

Roll call:

Present: Mark Clinkenbeard, Chris Switzer, Mike Morris

Others present: Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Brady Harp, Terry Modesitt, Suzanne Reick, Katie Bartlett, Kara Wright, Jordynne Shelton, Kevin Gardner, Joni Wise, Robin Maurer, Shelby Jackson, Mandy Puller, Vicki Weger, Curtis Lyle, Larry Robbins, Bruce Allen, Vickie Albright, Tona Bean, Chris Eldredge, Diana Smith, Sullivan County Commissioner Bob Davis, Bill Watson
4 other members of the public, WTHI-TV.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Clinkenbeard called the meeting to order at 9:00am and Sullivan County Commissioner Bob Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of minutes/claims.

Auditor Larry Hutchings presented the Board with the minutes for the organizational meeting from January 21st for approval. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the January 21st minutes as presented. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0 the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hutchings then presented the Board with the claim docket dated January 17, 2025 through January 24, 2025 in the amount of \$1,402,552.41. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the claims docket dated January 17, 2025 through January 24, 2025. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Appointment – Commissioners

Reappointment to WICAA Board Mark Clinkenbeard said that Judith Anderson had been reappointed to the WICAA Board as follows "This is to certify that you, Judith Anderson, are re-appointed to the WICAA Board on this 28th Day of January, 2025, for a one year term." Mark briefly discussed Judith's history of service. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the reappointment of Judith Anderson and Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Stipend for Scott Barbour

Larry Robbins took the podium and presented the board with a request for a \$100 monthly stipend for Scott Barbour who is the GIS Director. Larry said Scott utilizes his personal cell phone on numerous occasions to communicate with workers in the field, and his emails go to his personal cell. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the request. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Change Orders for Springhill – Larry Robbins

Larry then presented change order requests for the Springhill Reconstruction Project to the Board. Larry said he waited until the completion of the project in order to ensure numbers presented to the board would be accurate. He said there were a total of 13 change orders and 3 had already been approved at the time of the meeting. He said he was here to get Change Orders #4-13 approved at this meeting. Larry said **Change Order #4** was utility related delays in 2023 caused by Frontier Communications in the amount of \$29,104.11. He said **Change Order #5** was also utility related delays caused by Frontier Communications and it was cost escalation from the year 2022 to 2023 in the amount of \$79,299.82. He said they could not start with another phase of the contract set to start at the end of 2022 because Frontier did not relocate their facilities. **Change Order #6** was a delay in days caused by a reinforced concrete pipe being in direct conflict with a sanitary manhole resulting in 5 days added to the contract. **Change Order #7** was a delay in days caused by a reinforced concrete pipe being in direct conflict with Center Point's Gas Line resulting in 6 days being added to the contract. **Change Order #8** was a delay in days caused by a yielding subgrade resulting in 6 days being added to the contract. **Change Order #9** was for utility related delays caused by Frontier Communications. The delays resulted in standby for 60 days from September 5th to November 4th in 2023 in the amount of \$48,396.83. **Change Order #10** was for an additional reinforced concrete pipe for storm water, 24" and 18", at the intersection of 19th ½ St. and Springhill Drive in the amount of \$12,277.50. **Change Order #11** was Force Account Work for the relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Lateral in direct conflict with Structure 30 at the Honey Creek Fire Department in the amount of \$25,607.45. Larry noted this had to do with making sure Honey Creek Fire Department's sanitary sewer was still in service. **Change Order #12** was utility related delays caused by Frontier Communications for cost escalation from the 2023 to 2024 in the amount of \$183,527.82. **Change Order #13** was a utility related delay for additional mobilization for highway safety services and milestone to pave HMA Surface and apply permanent road stripping in 2023. The amount for Change Order #13 was \$3,018.61. Larry said the total of the Change Orders was \$381,232.14. Larry said the largest issue were the utility delays caused by Frontier Communications. He said the four change orders caused by Frontier totaled \$340,328.58. Recouping the cost from Frontier Communications was briefly discussed. Mike Morris clarified to the public that this project should have taken 1 year and it took 2 years. Larry Robbins confirmed. Chris Switzer also clarified that Frontier Communications cost Vigo County more than \$340,000. Larry Robbins explained that the county was in constant communication with Frontier during the project. Chris Switzer noted the Board should keep in mind Frontier Communication's actions during this project during future business with the Board. Larry briefly explained upon approval of the change orders, Indiana Department of Transportation will pay the contractor, INDOT will then realize what the shortfall is, and then bill Vigo County. Larry Confirmed he will have to go to Vigo County and request additional funds to pay. Mark Clinkenbeard added the Board does not usually call out contractors, but he said Frontier Communications has had similar behavior across the county. He said other utilities were not behaving in the same way. Chris Switzer made a motion to approve the Change Order requests. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed. The logistics around delays caused by Frontier Communications were briefly discussed.

