

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Sunshine Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Aaron Loudermilk called the meeting to order at 5:00.

**Calling of the roll**

R. Todd Thacker – present, Travis Norris - present, Marie Theisz - present, Vicki Weger - present, David Thompson - present, and Aaron Loudermilk - present.

**First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions**

- i. ROC 2021-037, Additional Appropriation 2021-20, Honey Creek Fire Protection District - Debt Service Fund
- ii. ROC 2021-038, Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-12, Out-of-Series Transfer: Building Inspection – reallocation of appropriation from Payroll Salaries to Code Enforcement and Gasoline
- iii. ROC 2021-039, Additional Appropriation 2021-21, Vigo County Solid Waste District
- iv. ROC 2021-040, Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-13, Out-of-Series Transfer: Vigo County Veterans Assistance Office – reallocation of appropriation from Travel to Office Supplies
- v. ROC 2021-041, Additional Appropriation 2021-22, Vigo County Commissioners
- vi. ROC 2021-042, Additional Appropriation 2021-23, Vigo County Health Department
- vii. ROC 2021-042, Additional Appropriation 2021-24, LIT/PSAP
- viii. ROC 2021-042, Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-15, Out-of-Series Transfer: County Council/Commissioners – reallocation of appropriation from Payroll Adjustments to Unemployment

**Public Comments**

There were none.

**Communications from elected officials, other officials or agencies of the County**

There were none.

**Reports from committees**

President Loudermilk asked how the Annual Budget Committee was progressing. Vicki Weger advised that work is continuing on the budget. Departments are finished and they are working on salaries and levies. The next hearing is set for Monday beginning at 4:00 p.m. anticipating that it might be finished by next Wednesday. President Loudermilk asked whether there were any drastic reductions that should be on the radar. Ms. Weger advised that there was an addition of a Drug Court put together by Judge Sheehan. Mr. Loudermilk said he had heard that it had been suggested that the Council budget be cut next year. Mr. Bramble said that the Supplemental Drug Court and Supplemental Community Corrections were being moved to the Court's budget but they were not going away. And the \$500,000 payroll supplement that had not been used for a very long time was being proposed to be removed and used for other purposes. Mr. Loudermilk asked if the Courts had been consulted and did they want those supplements moved there. Mr. Bramble advised that he had talked with Judge Lewis today and they were fine with it. There was a brief further discussion about that matter. There was also a short discussion about jail staffing and possible changes to attract and keep more applicants.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

**i. Additional Appropriation 2021-37; ROC 2021-37: Honey Creek Fire Protection District**

Joe Shackelford, Chairman of Fire District Trustees, advised that 2021 was the first year they had a Debt Service Relief Fund. After the 2022 budget for Honey Creek Fire Protection District had been set and approved, it was discovered that there was a shortfall of \$4,607.00 for their loan repayment schedule for their new firetrucks. Therefore, they are asking for an additional appropriation for their 2021 debt service relief fund in order to meet that obligation. It was pointed out that the money they were asking for was already in their budget and the Trustees of the Honey Creek Fire Protection District had approved this at their July meeting. It does not come from the general fund.

**ii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-12; ROC 2021-038: Building Inspection**

There was no one present from Building Inspection but Auditor James Bramble explained the reason for the request. In the past, Building Inspection used part-time people for the lawn mowing that had to be done. They have been unable to hire any part time staff so they are having to contract out with lawn services. Therefore, they are asking to move the money for part-time employees and transfer it to contractual services to pay the contractors to do the mowing. Commissioner Switzer, who was present at the meeting, also noted that they were being overwhelmed with mowing requests so they needed to take the part time money and move it in order to get the grass cut. It was noted that Terry Bays, due to some confusion, was not at tonight's meeting but he will be in attendance at next week's meeting.

