MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
June 19, 2007

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

Sheriff Jon Marvel led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for Bob Hellmann.

Mr. Darrick Scott, President Pro-Tem, acknowledged the difficulties the County Council has endured with the passing of Bob Hellmann. He and the leadership he has given to the Council will be sorely missed. With that said, Bob Hellmann brought the Council together as a team, showing no party lines. The current Council is a great team that works well together. No one will fill Bob's shoes, nor should any Council member or anyone else in the public be expected to fill his shoes. It will be a team effort for each Council member to take a piece of Bob's plan he laid out and accomplish his goals, which is to protect the taxpayer and make sure the county is ready fiscally for anything that may happen.

Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call and all council members were present.

Darrick Scott, President Pro-Tem, announced the new Council Member, Mr. Jim Hellmann and congratulated him on the caucus. Mr. Hellmann stated he looks forward to working with the Council.

Darrick Scott pointed out that the Rules did not state the procedure to follow in the event of a death of a Council Member. Mr. Rowdy Williams, Council Attorney, has prepared an amendment to the rules, Article I Section II which states, "In the event of death or other occurrence that causes a vacancy of the office of President or President Pro-Tem, the Council shall elect, by a majority of the Council, from its members a person to complete the term of said President or President Pro-Tem." Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to amend the Rules, Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye.

Darrick Scott opened the floor for nominations for the vacant President position. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to nominate Darrick Scott, Mr. Brad Anderson seconds. Darrick Scott accepts the nomination. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to close the nominations, Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye.

Darrick Scott opened the nominations for President Pro-Tem. Mr. Mark Bird made motion to nominate Mr. Tim Curley, Ms. Kathy Miller seconds. Tim Curley accepts. Mr. Jim Hellmann made motion to close nominations, Mr. Mark Bird seconds. All members voting aye.

Mr. Darrick Scott asked for corrections or a motion to approve the minutes of the council meeting on May 15, 2007. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt the minutes as published, Ms. Kathy Miller seconds. All members present voting aye, the journal of the May 15, 2007 meeting has been adopted.

Public Comments. Bionca Gambill, Linton Township Trustee Assessor, informed the Council on the meeting with the Linton, Riley, Fayette, Nevins, and Pierson Township Trustee Assessors and Matt Muckler, Budget and Fiscal Policy Analyst. The purpose of this meeting was to develop a budget with a cap of $14,500. A conclusion has been met that even though they are all Township Trustee Assessors, the same duties are performed, however, the way each office is ran is similar, but yet different. They basically all have the same amount of area in square mileage; however, there are differences in the populations, personal property returns, as well as real estate. They all in agreement that they cannot, nor should be forced to comply with the 2008 budget request of a universal maximum cap. However, they would like to request a preliminary budget meeting in order to discuss these budget matters further. They would like to educate the entire County Council to the duties, obligations, and necessity of good grass root township government. They would like to schedule a meeting with the Council as soon as possible in order to open the door for communications so the problem can be solved. Ms. Gambill feels the budget hearings should be held as they have been in the past, where each assessor presents their budget to the Council and the Council adjusts it accordingly. Mr. Darrick Scott asked how many were willing to go with the plan to adjust to a budget with a cap of $14,500. Ms. Gambill replied that four of the five assessors felt they could abide by the $14,500 cap and make it work. Darrick Scott moved the discussion to the Budget Committee.

Communication from elected officials of the County. Sheriff Jon Marvel informed the Council that the jail population is down, however, many of the current inmates are sick with mental illness, heart problems, and cancer, all of which create costly medical expenses.

Ms. Debbie Lewis, County Assessor, congratulated and gave her condolences to Jim Hellmann, gave the Council as a whole her condolences on the passing of Bob Hellmann. She also congratulated Darrick Scott and Tim Curley on being elected President of the Council and President Pro-Tem respectively and wishes the Council well and great success for the remainder of the year.

Other elected officials present included Jim Bramble, Vigo County Auditor, Carl Gregory, Nevins Township Assessor, and Robin Brown, Pierson Assessor.