Contract for Curtis Lyle – Commissioners

Terry Modesitt recommended to the Board they approve the contract for Lyle Removal Services. He said he has experience on scenes with deceased individuals recommended Lyle Removal's services. Mike

Morris made a motion to approve the new contract with Lyle Removal Services. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

Hartman & Williams Contract - Auditor

Terry Modesitt said he looked over a contract for Hartman & Williams and asked the Board to approve the contract. Chris Switzer motioned to approve the contract for Hartman & Williams. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

Health Department Update – Joni Wise

Mark Clinkenbeard explained that over the next few weeks Vigo County departments will be giving updates to the Board. Joni Wise took the podium and presented the board with an update on the Vigo county Health Department. She explained the Vigo County Health Dept. was really busy at the time of the meeting. She briefly explained the structure of the department and noted the Health Department's annual report is always online. She said the document contains the department's finances, data, and photos of staff. Joni said Shelby Jackson with health education wanted to recognize the Highway Department due to them being the first department in the county with all of their employees CPR, First Aid, and AED certified. Joni pointed out it was National Radon Action Week at the time of the meeting and the department had free test kits given to them by the Indiana State Department of Health. She said people had already started taking advantage of the free kits. Joni said the department provided education on infant sleep safety. She explained that with B&B Foods being bought out, they no longer provide safe courses for food handlers. Joni says this is a service the Health Department has started is having two of its employees trained and will provide the course once a month. Joni said the County Employee Health Fair will be in April of this year. She briefly explained some of the work the Department is doing with their Social Services Division and programming with Health First Indiana on mental health and addiction in Vigo County. She said they are working with inmates at the jail and community corrections. She says Vital Statistics is very busy with birth and death records and works with Union Hospital collecting data for their grants. Joni said they are launching a new cloud based inspection software. She noted last year they had three student interns from all three high schools, doing data entry for environmental health. Joni said they entered over 11,000 septic systems into their new database. She said the department just finished the renewal of permits for 2025 and they issued over 500 permits for food and body art. Joni briefly explained services provided by the clinic. She then gave an update on vector control. Joni said they are working on ordering their chemicals for next season. The floor was then opened for questions. Mark Clinkenbeard expressed interest in taking a tour of vector control. Mark asked Joni how the Health Department assists other county departments. Joni explained the health department assists with activities with multiple parts of the community, mentioning the Vigo County School Corporation and the Courts. Chris Switzer asked about upcoming legislation the Health Department is monitoring. She confirmed they were watching multiple pieces of legislation, mentioning legislation related to vaccines, and on-site septic rules. Mike Morris asked about student intern activities. Joni briefly explained the interns' activities and responsibilities.

Public Comments.


There were none

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.

Chris Switzer welcomed Sullivan County Commissioner Bob Davis. Mark Clinkenbeard noted he and the other commissioners would like to start having scheduled department head meetings in the coming

weeks. Chris Switzer said to standby for a Commissioners Meeting the following week depending on what the Board decides to do with the Indiana Legislator's Conference.

The next meeting is scheduled February 4th. The meeting recessed at 9:32am.




Mark Clinkenbeard

Chris Switzer



Mike Morris

Attest:



Larry T. Hutchings II, Auditor