

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2015 at 3:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

President Rick Burger called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Bill Thomas, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger.

Absent/Excused: Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Tim P. Curley.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

Ordinance 2015-04

David Haynes, President of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce requested the Council approve the establishment of the Wabash River Regional Development Authority with Indiana counties of Knox and Sullivan. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) introduced the Regional Cities Initiative in an effort to grow Indiana's population by enhancing the quality of place to attract all genres of people to move to Indiana. Two regions will be selected initially, each receiving \$42 million to implement their plan which will be a public-private partnership. Sixty percent of the money invested will be private investments. A proposal was created to include the counties of Vigo, Sullivan and Knox. Knox and Sullivan have already passed an ordinance similar to the one presented. Ultimately, this recognizes the region and sets up the framework, there is a lot of work going forward. If approved by Vigo County, Mr. Haynes will meet with the IEDC and inform them that the Wabash River Regional Development Authority is established. The final decision by the IEDC as to which two regions will receive the award should happen after the first of the year.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Motion passed unanimously.