Communications from other officials or agencies. There were none.

Reports from standing Committees. There were none.

Reports from select committees. There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.
Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-36. Darrick Scott tabled the ordinance. There was not a full committee present at the meeting therefore it will be sent it back to the Personnel Committee for further review before being sent to the July Council meeting.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-37. Darrick Scott tabled the ordinance. There was not a full committee present at the meeting therefore it will be sent it back to the Personnel Committee for further review before being sent to the July Council meeting.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-38. The Personnel Committee approved a portion of the ordinance. Pre-trial Diversion is requesting an additional appropriation in Payroll for $5000 for a summer legal intern. The legal intern will be paid at a rate of $11 per hour. There was not a full committee present for the other portion of the ordinance. Mr. Tim Curley made a motion to amend the ordinance to $5,808, which is the portion that went through full committee for the intern along with FICA and PERF. Mr. Mark Bird seconds. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor took roll call, all members voting aye. The ordinance is amended. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt the amended ordinance, Mr. Mark Bird seconds. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor took roll call, all members voting aye.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-39. Darrick Scott was notified that the Clerk would like to withdraw this request and return to the Special Projects Committee.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-40. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Sheriff Jon Marvel is asking for additional funds to finish the painting of the cell blocks in the jail. Also, additional funds are needed for Fees to Physicians due to the number of sick inmates needing medical care for major medical problems such as mental illness, heart problems, and cancer. In addition, this ordinance involves Emergency Management's request for two vehicles. The current vehicles being used are old and in poor condition. J.D. Kessler from Emergency Management explained the possibility of obtaining two Crown Victorias, which were ordered from a car dealership as police vehicles. However, because the cars were painted incorrectly, they were not acceptable to the buyer and are now available at a discounted price. The cars are also equipped for radios and other necessary equipment essential to the department.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-41. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Ms. Debbie Lewis, County Assessor, explained the request is for two pieces of additional software. One is for the appeal process software, the other is for gas and oil leases. The current appeal software is approximately 18 years old and was designed in-house. It is required by the State to submit this information in the format acceptable by the State. The company being looked at to obtain the software from is approved by the State, as well as the software. As for the gas and oil leases, the county currently has approximately 500 oil lease properties, mostly in Prairie Creek Township.

In the past there has been calculations by hand and data entering into two computer systems. The new software will calculate the leases when the oil rates are received every year and the information will roll to the Auditor's office without additional data entry. The company offers one year of free updates. After that, if we choose to receive updates and support from this company, the cost would be $6,000 for both pieces of software. This may or may not be necessary.

Brad Anderson asked if the PTABOA Board is filled, which it is not. Debbie Lewis stated that the board consists of two members of the Council, two Commissioners, and Debbie Lewis as the County Assessor. The question arose as to whether or not the board members should be a Level II; Rowdy Williams, Council Attorney will look into it. Debbie Lewis stated that ideally, it should be a Level II and a Republican.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-42. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director, received a grant in the amount of $31,000. She would like to use it to hire a Volunteer Coordinator. Appropriations are needed for payroll, FICA, and Travel.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2007-6. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the resolution. Debbie Lewis is asking to transfer funds to pay for the Form 11's being mailed, which was contracted out to Miami Systems, the same company that is handling the tax bills for the Treasurer's office. The requested transfer amount is from office supplies that would have been spent on paper and toner to complete the task, to Contractual Services to cover the contract expense.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2007-7. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the resolution. The Prosecutor's office requested a transfer in Adult Protective Services from Payroll to Office Machines in order to pay for a portion of Dell Computers.

Salary Ordinance 2007-18. Darrick Scott tabled the ordinance. There was not a full committee present at the meeting therefore it will be sent it back to the Personnel Committee for further review before being sent to the July Council meeting.

Salary Ordinance 2007-19. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. The ordinance is regarding the legal intern mentioned in Additional Appropriation 2007-38, to be paid $11/hour.

