MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 19, 2005

Deputy Brian DeHart, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Brian DeHart, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor took roll call. All members were present.

The chair declares a quorum.

Mr. Hellmann entertained a motion for meeting minutes approval. Mr. Scott moves to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2005 meeting. Mr. Curley duly seconds the motion.

Comments from the Public.

President Hellmann asked that the meeting minutes show the absence of Mr. Rod Henry, President of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Dixie Brown, speaking on behalf of Leadership Terre Haute requesting support from the Council again this year for the Youth Leadership program. She thanked the Council for their support in previous years. This year there are over 95 youth involved in the program. The program is designed to develop leadership skills. Mr. Roman asked if this program is designed to help the local youth to get involved with this county's operation? Ms. Brown replied that is correct. Mr. Hellmann asked how the youth are selected to be in this program. This program is open to the public and it is advertised in the schools. Youth can go to the school counselors and ask to be nominated. Mr. Roman asked if there was a possibility that school counselors can request or put young people into this program that they feel might be reached in some other way? Ms. Brown stated that it is up to the counselors to get this information out to the students. Mr. Roman clarified his question; he is talking about a mentoring type of program where the counselors assign students to the program. The students must attend and go to the meetings. Mr. Curley asked the age of the students in this program. They are high school age. Mr. Hellmann asked how the minority situation is in this program. Ms. Brown stated that minority representation is probably equal to what is represented in this county. Mr. Hellmann replied that would be 1 in 10. Mr. Hellmann stated that the Council has received the request; it was not forwarded out of committee. The Council is looking forward to revenue forecast this evening.

The Taxpayers association presented no comments.

There were no further comments from the public.

Communications from elected officials.

Mr. Carl Gregory, Nevins Township Trustee/Assessor. He visually presented supplies that the county assessor has furnished to the township assessors. Mr. Hellmann stated that he has the county general fund ledger, which shows Nevins township assessor received $410 in 2005 for supplies. Mr. Anderson clarified that the township assessor's have their own budget for supplies; the county assessor just gives them the items, which Mr. Gregory presented. Mr. Gregory wanted to point out that there is a presentation that the county assessor gives the township assessors supplies and he just wanted the Council to see what is actually given. Mr. Gregory stated that he needs probably $200 more for supplies than the budget approved. Mr. Anderson stated that the Council needs to look at that closely at budget time. Input from township assessors will be needed to provide an accurate amount

The Vigo County Auditor presented a forecast of the 2006 revenue, assuming that no rules have changed in this past year. Each Council member was given a hard copy of this forecast. See attached. Mr. Anderson asked if these figures included encumbrances. Mr. Bramble stated that they do not. Mr. Morris asked why the Health Department was in a different column that is because the Health Department is in a different fund.

Communications from other officials or agencies.

Tony Miller, Data Processing director announced that the tax bills have been printed and will be mailed on time. May 10th is the deadline. Mr. Hellmann commended Tony Miller, along with the Auditor's Office and Treasurer's Office, for their cooperation in getting the task completed in time.

Reports from standing committees.
Personnel-Mr. Hellmann asked Mr. Curley if a meeting could be scheduled before the next Council meeting.
Budget Adjustment, Transfers and Appropriations-Chairman Bird stated that they have several issues to discuss.
Facilities, Services, and Special Projects-Chairman Roman stated that the committee met concerning the county attorney. The committee would recommend Rowdy Williams for the County Council Attorney.
Annual Budget Committee-Mr. Scott stated that committee met on March 29th. They have discussed many ideas that they will present tonight.

Mr. Hellmann presented ideas regarding County Budget Process Improvements. Council members were provided copies of this. See attached. Items #13 through item #24 were assigned to Council members to address these issues. Item #13 is assigned to Mr. Scott. Item #14 is assigned to Mr. Morris. Item #15 is assigned to Mr. Bird. Item #16 is assigned to Mr. Roman and Mr. Curley. Item #17 is assigned to Mr. Morris and Mr. Hellmann. Item #18 Mr. Hellmann volunteered but Mr. Roman stated that he feels Item #18, #19 and #20 can work simultaneously and he would volunteer to assist Mr.

Hellmann. to address Item #21 and #22. Item #24 goes along with Item #17 which is assigned to Mr. Hellmann.

