minutes as presented. 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 December 14, 2024 through December 20, 2024 in the amount of \$3,629,131.30. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the December 14, 2024 through December 20, 2024 claims in the amount of \$3,629,131.30. 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 December 19, 2024 in the amount of \$1,521,315.23 for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the December 19, 2024 payroll. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble also announced that effective January 1, 2025, the IRS mileage rate would increase to \$.70 per mile. He would have to check on the per diem rate. The Commissioners would need to ratify that amount this week or next week.

**Baker Tilly Contract - Commissioners .** Chris Switzer asked the Auditor's Office if it would be cost savings to move forward with this amendment to the Baker Tilly Contract. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said this concerned the professional services for the ARPA plan. It has been reworked from an hourly rate to a reduced monthly rate. Most of the work is done so that will go through 2026. It had to be reworked because there were some other professional services that needed to be included for another group. Another funding source will need to be found around April of 2026 to be able to finish paying them through the end of 2026. President Switzer noted that Cheryl had been working for the last 10 days or so to balance out the ARPA fund and that has been accomplished. Mark Clinkenbeard made

a motion to approve the contract amendment for Baker Tilly. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Resolution of Commissioners Approving the Issuance of the 2025 Airport Development Zone Loan of the Terre Haute Regional Airport - Commissioners.** Scott Craig, attorney for Terre Haute Regional Airport Authority, said they are seeking this resolution to authorize the Airport Authority to borrow an amount not to exceed \$7.1 million for some upcoming capital projects to be funded in 2025 or 2026. With the Airport Authority being a joint city/county airport, permission from both county and city are needed to borrow money. Mr. Craig then gave a brief review of the Authority, what they do, and what they would like to accomplish with this money. Craig Maschino, Executive Director, talked about the aviation academy and the fact that income from the solar farm will pay for the aviation academy. Mike Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Resolution 2024-08 Approving Acquisition of Certain Real Property and Purchase Agreement for Steiner Property – Commissioners.** This is to purchase the real property from Kenneth and Vickie Steiner behind the Security Center, which is about 21 acres, for the price of \$220,000 and will accept \$1.00 in earnest money. This needs to be accomplished so the funds can be encumbered in order to pay the Steiners next year. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said he had met with Mr. Steiner several times on this and made a couple of changes but everything is now in order. There is some dirt on the property that will remain the property of Mr. Steiner. In the event the County gets to the point that the dirt needs to be removed, the County will need to give Mr. Steiner notice to remove. If he does not remove the dirt in that time frame set out, then the County can use or dispose of the dirt. Mark Clinkenbeard said they had been working on this for a while and he was glad to be at this point. This is important to the future of Vigo County. Mr. Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 and the Purchase Agreement. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Gibson Services – Install Unit at New Maintenance Building – Ricky Hammond.** This is a unit salvaged out of the old jail that they want to move down to the new maintenance building. It did not come with a heat pack system so this price does include that and everything needed to set it up. The cost is \$5,982.50. Maintenance does have the funding to do this. Mike Morris said the County continues to salvage everything possible out of the old jail. Mike Morris made a motion to approve this contract. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Gibson Services – Install 4 Ton Unit in Controller Room at Juvenile Center.** This unit will serve the Control Room. There have been issues the last couple of weeks with the old unit and repairs have been made just to get by until this can be approved. Chris Switzer remarked that this should catch everything up. Mr. Hammond said there is one small unit left that serves a bathroom but there have been no issues so no need to do anything about it. The cost will be \$9,794.76. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve this contract. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Gibson Services – Install 5 Ton Unit at North Highway – Ricky Hammond.** This serves the office at the north highway garage. This is the last unit to be updated. The cost of this is \$10,665.50. Mike Morris made a motion to approve this contract. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Johnson Controls Contract – Ricky Hammond.** This is a contract renewal. We typically do a 3-year contract with them but since it is unknown at this time what is going to be done with the chiller at the Court House next year, this is being changed to a 1-year contract until other decisions are made. This contract does come with the preventive maintenance agreement along with 32 additional hours of labor due to all the issues that have been experienced in the past year. County Attorney Terry Modesitt has reviewed this and was advised by Johnson Controls that this is their standard contract and they do not negotiate changes. It was noted that there is an automatic renewal clause and it should be calendared to cancel this contract at the end of next year if it was decided this was no longer needed. This clause is pretty much standard in all their contracts. Mr. Modesitt said he was good with the contract if the Commissioners were. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve this contract. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Bid Award Old Paris Sidewalk Project – Commissioners.** This bid opening took place yesterday. American Rescue Plan funds are being used for this project for the Parks Department. County Engineer Larry Robbins bid the project out for the Parks Department and recommends the bid be awarded to ST Construction at a cost of \$234,468. This is work within the Town limits of West Terre Haute. This will extend the trail along the levy through an old, abandoned railroad to get to Old Paris Road and the West Terre Haute Little League ballpark where there is a sidewalk connection. Mike Morris made a motion to approve this bid award to ST Construction. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Axon Enterprise, Tasers Contract – Sheriff’s Department.** Scott Woelfle said the Sheriff’s Office was present to seek approval to enter into a 5-year contract with Axon for the purchase of new taser devices. The tasers currently being used have reached their end of life. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve this contract. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Contract for Medical Care for Inmates – Sheriff’s Department.** Jail Commander Charlie Funk said this is a contract with the jail and the Juvenile Center for medical services with 3C Comprehensive Correctional Care. There have been some issues with the current provider and after checking with other counties around the State and other available providers, it was felt 3C would provide the best care going forward. There was a short discussion. County Attorney Terry Modesitt said he had reviewed the contract, requested a couple of changes which had been made, and he was fine with the contract from a legal standpoint. Chris Switzer said that even though Sheriff Fell is an elected official, Commissioners sign all contracts and that is why the contract is up for approval today. Mike Morris made a motion to approve this contract. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments.** There were none.

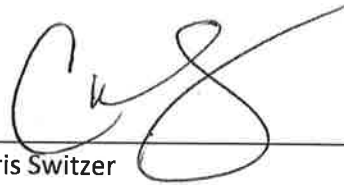
**Comments from the Commissioners or Other Elected Officials.** It had been planned to recognize outgoing Auditor Jim Bramble and his Chief Deputy, Cheryl Loudermilk, today but due to some unforeseen circumstances, this is being rescheduled to next Friday, December 27. Mr. Bramble has served the County for over 25 years and Ms. Loudermilk 26 years. Additionally, today was the last day for Terrie Stranahan in the Assessor’s Office. She has been employed by the County for 30 years and was thanked for her service. Mark Clinkenbeard thanked Mr. Bramble and Ms. Loudermilk for their service and all the help and guidance they had shown him. Commissioner Clinkenbeard also announced the passing of Fred Wilson, long time Area Planning Director/member and business owner earlier in the

week and expressed condolences to his family. Mike Morris and Chris Switzer also echoed Commissioner Clinkenbeard's comments. County Attorney Terry Modesitt also thanked Mr. Bramble and Ms. Loudermilk for all they help they have extended to him with their wealth of knowledge and information.

The final Commissioner's meeting will be December 27 at 9:00 a.m. The Commissioners will give a short update of the past year's accomplishments, take care of a couple final contracts, and honor Mr. Bramble and Ms. Loudermilk after the meeting.

Auditor Jim Bramble also noted that the per diem reimbursement will go up to \$68.00 per day beginning in 2025 from the current \$59.00.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m.



Chris Switzer



Mike Morris

Attest:

  
James Bramble, Auditor  
Mark Clinkenbeard