

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Continuation Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.
Council Chamber, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President Aaron Loudermilk called the meeting to order at 4:30.

Calling of the roll

Present: R. Todd Thacker, Vicki Weger, Marie Theisz, Travis Norris (arrived at approximately 4:35), Brenda Wilson, David Thompson, Aaron Loudermilk.

Public Comments – limited to items NOT on tonight's agenda There were none.

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

Kevin Gardner presented a copy of a letter that was presented previously to the Commissioners but was directed to the Council. It states that the employees in the building do believe that something for security needs to be done. It does not necessarily say that they are backing what has been proposed by the Commissioners but they just support something being done for security. Locking all the doors has been a great step. Other than that, there still needs to be security in place all the time. Leaving the one door that is unlocked unmanned kind of defeats the purpose for safety. There have been a lot of lockdowns, a lot of threats and society has changed a lot in the last 20-30 years. Todd Thacker thanked Mr. Gardner and made several comments. He said he is for better security here but he still feels like if ARPA money is to be used for the project, the Council needs to see a plan for the entire amount of ARPA money, not just one or two things. He also said he wants to alleviate any confusion and make it clear the Council is all for safety and security of the building and the employees. President Loudermilk agreed with Mr. Thacker and said he didn't think anybody wasn't for security. It's just a matter of what that looks like and what makes sense. He said the Sheriff's Office wasn't doing its job by not having security here 8 hours a day. He added additional comments wrapping up saying he felt the Council as a whole was supporting greater security here at the Annex. He did feel like \$1.2 million was a large amount of money to be spent on the north end of the building. He believes the Council will continue to discuss and try to find reasonable solutions to some of the challenges being faced. Brenda Wilson also stated that they do not believe that a life is not worth \$1.2 million. There is no value you can put on a life but she felt that there were a lot less expensive ways to accomplish the same end. Marie Theisz said that summarizing the way she understood it was that the letter was not necessarily support of the project that has been put out there but just making sure that there is personnel in place to check people in and out. Mr. Gardner said that was a perfect summation. The employees just feel like something needs done. Vicki Weger had several comments and said that we needed to figure out how to make people safe. Mr. Gardner added one further comment about an idea that had previously been expressed about building an athletic arena/park. He had recently been to one and talked about the 2-day tournament he had attended along with many, many other people and how much income/revenue it must have generated for the community. He was in favor of projects such as this or others that would generate revenue for our county. President Loudermilk said that while the Council does not take the safety of anyone in this building lightly, they did hope to see a plan and hoped to see some projects in the hopper that can create revenue and generate interest in the community.

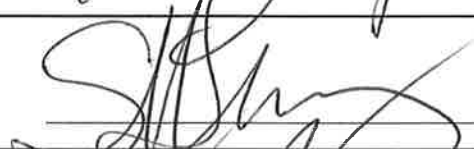
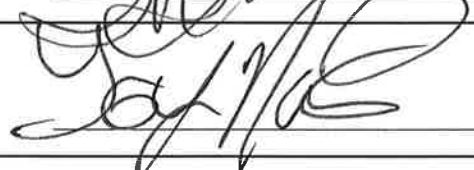
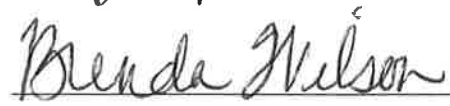
Resolution 2022-09 Modifying Local Income Tax Rates, Annual Allocation to Township Fire Safety Agencies; ROC 2022-35