Salary Ordinance 2007-20. Darrick Scott tabled the ordinance. There was not a full committee present at the meeting therefore it will be sent it back to the Personnel Committee for further review before being sent to the July Council meeting.

Salary Ordinance 2007-21. The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director, received a grant in the amount of $31,000. She would like to hire a Volunteer Coordinator with a salary of $25,000.

Ordinance 2007-1. The Special Projects Committee approved the ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish a fund, Recorder's Enhanced Access Fund in order to track money collected by Doxpop. This is stated under Indiana Code 5-14-3.

Resolution 20076- (Finalized). The Special Projects committee met with Mr. Louis Britton regarding the spec building Garmong is proposing to build a spec building in the Industrial Park. Garmong is requesting a tax abatement on this building.

Honorary Resolution. There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council.
Fiscal Policy Resolution 2007-3. This policy concerns raises for employees for the 2008 budget. Bob Hellmann and Matt Muckler had worked on this for several weeks. Longevity is not included in 2008 as has been done in the past 2 years.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions.
President Darrick Scott reassigned Committee members as follows: Annual Budget - Mark Bird, Chair, Kathy Miller, and Mike Morris; Budget Adjustment - Kathy Miller, Chair, Brad Anderson, and Jim Hellmann; Personnel – Tim Curley, Chair, Mike Morris, and Mark Bird; and Special Projects – Jim Hellmann, Chair, Brad Anderson and Tim Curley. Mr. Scott then assigned Request of Council for the July 17, 2007 meeting to committee for further review.

Appointments. There were none.

President Darrick Scott mentioned that there will be a special presentation for Bob Hellmann at the July Council meeting, at which some of his family members will attend.

Sheriff Jon Marvel addressed the issue of the E-911 and 910 Funds. The surcharges for wireless and landline phones are now to be kept in separate funds per a State statute. Therefore, there is minimal revenue coming into the E-911 (landline), which is where the appropriations are to pay claims. Rowdy Williams, Council Attorney will look into the statute as to how the money can be spent from the E-910 (Wireless) Fund. At that point it will be discussed as to how to assign the appropriations.

Adjournment. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

MOTIONS
June 19, 2007

Amendment to County Council Rules. Mr Brad Anderson made motion to adopt the amended rules. Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye.

Motion for Council President Nominations: Mr. Tim Curley made motion to nominate Darrick Scott, Mr. Brad Anderson seconds. All members voting aye.

Motion to close Council President Nomination: Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to close the nominations, Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye.

Motion for Council President Pro-Tem: Mr. Mark Bird made motion to nominate Mr. Tim Curley, Ms. Kathy Miller seconds. All members voting aye.

Motion to close Council President Pro-Tem Nominations: Mr. Jim Hellmann made motion to close nominations, Mr. Mark Bird seconds. All members voting aye.

Minutes – May 15, 2007. Mr. Tim Curley moves to adopt the minutes as published. Ms. Kathy Miller seconds. All members voting aye, the journal of the May 15, 2007 meeting has been adopted.

Amendment of Additional Appropriation 2007-38. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to amend the Ordinance. Mr. Mark Bird seconds, all members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is amended.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-38 (Amended). Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt the amended ordinance. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted as amended.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-40. Mr. Mark Bird made motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-41. Mr. Mark Bird made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2007-42. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mike Morris seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief

Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2007-6. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, resolution is adopted.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2007-7. Mr. Mike Morris made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mark Bird seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, resolution is adopted.

Salary Ordinance 2007-19. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Salary Ordinance 2007-21. Mr. Mark Bird made motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Mike Morris seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, motion passes, ordinance is adopted.

Fiscal Policy Resolution 2007-3 Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Kathy Miller seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, the resolution is adopted.

Ordinance 2007-1 Mr. Mark Bird made motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, the ordinance is adopted.

Resolution 2007-6 (Finalized). Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion. Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members voting aye, the finalized resolution is adopted.

Adjournment. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tim Curley seconds the motion.