**iii. Additional Appropriation 2021-21; ROC 2021-039: Vigo County Solid Waste Management District**

Karrum Nasser, Executive Director of Vigo County Solid Waste Management District, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$72,000. \$12,000 will be used to

pay for their new part-time employee. This addition has allowed them to do more advanced weekly e-waste recycling, which had previously been done only quarterly, and do weekly shredding. They have received a grant which allows them to do shredding on-site. It has also allowed them to do more township cleanups. Last year they did 2 but at the end of 2021, they will have done 15. The \$6,000 for other services will help with the cost of their cleanups. Last year, they recycled 104 tons at a cost of \$42,000. As of the end of August this year, they have already collected 202 tons. They average about 25-30 tons per month and the cost so far this year is \$47,500 with four months to go. The District is funded through tipping fees from Sycamore Ridge landfill. It is not taxpayer funded. DLGF requires them to ask the Council for approval for additional appropriations. Their Board has approved this expenditure as of last month. They have plenty of revenue coming in and a healthy balance. It was also noted that they had purchased a truck that is allowing them to do more events and haul the recycled benches/trash receptacles seen throughout the city that they have donated to various causes/organizations. He gave a brief rundown of the future plans in the works for the rest of this year and next year.

**iv. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-13;  
ROC 2021-40: Vigo County Veterans Assistance Office**

There was no one present from Veterans Assistance to speak on this matter. Commissioner Brendan Kearns was present and he thought there had been some confusion about Tim Cunningham appearing tonight. He will be at the next meeting. Council Administrator Kylissa Miller advised that they were asking for a transfer from travel expenses to office supplies. This same request was made last year. She did note that in their 2022 budget request that they had shifted where their appropriations would be so they should be good for 2022.

**v. Additional Appropriation 2021-22; ROC 2021-42: Vigo  
County Commissioners**

HR Director Kara Wright was present for this. She advised that she was aware that everyone had attended the meeting presentations for both Baker Tilly and Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele Associates and the Commissioner were here to ask for an appropriation for the Commissioners to use Baker Tilly for the compensation study. An email had been received from Baker Tilly clarifying that they could do the other things that had been requested rather than having the HR Department do it. President Loudermilk expressed that it was his understanding that such was not the norm and that it was infrequent that they did those things. Ms. Wright said that she did not understand it that way, that it was covered under a separate agreement. President Loudermilk felt that they should see that agreement. Ms. Wright will see to that request.

**vi. Additional Appropriation 2021-23; ROC 2021-42: Vigo  
County Health Department**

**vii. Additional Appropriation 2021-24; ROC 2021-42: LIT/PSAP**

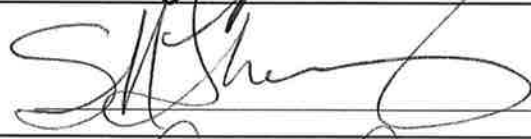
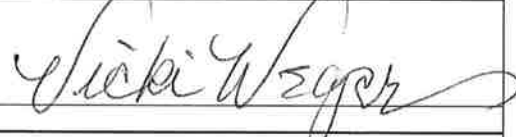
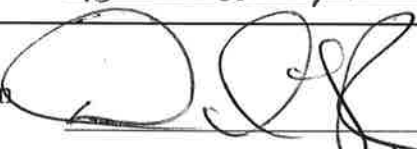
**viii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-15;  
ROC 2021-42: County Council/Commissioners**

These three appropriations are all part of the same request and were discussed as one item. These requests are to cover deficits in the unemployment appropriations. Over the past year, with the Covid regulations, unemployment is pretty much given whether you're unemployed, laid off, resigned or whatever and is difficult to challenge. Consequently, these three departments are needing additional monies in that line item. Mr. Bramble thought it appropriate to ask for a reallocation from the general fund (Council) to the Commissioners to cover that deficit. The question was asked if this was typical for the reallocation from Council to Commissioners. President Loudermilk and Mr. Bramble both responded that it was not typical but the \$500,000 had been set aside essentially for any shortfalls that would come up from time to time. That was the premise behind it. An additional appropriation could be requested if that was the Council's pleasure but this was one way to do it. Unemployment is something that has to be paid, it is not optional. There was a short discussion.

Brenda Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

**MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SUNSHINE MEETING**  
**September 7, 2021**

*Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.*

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*Attest:*



James W. Bramble  
Vigo Auditor