Resolutions extending the approval, authority or agreement of the Council.
There were none

Ordinances relating to appropriations.
Additional Ordinance 2005-14 received a favorable recommendation from the committee. Sister Dorothy representing the Providence Housing Corporation requesting $25,000 from the 2005-2006 budget. Providence Housing has been in business since 1999 as a result of a survey taken in West Terre Haute. From the generosity of the Council and other interested parties Providence Housing has made repairs to 23 older type homes in West Terre Haute. Providence Housing would like to continue to make repairs in West Terre Haute. Funding is needed to apply for matched funding from the federal government . Mr. Brad Anderson stated that he thinks the program is very good; he would like to recommend the appropriations be taken from the EDIT fund not the General Fund. He feels this is an Economic Development issue and that it would be appropriate to take the request from EDIT. Mr. Curley asked Sister Dorothy what the amount of the matched funding would be. The matched amount would be $75,000. Mr. Roman agrees with Mr. Anderson in that this does qualify for EDIT. Mr. Scott asked what time frame we would be talking about if the funding does come from the EDIT fund. Mr. Anderson stated that it would just be another month. Sister Dorothy stated that this would not be a problem.

Mr. Hellmann passes the gavel to Mr. Roman, Council President Pro Tem.

Mr. Hellmann stated that we might have an option as we read the EDIT statute. Right now we have a proposal to just appropriate out of the General Fund as we previously have. He. Hellmann does agree with Councilman Anderson that upon some examination this may appropriately be taken out of the EDIT fund. Given the newness of the EDIT program there is some public concern. In terms of overall public support of the EDIT program he feels that expenditures out of there should be an annualized plan instead of just an available fund when the General Fund seems strapped. Mr. Hellmann would suggest we fund this request as we previously have and take another examination at a later time to make this part of an overall plan because certainly the rehabilitation of West Terre Haute is an Economic Development issue. Mr. Hellmann would like to be a little more deliberative about dipping into that fund. Mr. Scott agrees with Mr. Hellmann and would like to encourage members of the Council to take a look at some of the homes especially those on Old Paris Road. He understands that it could probably be EDIT but also look at some the housing that has been updated, now that taxes are based on assessed evaluation the taxes will exceed the basic investment of $25,000. Mr. Roman addressed Sister Dorothy to say the Council is in full support of the Providence work but that they need to work out the details. Mr. Morris is in agreement with Mr. Hellmann in that we have to be careful how we use the EDIT fund in terms of public agreement. He feels we need to work harder to balance the General Fund.

President Pro Tem Roman returns the gavel to Mr. Hellmann.

Mr. Bird moves to appropriate $25,000 to the Inter-Local agreement out of the General Fund. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. Mr. Anderson points out that we are already 1.2 million dollars over budget and we keep appropriating more money. There are very few things that we can see the returns that they give us, which is 3 to 1, now that is Economic Development. Also, this provides work to local contractors. Mr. Hellmann would entertain a motion to amend to change the fund if there is such a motion if it would pass. Mr. Hellmann does not think he would vote for it. There was not an amendment. Mr. Curley duly seconds the motion.

Additional Ordinance 2005-15 Cornerstone Perpetuation. Mr. Anderson moves to approve the appropriation. Mr. Curley duly seconds the motion.

Additional Ordinance 2005-16 EDIT. Mr. Roman reports that this is a continuing program and it is up to the Council for approval. Mr. Anderson questioned if this money was originally appropriated. Mr. Anderson moves to approve the additional appropriation. Mr. Scott duly seconds the motion. Mr. Hellmann questioned the $750,000 appropriated to Local Roads & Streets; he would like to know which streets this includes. Commissioner Mason states this appropriation is for infrastructure throughout the county trying to keep it close to schools and businesses. Mr. Scott states that he would like to request that all roads paved using EDIT and /or Wheel Tax be listed on the county website for the public to see. Mr. Bird requested signs to be put up where paving is being done for people to see where their tax dollars are being spent. Mr. Mason replied that signs are put up when paving is done.

Salary Ordinance 2005-3, Matron Sheriff Department. Mr. Hellmann claims that state statute provides that the matron will be paid the same as the deputy.