President Loudermilk reminded everyone that this had been talked about at the Sunshine Meeting and again during the regularly scheduled meeting, where it was tabled. We were waiting on word from DLGF on our rebuttal to their understanding of how we could and could not use the local income tax as it pertains to the fire districts. Our rebuttal should have arrived at DLGF on August 5 and as of our August 9 meeting, there had only been an email indicating that there was no word sent to Kylissa Miller on August 9. Since that time, Kylissa has reached out by phone and email multiple times in the last two days but there has been no response. As stated before, this is an action item that must be accomplished before September 1 in order for the distributions to hit the fire districts. Resolution 2022-09 contains the very same language but with different dollar amounts for the service providers as we have historically done without issue. It was learned that the State had a different interpretation but a rebuttal was offered because this Council would like to continue doing what has been done historically. Without any response from the State, the options are to: (1) table the matter again; (2) go with what the State had recommended, which the Council was not in favor of; or (3) proceed forward with the original Resolution and approve as is. Todd Thacker asked what the ramifications would be if we moved forward with Resolution 2022-09. Council Attorney Robert Effner said he had submitted a rebuttal almost three weeks ago without any response. In that this is time sensitive because it must be passed before September 1, he felt it was reasonable to pass as is if that is what is desired. It will be submitted to the DLGF and they could deny it if they continued to disagree. At that point, those particular fire departments that are effected would be denied. Vicki Weger made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-09 as presented. David Thompson seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken, Marie Theisz asked if the DLGF was just interpreting the law differently or if something had changed. Mr. Effner said in their communication with Kylissa, they are interpreting it differently. He doesn't necessarily agree with their interpretation. They have been doing it this way since 2019 and there have been no issues prior. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

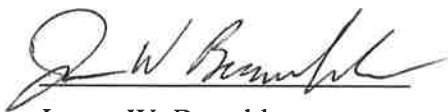
Brenda Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE
VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 23, 2022

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 13th day of September, 2022.

Aye ☐	Absent ☒				R. Todd Thacker
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐				
Aye ☒	Absent ☐				Vicki Weger 
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐				
Aye ☒	Absent ☐				Marie Theisz 
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐				
Aye ☒	Absent ☐				Travis Norris 
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐				
Aye ☒	Absent ☐				Brenda Wilson 
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐				
Aye ☒	Absent ☐				David Thompson 
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐				
Aye ☒	Absent ☐				Aaron Loudermilk, President 
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐				

Attest:



James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor

RESOLUTION 2022-09
RESOLUTION MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES
VIGO COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Vigo County that a need now exists to modify the local income tax rates imposed in the following way:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.75%	0.75%
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.30%	0.30%
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.50%	0.50%
Property Tax Relief Rate ¹ (IC 6-3.6-5)	0.00%	0.00%
Special Purpose Rate ² (IC 6-3.6-7-25)	0.25%	0.25%
Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities ³ (IC 6-3.6-6-2.7)	0.20%	0.20%

The public safety allocation identified above includes revenue associated with an expenditure rate that was previously authorized for the purposes of funding the county's public safety access point ("PSAP"). The revenue associated with this rate shall be directed to the PSAP prior to the distribution of the remainder of the public safety revenue.

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.30%	0.30%

Local Income Tax Type	Existing PSAP Rate	Proposed PSAP Rate
Public Safety Access Point Rate	0.10%	0.10%

From the LIT amount generated by the Public Safety Rate (IC 6-3.6-6), the following qualifying service providers shall receive a specified amount of the tax revenue to be distributed under this section during the following calendar year.

Service Provider Name	Amount
Honey Creek Fire Department	\$101,943.24
Linton Fire Department	\$ 5,062.08
Nevins Fire Department	\$ 5,645.28
New Goshen Fire Department	\$ 12,525.60
Otter Creek Fire Department	\$ 26,201.16
Pierson Fire Department	\$ 6,474.84
Prairieton Fire Department	\$ 10,767.84
Riley Fire Department	\$ 21,565.80
Seelyville Fire Department	\$ 20,891.16
Shepardsville Fire Department	\$ 4,110.96
Sugar Creek Fire Department	\$ 44,762.40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing was held on the proposed local income tax rate modifications on August 2, 2022. Proper notice of the public hearing was provided pursuant to IC 5-3-1.

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Vigo County Council this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Aye ☒	Absent ☐		
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	R. Todd Thacker	
Aye ☒	Absent ☐		
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger	
Aye ☒	Absent ☐		
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Marie Theisz	
Aye ☒	Absent ☐		
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Travis Norris	
Aye ☒	Absent ☐		
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson	
Aye ☒	Absent ☐		
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	David Thompson	
Aye ☒	Absent ☐		
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Aaron Loudermilk, President	

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