

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

President Kathy Miller explained that Councilman Darrick Scott is en route and declared a quorum.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

✓ *March 23, 2010*

Motion: To approve the March 23, 2010 minutes as published, **Action:** Approve,
Moved by Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Public comment

David Patterson, Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director, informed the Council of upcoming events in Terre Haute. In mid-May, approximately 30 universities and 1,000 people will be in Terre Haute for two weeks for National Aviation Competition the airport. In June, the State Volunteer Firefighters will be here for about four days, also in June is the Human Rights Expo. Mr. Patterson encouraged local businesses to put up welcome signs or some type of recognition for these events.

Communications from elected officials of the County

There were none.

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

Budget Adjustment Committee

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2010-11

The Coroner's office is requesting additional appropriations in Transportation and Autopsy in the amounts of \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively. Donna Weger, Coroner's office informed the Council that there is less than \$1,000 left in Transportation. She has negotiated with the removal service to lower the price from \$375 to \$325. Also, there is less than \$500 left in Autopsy. One reason the balances are so low is that there were bills left from 2009 to pay at the beginning of the year. There have been 54 coroner cases so far this year.

The Commissioner's office is requesting an additional appropriation of \$25,000 for Maintenance Agreements. Commissioner Mike Ciolli explained there is currently no service agreement for the heating and cooling equipment in the Courthouse and repairs are being made and paid for as needed. Secondly, the air conditioning unit has not been updated and there are continuous problems. There are other updates needed as well and a maintenance agreement cannot be signed until these updates are performed. The maintenance agreement is for minor repairs and preventative maintenance; any major repairs would not be included. The agreement term is one year which can be revisited and continue if so desired for three years. President Kathy Miller is concerned about paying for a service agreement versus paying on an as needed basis. Councilman Brad Anderson questioned the warranty since the equipment is not very old. Councilman Bill Bryan pointed out that the equipment was received but not installed for a couple of years. The original warranty expired before the equipment was installed. Councilman Mark Bird asked to postpone this issue until the previously cancelled meeting occurs with all companies involved, including Havel, Ameresco, and Sycamore Engineering. It must first be determined through this meeting if Havel and Ameresco will repair and update the equipment. As Commissioner Ciolli mentioned, if these updates are not done, a maintenance agreement will not be signed by Sycamore Engineering.

Motion: To amend ordinance Additional Appropriation 2010-11 to include only the Coroner's request, **Action:** Amend, **Moved by** Bill Bryan, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Motion: approve amended Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2010-11, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Motion: To postpone Commissioner's request, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2010-12

Convention & Tourism is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$68,000 in Professional Services. These funds will be used to pay for construction on the new building which was finished at the end of last year however, some of the bills carried over into this year. In addition, the monies will be used for ongoing maintenance agreements such as lawn maintenance.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2010-13

Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,085. These funds were received through a grant and do not involve County monies. The funds will be used to help defray the cost of the National CASA Conference.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bryan, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2010-14

Sheriff Jon Marvel withdrew the request after extensive discussion about the capability to fund the project long term.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2010-15

Sheriff Jon Marvel withdrew the request after extensive discussion about the capability to fund the project long term.

Resolution of Re-allocation of Existing Appropriation 2010-03

The Vigo County Park Department would like to transfer funds which were obtained through a settlement with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. These funds will be used for repairs due to vandalism.

Motion: To approve the transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Personnel Committee

Resolution 2010-07

This is a request to refill the Vigo County Crime Victim's Assistance Director at Grade 8.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).
Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.

Salary Ordinance 2010-07

Sheriff Jon Marvel withdrew the request after extensive discussion about the capability to fund the position long term.

Salary Ordinance 2010-08

Sheriff Jon Marvel withdrew the request after extensive discussion about the capability to fund the position long term.

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

President Kathy Miller assigned Request of Council for the May 18, 2010 meeting to committee for further review.

Appointments

Wabash River Development and Beautification Board – Brad Anderson – 4 years

Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor commented that if the requests regarding E-911 should come back up in the future, it would be beneficial to the Auditor's office as well as the Council that it be specified as to which fund the request should be paid from. President Kathy Miller agreed that it would add clarity.

Councilman Brad Anderson pointed out that in a Council meeting in 2008, the Council requested the E-911 Department to raise the 911 rates and that has not been done. Councilman Tim Curley agreed and stated that we would not be in this situation had it been done. Ms Kathy Miller remembered the discussion as well and mentioned the rates requested to be raised were on landline phones at the local level, not TracFones.

In closing remarks, Councilman Bill Bryan feels the Council is acting appropriately with the 2010 budget and is not spending carelessly.

Councilman Brad Anderson pointed out that there will be a \$2 - \$3 million cut in next year's budget. The requests for next month are approximately \$250,000. The next budget session begins in August and it will not be easy.

Councilman Ed Ping echoed Councilman Anderson's statements. In addition, he was proud of the way the Council handled a "budget crisis" in this meeting. Looking at the

shortfall this year and next, it is not going to be easy for anyone who works for the County.

Councilman Mark Bird expressed his desire for Councilman Brad Anderson who serves on the Information Services Board to meet with the Board and the IS Department to discuss the equipment. He feels new equipment for E-911 would be beneficial however, it would not solve all issues. An upgrade from an analog system to a digital system is a worthy project and feels it should be revisited.

Councilman Darrick Scott apologized for being late; he was at a structure fire.

Councilman Tim Curley pointed out that every additional appropriation the Council approves is that much more that will need to be cut from the budget next year. There will be many unhappy people.

President Kathy Miller echoed Councilman Curley's comment and encouraged the Council to work as a team to be as consistent as possible and act in the best interest of everyone involved.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 6:15pm, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller, Bill Bryan.