MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2005

Deputy Brian DeHart called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 approval of the May 17, 2005 Council meeting minutes. Mr. Scott moves to accept the minutes. Mr. Curley seconds the motion.

Comments from the public.

Ms. Danielle Rosselli who was representing Leadership Terre Haute. Mr. Roman questioned Ms. Rosselli about the benefits of Leadership Terre Haute and of her fellow young peoples benefits. Ms. Rosselli responded that she felt that she and other fellow students felt like they were able to do something good in their community.

Mr. Rod Henry, President of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce discussed support of the study of Tabor Town Road. He wanted to know why there was opposition for growth on the East side of the county.

There were no further comments from the public.

Communications from elected officials of the County.

Bill Bryan, Vigo County Commissioner, reported that the Courthouse was right on schedule for their new heating system and should be up and running by November 1, 2005. Also the Work Release Building is also on schedule.

Communications from other officials or agencies.

Mr. Carl Gregory, Nevins Township Trustee/Assessor, inquired as to whether the Township expected to received money for extra help in order to carry out the work in said office. Motion was made by Mr. Turk Roman that the Nevins Township Trustee/Assessor receive $3,500 for extra help. Mark Bird seconds motion.

Reports from standing committees:

Personnel. Mr. Curley stated that his committee had met and that the proposed County employees' wages was that they receive a 3% raise and that the attorneys' wages would receive a 3% raise for the fiscal year 2005.

Mr. Tim Curley entertained a motion for approval of the proposed salary raises. Mr. Darrick Scott seconds the motion.

Mr. Brad Anderson states that he would like to have more time to look over this new salary schedule. Mr. Turk Roman also stated that he had not have time to review this new proposed salary schedule either.

Resolution has been adopted.

<u>Budget Adjustment, Transfers, and Appropriations</u>.

Mr. Mark Bird is chair regarding appropriations. A discussion of the purchase of the County Annex building was had. This is being looked into further depending upon available funds for said purchase.

The Vigo County Auditor informed the Council that the CAGIT Distributions were up $100,000 over previous year and that they should be the same or better for 2006.

Care of patients and inmates approximately $113,857. It was requested that Mr. Bramble furnish a memo outlining these expenses.

<u>Facilities, Services, and Special Projects</u>. Mr. Turk Roman. Defer to Mr. Hellmann for clarification of Taber Town Road.

<u>Special Projects Committee</u>.

Mr. Steve Witt, President of Terre Haute Economic Development Corporation, updated the Council on the proposed manufacturing building being built by Garmong Construction in the Vigo County Industrial Park. Garmong was the only corporation who sent bid. They are requesting a tax abatement for that property. An Appropriation Resolution Ordinance was assigned to the Budget Committee. This will be presented at the July 19, 2005 Council meeting.

Mr. Witt working with Vigo County Commissioners regarding state funding which is 6 or 7 years in the planning. Funding by grants will assist with these projects.

Mr. Mike Morris stated that he was somewhat familiar with industries located in Sullivan and Putnam Counties. The one in Putnam County is going to close. The question was asked "Is there anything in particular that new industries are looking for when they plan a move?" Mr. Morris stated the he is somewhat familiar with an automotive industry to a certain degree. The question is whether or not you are doing business with Toyota or Honda or do we want to expand businesses in Vigo County.

Ms. Etling, Vigo County Public Defenders' Office, was present to inquire about the proposed salaries to be received by the employees in that office. It was reported that employees in this department would receive 3.96% raise in their wages. Ms. Etling informed the Council that their office handled approximately 3,000 cases last year. Three contractual positions are requested at the proposed salary of $19,715/yr. each. The number of trials out of those 3,000 cases were thirty-three for the year 2004 - $60/hr. paid to Public Defender's Office totaling $18,000 (per diem). 34% is to be reimbursed from the state.

Annual Budget for 2006.

Mr. Darrick Scott reported that the department heads are working towards proposals for their individual departments.

Report from select committees. There were none.

Resolutions extending the approval, authority or agreement of the Council.

Convention & Tourism – Bids for New Visitor's Center.

Mr. Dave Patterson, representing the Visitors' Convention and Tourism Center was present. He stated that a site had been chosen and that site is located at State Road 46 and Margaret Avenue in the FedEx Building. The south side of said building can be leased for 15 years with a 15-year option to purchase.

Mr. Tim Curley entertained a motion to lease the South side of the FedEx Building which includes 3,000 sq. ft., including space for 30 cars in their parking lot to park 30 cars that we request an extension for these proposals. Motion carried by council to adopt said proposal.

Commissioners – Sale of County Owned Property.

Commissioner Bill Bryan indicated that there is a real need to advertise certain parcels of property that are costing the County approximately $50,000 for seven parcels. Three are abandoned houses. County is responsible for the mowing of these properties.

Old highway garage – appraised value is $189,000.

Tax sale is scheduled for October 24, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. The list of these properties will be sent to the paper for publication on or about the middle of August 2005.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

MVH – down $150,000 to $200,000 …major shortfall.

Honorary resolutions. There were none.

<u>Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council</u>. There were none.

<u>First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions</u>.

There were none.

Mr. Hellmann: There being no further comment, I would report as a final remark that I would propose a rule change at our next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2005, at 7:00 P.M., so that we would consider the Special Projects Committee Chairman will be able to create a committee on data processing which will consist of the Special Projects Committee, plus such additional people as the chairman of that committee might appoint, so that they can meet from time to time provides such information and coordination of our technology expenses.

The Council adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

MOTIONS
June 21, 2005

Minutes May 17, 2005 – Mr. Scott moves to accept the minutes of May 17, 2005… Mr. Curley seconds the motion.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005 –23 – Mr. Roman moves to approve the ordinance. Mr. Bird seconds the motion. All members present voting aye. The motion passes.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-24 – Mr. Bird moves to approve the ordinance. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members present voting aye. The motion passes.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2005-25 – Mr. Roman moves to approve the ordinance. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members present voting aye. The motion passes.

Additional Appropriate Ordinance 2005-5 – Mr. Roman moves to approve the ordinance. Mr. Morris seconds the motion. All members present voting aye. The motion passes.

Resolution for re-allocation of existing appropriations 2005-4- Mr. Bird moves to approve the resolution. Mr. Morris seconds the motion. All members present voting aye. The motion passes.