Salary Ordinance 2005-3, Budget Intern 8/1 President Hellmann asked for a motion to amend this ordinance to include the Budget Intern. Mr. Curley moves to amend the Ordinance 2005-3. Mr. Scott duly seconds the motion. Mr. Roman states the ordinance he has before him does not have anything about the Budget Intern. He asks if this was an update or a correction. Mr. Hellmann replied that this is a proposed amendment version II that has the Council Intern. Mr. Curley moves to approve the amendment. Mr. Scott duly seconds the motion. Mr. Curley moves to approve Ordinance 2005-3. Mr. Scott duly seconds the motion.

Resolution 2005-2 Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations Mr. Scott moves to adopt the transfers. Mr. Bird seconds the motion. Mr. Anderson questions the re-allocation for the Recorder for service agreements. He stated that service agreements were budgeted. Ms. Kylissa Miller clarified the Recorder had requested an additional appropriation and the Budget Adjustment Committee asked him to transfer the funds if possible. This is a result of the committee request.

Honorary Resolutions There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council There were none.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions
Attached to the log sheet are various requests from departments.
Request 05-47 from Seized Asset Fund, referred to the Budget Adjustment Committee.
Request 05-48 from the Recorder, referred to the Committee on Personnel.
Request 05-49 from the Courts, referred to the Budget Adjustment Committee.
Request 05-50 from the Commissioners, referred to Committee on Facilities, Services and Special Projects.
Request 05-51 from the Commissioners referred to the Budget Adjustment Committee.
Request 05-52 from Vigo County Emergency Management Agency referred to the Committee on Personnel.
Request 05-53 from the Park Department, referred to the Budget Adjustment Committee.
Request 05-54 from the Sheriff's Department, referred to Budget Adjustment Committee.
Request 05-55 from the Clerk's Office, referred to the Committee on Personnel.
Request 05-56 from Judge Adler's Court, referred to the Committee on Personnel.
Request 05-57 from the Treasurer's Office, referred to the Budget Adjustment Committee.
Request 05-58 from the Health Department, referred to the Budget Adjustment Committee.
Request 05-59 from the Park Department, referred to Committee on Facilities, Services and Special Projects.
Request 05-60 from the Highway Department, referred to Committee on Facilities, Services and Special Projects.
Request 05-61 from the Highway Department, referred to the Budget Adjustment Committee.

Appointments
Chair appoints Mr. Rowdy Williams to County Council Attorney to commence the first Tuesday in May. The chair will issue a letter to Mr. Williams advising him of the appointment.

Comments from the Council
Mr. Roman explained his reason for voting nay in regard to the Providence Corporation request. He feels county funds other than the General Fund should be utilized to bear expenses now on the General Fund.

Mr. Scott would like to thank the department heads and county employees for their cooperation.

Mr. Anderson says we are always talking about new money but in reality there is no new money. We are spending over budget and there will not be anything left to give the employees.

Mr. Morris agrees with Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Hellmann asked the Council to review the document provided. There is a comparison of the budget order 2004 with the budget order 2005 and it is organized by object. The document is an attempt to show the differences in the budget over the 2 years.

The next scheduled meeting is May 17th at 1:00 pm. The council meeting will recess and continue with meetings with departments regarding the 2006 budget. The department meetings will continue on May 18th and 19th if necessary.

Mr. Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Roman seconds the motion.

MOTIONS
April 19, 2005

Minutes March 22, 2005-Mr. Scott moves to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2005. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Additional Ordinance 2005-14 - Mr. Bird moves to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-14. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, except Mr. Roman voting nay, the motion passes.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-15 – Mr. Anderson moves to approve the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-15, Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-16 - Mr. Anderson moves to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-16, Mr. Roman seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Amendment to Salary Ordinance 2005-3 - Mr. Curley moves to amend the Salary Ordinance 2005-3 to include the Council Intern. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Salary Ordinance 2005-3 - Mr. Curley moves to amend the Salary Ordinance 2005-3, Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Resolution for the Reallocation of Appropriations 2005-2 - Mr. Scott moves to adopt the transfers, Mr. Bird seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 17th day of May 2005.

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Robert Hellmann, President

Attest:

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James W. Bramble
Auditor