

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Auditor James Bramble called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: R. Todd Thacker, Travis Norris, Marie Theisz, Vicki Weger, Nancy Allsup, David Thompson, Aaron Loudermilk.

Reorganization

Mr. Bramble stated that the first order of business was to open nominations for President. Vicki Weger made a motion to elect Todd Thacker as President. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. With no other nominations and upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously passed and Todd Thacker was elected President. President Thacker then asked for nominations for President Pro Tem. Nancy Allsup made a motion to elect Marie Theisz as President Pro Tem. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. With no other nominations and upon the motion of Vicki Weger to close nominations, with a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously passed and Marie Theisz was elected as President Pro Tem.

The next order of business was the adoption of rules. The proposed rules for this year had been distributed to the Council. Council Administrator Kylissa Miller said that the only changes for this year's rules are the dates. Vicki Weger said that inasmuch as the rules were to be the same as last years with the exception of updated dates, she made a motion to accept the rules for 2023. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Next was adoption of a tentative meeting schedule for 2023. Proposed schedules for meeting dates for the Sunshine Meetings and Voting Meetings for 2023 and deadlines for filing, publication, first reading and final vote had been provided to each Council member. It was noted that on Tuesday, April 4, and Tuesday, April 11, and Tuesday, October 10, a different location will need to be used due to early voting taking place in the Council Chambers. Kylissa Miller said she had emailed the City Clerk to see if we could use the City Hall Court Room again, if that was the wish of the Council, but she has not yet heard back. She also said that Tuesday, May 2, and Tuesday, November 7, government offices would be closed for Election Day and those meeting dates could be scheduled on Wednesday, May 3, and Wednesday, November 8, as had been done in the past; otherwise the timeline would have to be pushed back a week which would change all the dates for deadlines. After discussion, it was decided to move those particular meetings to the following Wednesday (May 3 and November 8). Marie Theisz made a motion to approve the tentative meeting schedule for 2023 with the changes of Tuesday,

May 2, changed to Wednesday, May 3, and the change in November from Tuesday, November 7, to Wednesday, November 8. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment.

Matt Larimer, 363 West Cutsinger Drive, wanted to call attention to a couple of local issues. First, he believed there was improper use of commissary funds in the last election. In the County Prosecutor's campaign finance report, there was a direct contribution listed from the Sheriff's Commissary Fund. He believed that in reading the Indiana Code, such was not an approved use of those funds. He said the guidelines were pretty strict with the one exception being if the Sheriff gets permission from the County's fiscal body to use those funds other than the State's guidelines. The second issue related to the County Coroner contracting with a local pathologist, Dr. Bamidele Adigbo, who recently pled guilty. In following up on the issue, Mr. Larimer came across an in-depth investigation from KWCH Channel 12 in Wichita, Kansas where they did an in-depth investigation of his education and work history and found several inconsistencies, former employers who said he never worked for them, and some of his credentials were never verified. Mr. Larimer will send an email with the details to the Council members. President Thacker said he would ask the County Attorney look at the emails and advise the Council what, if anything, it could do and any appropriate action that could be taken.

Communications from elected officials of the County

President Thacker wanted to address an appointment to the PTABOA Board for the County Assessor Kevin Gardner who has property tax appeals scheduled starting next week. President Thacker said he will make sure that the Council appointment will be addressed prior to the hearings. The appointments need to be made and become official at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Communications from other officials or agencies

President Thacker advised that Council Attorney Robert Effner had notified Council members on December 19 that he has decided to retire but would be willing to continue through the month of January if Council so desired. President Thacker said it would be appreciated if he would work through January and will give them time to find a replacement. He thanked Mr. Effner for his past service. Vicki Weger also expressed her thanks for his years of service.

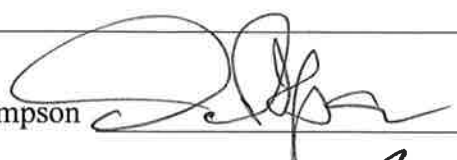
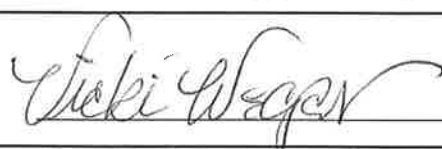
Appointments.

President Thacker announced that no appointments would be made tonight but would be announced at the February meeting.

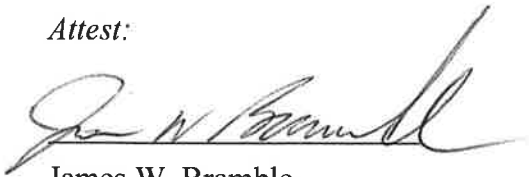
Marie Theisz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2023

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 14th day of February, 2023.

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

Attest:



James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor