

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2024

5:00 P.M.

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Agenda
Tuesday, February 13, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers - Vigo County Government Center

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Calling of the roll
3. Corrections to the journal of the preceding meetings, if needed
 - a. *February 8, 2024 Sunshine Meeting*
 - b. *February 13, 2024 Meeting*
4. Communications from elected officials, other officials, or agencies of the County
5. Reports from committees
6. Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.
7. Ordinances relating to appropriations
 - i. Salary Ordinance 2024-21A: Courts – Budget Adjustment
 - ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-25: Veterans Assistance – Copy Machine Rental
 - iii. Additional Appropriation 2024-26: LIT/Special Purpose – Contractual Services
 - iv. Additional Appropriation 2024-27: Parks Non Reverting – New Equipment
 - v. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-28A: Parks – Add 1 Full Time Position
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 - viii. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-30A: CASA – Amend Salary Ordinance and Correct Job Description
 - ix. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-31A: CASA – Add 3 Full Time Positions
 - x. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-32A: CASA – Correct Position Titles
8. Honorary resolutions
9. Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council
10. Appointments
11. Public comment – limited to items NOT on tonight's agenda
12. Adjournment

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana, that the Vigo County Council will meet at the Vigo County Government Center, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, Indiana at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the same location for a Sunshine Meeting.

		<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000</u>		
<u>Veterans Service Officer/0012</u>		
1000.36500.0.0012	Copy Machine Rental	\$ 750
Total Veterans Service Officer		\$ 750
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL		\$ 750
 <u>Parks Non-Reverting/1179</u>		
1179.44510.000.0000	Equipment New	\$ 40,280
Total Parks Non-Reverting Fund		\$ 40,280
 <u>LIT/Special Purpose/1114</u>		
1114.33300.0000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 4,500,000
Total LIT/Special Purpose		\$ 4,500,000

The meeting will be made available for observance by electronic means at the following web address:

<https://www.vigocounty.in.gov/departments/division.php?structureid=71>.

Any votes conducted will be by roll call vote. Unless otherwise directed or required

for public health reasons, the meetings will be open to the public. Members of

the public may submit comments prior to the meeting to county.council@vigocounty.in.gov.

JAMES W. BRAMBLE

VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, February 23, 2024

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-21A

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriation are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000

PROPOSED APPROVED

Courts/0232

Amend to Add System Administrator (1)

Information Services/0106

Amend to Eliminate System Administrator (1)

SECTION 3. Effective March 13, 2024.

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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 County Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-25

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now, therefore:

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the General Fund, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

COUNTY GENERAL/1000

Veterans Assistance/0012

1000.36500.000.0012 Copy Machine Rental

\$750

Total County General Fund

\$750

ADVERTISED

APPROPRIATED

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-26

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now, therefore:

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the LIT/Special Purpose Fund, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

LIT/SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND/1114

1114.33300.000.0000 Contractual Services

Total LIT/Special Purpose Fund

ADVERTISED

APPROPRIATED

\$ 4,500,000

\$ 4,500,000

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024 .

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 County Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-27

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now, therefore:

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Parks Non-Reverting Fund, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

PARKS NON-REVERTING FUND/1179

1179.44510.000.0000 Equipment New

Total Parks Non-Reverting Fund

ADVERTISED

APPROPRIATED

\$ 40,280

\$ 40,280

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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 County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-28A

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County Park Fund the following:

PROPOSED APPROVED

COUNTY PARK FUND/1219

a. Add Full Time Maintenance/Park Ranger

\$23.48/hr

Grade 8

SECTION 3. Effective March 13, 2024.

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-29A

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

PROPOSED APPROVED

COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000

Adult Probation/0274

a. Change Position Title from:

Receptionist To:

Secretary II

From: Grade 3 (\$17.14)

To: Grade 6

\$20.70/hr

SECTION 3. Effective March 13, 2024.

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-33A

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the Supplemental Adult Probation Fund the following:

PROPOSED APPROVED

Supplemental Adult Probation/2100

a. Delete Secretary II Position

Grade 6

SECTION 3. Effective March 13 ,2024.

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-30A

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

PROPOSED APPROVED

COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000

Juvenile Court/0234

a. Change Position Title from:

Data Administrator To:

Staff Advocate From: Grade 4 (\$18.25) To: Grade 8 **\$23.48 /hr**

b. Change Position Title from:

Volunteer Coordinator/Monitor CASA To:

Staff Advocate From: Grade 10 (\$26.63) To: Grade 8 **\$23.48 /hr**

c. Change Position Title from:

Family Recovery Court Staff CASA To:

Staff Advocate From: Grade 8 (\$23.48) To: Grade 8 **\$23.48 /hr**

SECTION 3. Effective March 13, 2024.

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-31A

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

PROPOSED APPROVED

COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000

Juvenile Court/0234

a. Add Full Time Staff Advocate Positions (3)

\$23.48/hr

Grade 8

SECTION 3. Effective March 13, 2024.

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-32A

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

PROPOSED APPROVED

COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000

Juvenile Court/0234

a. Change Position Titles (4) from:
Volunteer Coordinator / Monitor To:
Staff Advocate Supervisor

Grade 10

SECTION 3. Effective March 13, 2024.

Approved on this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President Todd Thacker called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Calling of the roll

Aaron Loudermilk – present; Nancy Allsup – present; Vicki Weger – present; Marie Theisz – present; Travis Norris – present; David Thompson – present; and Todd Thacker – present.

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

Commissioner Mike Morris thanked the Council for the cooperation shown in 2023 and looked forward to continuing working together in 2024. Mark Clinkenbeard spoke briefly about the joint committee suggested at the end of last year to discuss the remaining ARPA funds and how best to proceed. He said he had met with Councilpersons Thacker, Weger and Norris in the last few weeks and identified several items of mutual interest. He pointed out that these were items agreed upon to be presented and voted on by the full Council. He looked forward to working together in the coming year. He also gave a brief update about E911 and its new location along with the new director, Brian DeHart, and on the status of the new maintenance building which is projected to be finished in July of 2024. Norm Loudermilk, Executive Director of the Vigo County Juvenile Center, announced that they had applied for a Covid 19 Detection and Mitigation in Confined Facilities grant from the State Department of Health several months ago. They have been awarded a grant of \$183,000. He described some of the approved expenditures that could be made with the grant funds. They had also had a recent high school graduation ceremony. They have had 6 graduates earn their diplomas since 2020. Auditor James Bramble distributed a copy of the 2023 encumbrances totaling \$15,730,972.61 to the Council. He pointed out that a little over \$12,000,000 of that was ARPA funds for last year's approved projects.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

Due to a large agenda, President Thacker bypassed the first reading in order to get through business in a timely fashion.

Reports from committees

There were no reports.

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations. In order to accommodate two requests that have a conflict with other matters tonight, the order for discussion has changed for the Courts and Vigo County School Corporation.

i. Salary Ordinance 2024-21A: Courts – Budget Adjustment

Hon. Chris Newton said they had been asked during the past year to transfer their IT person to the County's payroll rather than the Courts. Although this had been agreed to, he is an employee of the Courts and for security and other reasons, it is important that he remain under the Courts. They are requesting that he be transferred back under the Courts budget. Council had no questions.

ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-17: ARPA Grant Fund – Vigo County School Corporation Mental Health Program

Chris Hemsel, Vigo County School Corporation Superintendent, had distributed a handout summarizing their request for this project. A request is being made for ARPA funds to help support activities that were previously funded by the Project Aware Grant. Megan Kirk has been employed to coordinate many mental health services to help promote mental health among the students. They have had great success but the grant has now ended. They are requesting \$150,000 which would get them through at least the next year to be able to continue Ms. Kirk's employment as well as to supplement the things they are doing to support the kids. He gave statistics regarding increasing child abuse in the county, bullying and the programs being used to help with these issues and the mental health of all involved. There was a brief discussion with Council members.

iii. Resolution 2024-05: Council – Authorizing Advance Payments for Goods and Services

Council Attorney Michael Wright explained that the Indiana General Assembly changed a law last year that recognized the legitimate purposes under which bills could be prepaid. This proposal has already been adopted by the Capital Improvement Board for Vigo County. The Auditor's Office felt like it made good sense for their purposes to get that same opportunity at the county level. He gave some examples how this would work and the restrictions that are set out in the document.

iv. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-01: Vigo County Juvenile Court – Out-of-Series Transfer

Deb Kesler said their attorney who is on the Drug Court team was being paid out of contractual services but as of January 1, was hired as a public defender. Consequently, they need to switch the money for his services into the proper account so that he can be paid as a county employee and not as an independent contractor. This would need to be retroactive to January 1. She also noted that they had recently graduated two individuals from Drug Court.

v. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-02: Area Planning – Out-of-Series Transfer

Jared Bayler gave a brief presentation about a continuing education course an employee had attended at the end of last year. A floodplain simulation box was purchased to use after this training to be used for staff training, demonstrations, clinics, conferences and for use at school programs. It had been planned to pay for this simulation box from their Ed, Counseling Training line item but discovered it would need to be paid from the New Equipment line item. The total purchase was \$1,801.66. They are asking to transfer the

funds from their Ed, Counseling and Training budget to the New Equipment budget in order to pay for this equipment.

vi. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-03: EDIT – Parks – Land Acquisition – Out-of-Series Transfer

Adam Grossman, Park Superintendent, distributed a map to show the project area involved. Funds previously received from Council were going to be used in conjunction with an LWCF grant which became increasingly cumbersome and they elected not to move forward with the grant. They are asking for that same money through an out-of-series transfer for the land acquisition (which is addressed under Resolution of Reallocation 2024-03) and for improvements (which is addressed under Resolution of Reallocation 2024-04) that can be done in-house by the park staff for about the same amount of money along with some assistance from Riverscape. It will also get done significantly sooner than if it had been done under the grant.

vii. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-04: EDIT – Parks – Improvements – Out-of-Series Transfer

This was addressed by Adam Grossman in the prior paragraph.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

i. Additional Appropriation 2024-01: Local Public Health Services – Contractual Services

Joni Wise, Health Department Administrator, said this and the next two requests all tie into one program and to what Dr. Hemsel of the School Corporation talked about earlier by dovetailing into the program they are trying to do with Dr. Megan Kirk. Collaboration for Contractual Services between Chances and Services for Youth, Vigo County School Corporation, Family Service Association Counseling and Division 2 Family Court will employ social workers to provide services with the courts (working with children and families going through divorce and custody disputes) and to provide life skills, health and wellness education, therapy and other services in the Vigo County schools. Funding will be used for staffing, benefits, training, supplies and overhead. The entire cost is \$175,000 and funding sources for that can come through Health First Indiana funding, their Trust Fund, and Local Health Maintenance fund.

ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-02: LHD Trust – Contractual Services

This was addressed in (i) above.

iii. Additional Appropriation 2024-03: Health Maintenance – Contractual Services

This was addressed in (i) above.

iv. Additional Appropriation 2024-05: Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund – Disburse Funds

Judge Reddy explained that this was an annual request she makes for an additional appropriation for the \$20.00 collected from dissolution of marriage filing fees except when a waiver is requested and approved. She explained the restrictions in place for the use of this money.

v. Additional Appropriation 2024-04: EDIT – Community Crossing Grant Match

Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer and Highway Director, gave a brief history of the Community Crossing Grant Match. Vigo County has been awarded a grant every year except 2018. One of the stipulations for the 2018 grant was that the 2016 grant had to be completed before you could submit again. That was one of the first things Mr. Robbins did when he started the job was to get the 2016 grant completed. \$13.6 million dollars in road improvements have been accomplished since inception of the program for a total of 139 miles of road improvements out of 826 total miles. 127 of those miles are gravel. 20% of our total road miles have been touched with this program in 8 years. Previously, the max award was \$1 million. In December of 2023, INDOT approved an increase to match up to \$1.5 million for 2024. Therefore, the request is for an additional \$500,000 for matching dollars.

vi. Additional Appropriation 2024-06: ARPA Grant Fund – Recreational Trails Project

It was noted that this request along with the following for culvert and drain projects had been appropriated in 2023 but with no contract entered into for the funding at the end of 2023, the money could not be encumbered to the following year. Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer and Highway Director, said \$2.1 million in culvert and drain work and \$1 million in recreational trails had been awarded last year. He had been able to accomplish one crossing in Riley with the trails project so he is not requesting the full \$1 million be reappropriated for it. He is currently working on contracts for the trail project but does need the reappropriation. He also said he is close on contracts for the culverts and drains. He actually signed paperwork this week for the permitting for that and will probably bid it next month.

vii. Additional Appropriation 2024-07: ARPA Grant Fund – Culvert & Drainage Projects

This was addressed in the previous paragraph.

viii. Additional Appropriation 2024-08: ARPA Grant Fund – Hasselburger Bridge Improvement

Larry Robbins, Vigo County Engineer and Highway Director, said this bridge has been identified as a good project for additional ARPA funding. The bridge was built in 1919 and reconstructed in 1973 with superstructure work to widen the bridge at that point. There are now concrete issues with the bridge. He explained what the issues are and how some of them are caused along with what efforts had been made to fix them. Rehab versus reconstruction had been considered and cost was pretty close. This is the best

opportunity to rebuild the bridge completely. It is set to bid in October and cost estimate is about \$1.8 million. There is some contingency built into that so there is a little bit of wiggle room. He is requesting \$1.5 million in ARPA funding. He might have to request additional money at budget time to cover any shortfalls that might occur. This has become more urgent due to work that is planned for the north side of the county which will require this to become a detour for the planned construction. He is also working with INDOT for the reconstruction of the interchange for the intersection of US 41 and Clinton Road. This will also be a detour route for that area when that project begins. He would like to have the Hasselburger issues addressed before all that major traffic occurs. There was a brief discussion about the possible shortfall of funding and how to fund it. It was noted that construction would take about a year but some pre-work could begin before actual construction would start in April.

**ix. Additional Appropriation 2024-09: ARPA Grant Fund –
Courthouse Dome Cleaning Painting**

Commissioner Mark Clindenbeard said they were requesting \$128,000 from ARPA funds to clean, paint and apply sealer to the dome and other metal corners of the Courthouse. This job is very dangerous and will require the workers to rappel from the cupola to accomplish the cleaning and painting. This was painted in 2015 but did not last as it had been planned due to a sealer problem. There was a brief discussion. We will be using the same painters as previously. There are very few people who do this kind of work. It was also noted that it was not the fault of the painters that the previous work had not lasted as anticipated but was a product defect.

**x. Additional Appropriation 2024-10: ARPA Grant Fund –
Courthouse Roof Repair**

Commissioner Mark Clindenbeard then explained the need for the roof repair at the Court House. There is a leak in part of the roof. An estimate of \$2,000 has been obtained.

**xi. Additional Appropriation 2024-11: ARPA Grant Fund –
County Annex Parking Lot Seal & Stripe**

Commissioner Mark Clindenbeard explained the need for the sealing and striping of the parking lot. They have obtained two estimates and both are under \$30,000. The contractor will apply two coats of sealer and restripe everything. The newer portion has never been done. If parking lots are not maintained in this fashion, you shorten the life of the asphalt.

**xii. Additional Appropriation 2024-12: ARPA Grant Fund –
Community Corrections**

Commissioner Mark Clindenbeard said they will be coming out with a plan in partnership with the City later in the Spring to tackle the litter problem. Community Corrections supplies the labor to pick up the litter. They have one vehicle that is worn out and need a newer vehicle to get the crew out there. Director Bill Watson gave information on this request. The vehicle they want to replace is 32 years old and has been maintained for as long as possible but it is to the point that it is a safety concern to send people out in it.

They picked up approximately 2,700 pounds of trash last year and that does not include other trash clean-up projects by other groups and the Highway Department.

xiii. Additional Appropriation 2024-13: ARPA Grant Fund – Sheriff

Derek Fell, Chief of Operations with the Vigo County Sheriff's Office, said they have approximately 60 vehicles in their fleet. Every 5 years, they try to replace about half of their fleet through a lease program due to the high mileage put on the vehicles. They are asking for 2 jail vans (one large 15-passenger van and a minivan) and 2 patrol vehicles with the ARPA funding. There was a short discussion about the number of transport vehicles they currently have (7). Two of the oldest vans cannot leave the county due to their high mileage and safety concerns.

xiv. Additional Appropriation 2024-14: ARPA Grant Fund – Veterans Point Tiny Homes for Vets

Debby Sullivan, Director of Terre Haute Association of Realtors and Co-Chair for Veterans Village, along with Board President Kyle Shultz, talked about this request. This funding request is not for a specific item but the money would be used to keep the project moving. This project is ongoing and foundations for the homes have already been installed. The homes will be placed on the foundations as soon as the weather breaks. Their target is for the 100-150 unhoused veterans in the county for transitional housing. The veterans would reside there for 12-18 months for the purpose of reacclimating back into society and become whole again. They have been working on this for a couple of years. They have done fundraisers and received some private funding and community efforts. Very little public funds have gone into it. The ARPA funding would provide finishing touches on the project. The Veterans Village board is made up of all volunteers. There was a short discussion.

xv. Additional Appropriation 2024-15: ARPA Grant Fund – Vigo County Historical Society

This request had originated in 2023. Marla Flowers recapped the need for this funding. A capital campaign was launched last November and through community support was able to raise \$51,945. A private foundation is also making a generous donation along with this funding and would get them to the \$150,00 mark of the \$300,000 project.

xvi. Additional Appropriation 2024-16: ARPA Grant Fund – Vigo Rural Water Study

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard spoke about the clean water issue in a portion of the county. He introduced Bionca Gambill, President of Sullivan Vigo Rural Water Corporation, to talk about this project. She gave a brief history of how this company came about and where their funding came from. Due to some unforeseen circumstances (i.e. Desert Storm among others), initial funding was \$2 million less than originally awarded. This required elimination of 22 miles of pipeline. They are requesting \$60,000 of ARPA funds to help initiate a preliminary engineering report. This would allow them to look at their system and see what would need to be done to be able to service more people who need to be connected so that further funding could be obtained.

xvii. Additional Appropriation 2024-17: ARPA Grant Fund – VCSC Mental Health Program

This was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

xviii. Additional Appropriation 2024-18: E-Share Asset Forfeiture – New Equipment

Officer Derek Fell, Chief of Operations at the Sheriff's Department, said they are asking for \$32,395 to be transferred from their E-Share Asset Forfeiture account for red dot sights for their handguns to improve accuracy, faster charger acquisition, and make it easier to find the target. This fund can only be used for equipment and this request would qualify.

xix. Additional Appropriation 2024-19: E-Share Asset Forfeiture

Officer Fell said the second part of the request from the E-Share Asset Forfeiture Fund is for \$41,229 in order to provide a vehicle for the deputy in their Investigations Division that was added to this year's budget. An estimate for the cost of the vehicle was provided but did not include the police package pricing. There was a brief discussion. It was noted that the E-Share Asset Forfeiture Fund had a balance of \$76,865.18 and could cover these two requests.

xx. Salary Ordinance 2024-20A: Sheriff – Captain Position

Officer Derek Fell then explained that they were asking to increase the number of supervisors and would like to swap a sergeant position for a captain position. It would also include adding one captain stipend but eliminating one sergeant stipend. An additional detective stipend was being requested due to the omission of adding in a stipend for the new detective that had been added for this year's budget. There was a short discussion.

xxi. Salary Ordinance 2024-21A: Courts – Budget Adjustment

This was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

xxii. Salary Ordinance 2024-22A: Local Public Health Services – Stipends

Chief Deputy Auditor explained that separate salary ordinances for certain departments had been split apart. Section 5 of the Vigo County Health Department Ordinance needs to be amended for certain positions paid from the Local Health Fund to receive a stipend paid from the Local Public Health Services Fund to add to their base pay to increase salary to the midpoint range as determined by the Baker Tilly Study. There was a brief discussion for further explanation.

xxiii. Salary Ordinance 2024-23A: Prosecutor – Amend Legal Secretary Position

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts said this was a request that had been previously made. This involves moving a Child Support Legal Secretary spot to a Criminal Legal Secretary spot. The salary is the same for either position so this would not be any fiscal

impact with the change. This will take care of the additional need in their Criminal Division and they do not believe it will impact the Child Support division negatively.

xxiv. Salary Ordinance 2024-24A: Courts – Salary Adjustment for Case Managers

Director of Court Services Bill Watson explained that the case management positions of the pre-trial screeners were not a part of the Baker Tilly study. 2 of the screeners are paid by the County and 2 are paid from the Indiana Office of Court Services. During the budget process, Mr. Watson did not want to increase the salary of the 2 paid for by the County unless he could be sure that the 2 paid for by Indiana Office of Court Services could also be increased. The funding award from the State comes long after the County budget is approved. The State did allow a 3% increase for the State-paid employees. Therefore, Mr. Watson is now requesting a 3% increase for the 2 screeners paid from county funds to balance everyone out. At this point, none of the screeners have received any increase until it is determined what the Council will do.

Public Comments

There were none.

Nancy Allsup made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
SUNSHINE MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President Todd Thacker called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Calling of the roll

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

Correcting of the journal of the preceding meeting if needed

November 8, 2023 Sunshine Meeting

November 14, 2023 Meeting

January 9, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Sunshine Meeting. Travis Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Sunshine Meeting. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Meeting. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the January 9, 2024 reorganizational meeting. Nancy Allsup made a motion to approve the minutes of the reorganizational meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

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

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard announced that Amazon will be building a hub in the Industrial Park that is called the Last Mile delivery hub. They will have 80-100 part time and full time jobs with another possible 80-100 private contractor jobs. They are asking for no tax abatements.

Reports from committee(s)

There were none

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.

- i. **Resolution 2024-05: Council – Authorizing Advance Payments for Goods and Services**

Council Attorney Michael Wright summarized the purpose of this Resolution. County Auditor Jim Bramble added that the newly passed law codifies the way things really

work. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve this request. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

ii. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-01: Vigo County Juvenile Court – Out-of-Series Transfer

This had been presented at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Aaron Loudermilk made a motion to approve this request. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

iii. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-02: Area Planning – Out-of-Series Transfer

This had been presented at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve this request. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

iv. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-03: EDIT – Parks – Land Acquisition – Out-of-Series Transfer

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger commented that this request shows the ingenuity of our Parks Superintendent, Adam Grossman. Ms. Weger then made a motion to approve this request. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

v. Resolution of Reallocation 2024-04: EDIT – Parks – Improvements – Out-of-Series Transfer

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve this request. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

i. Additional Appropriation 2024-01: Local Public Health Services – Contractual Services

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-01. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-02: LHD Trust – Contractual Services

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-02. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

iii. Additional Appropriation 2024-03: Health Maintenance – Contractual Services

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-03. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

iv. Additional Appropriation 2024-05: Alternative Dispute Resolution – Legal Services

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Travis Norris made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-05. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

v. Additional Appropriation 2024-04: EDIT – Community Crossing Grant Match

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-04. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

vi. Additional Appropriation 2024-06: ARPA Grant Fund – Recreational Trails Project

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. This money had been appropriated last year but because there was no contract in place at the end of 2023, it will need to be reappropriated this year. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-06. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

vii. Additional Appropriation 2024-07: ARPA Grant Fund – Culvert & Drainage Projects

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. This also had been appropriated last year but was not under contract at the end of 2023 and needs to be reappropriated. Council had no further questions. Nancy Allsup made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-07. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

viii. Additional Appropriation 2024-08: ARPA Grant Fund – Hasselburger Bridge Improvement

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-08. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

ix. Additional Appropriation 2024-09: ARPA Grant Fund – Courthouse Dome Cleaning & Painting

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-09. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

x. Additional Appropriation 2024-10: ARPA Grant Fund – Courthouse Roof Repair

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-10. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xi. Additional Appropriation 2024-11: ARPA Grant Fund – County Annex Parking Lot Seal & Stripe

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Marie Theisz asked if the striping would remain the same or if any new configuration was planned. No changes were planned. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-11. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xii. Additional Appropriation 2024-12: ARPA Grant Fund – Community Corrections

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Marie Theisz briefly reviewed the purpose of this request. Council had no further questions. Marie Theisz then made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-12. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xiii. Additional Appropriation 2024-13: ARPA Grant Fund - Sheriff

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Travis Norris said that he had reached out to the Sheriff's Department about their current inventory and had gathered the following information. Since January of 2023 through today, there were 658 transports done, 2 trips to Arkansas, 20 to Illinois, and 2 to Kentucky. Non-scheduled hospital details through the same dates are 249 inmates sent out urgently with a total time spent on these being 165 days, 20 hours, 8 minutes. One of the hospital details lasted 43 days and was in Indianapolis. That particular detail placed 20,665.8 miles on the fleet driving back and forth. Court transfers average 28 trips per week to the Court House. In conjunction with the Courts, they are working on using the court space in the current jail to cut down on some of these trips which will help with reduction of time and mileage. All vehicles have 150,000 plus miles with the exception of two. It is hoped to see some reductions with the use of the court space located in the new jail. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-13. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xiv. Additional Appropriation 2024-14: ARPA Grant Fund - Veterans Point Tiny Homes for Vets

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Nancy Allsup made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-14. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xv. Additional Appropriation 2024-15: ARPA Grant Fund – Vigo County Historical Society

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-15. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xvi. Additional Appropriation 2024-16: ARPA Grant Fund – Vigo Rural Water Study

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. President Thacker summarized this request. Council had no further questions. Nancy Allsup made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-16. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xvii. Additional Appropriation 2024-17: ARPA Grant Fund – VCSC Mental Health Program

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-17. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xviii. Additional Appropriation 2024-18: E-Share Asset Forfeiture – New Equipment

This was explained at the Sunshine Meeting. This request was for red dot sights for guns. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-18. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xix. Additional Appropriation 2024-19: E-Share Asset Forfeiture - Vehicle

This was explained at the Sunshine Meeting. Aaron Loudermilk had to leave the Sunshine meeting when this was presented and asked if this was a reimbursement. He also asked if the Department already had the vehicle in its possession. Officer Derek Fell said they did have the vehicle but no payments had been made. Councilman Loudermilk asked if this request was not approved if there was backup plan on how to pay for it. Officer Fell said it would have to be paid out of Commissary. Officer Fell did not know how long they had the vehicle but said it was not very long. This vehicle would go to one of the two officers who had been added at the beginning of this year. One of those

officers would be going back to Investigations and would need an unmarked vehicle to drive. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-19. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 5-1 with Aaron Loudermilk voting nay, the motion carried.

xx. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-20A: Sheriff – Captain Position

This had been explained at the Sunshine Meeting. President Thacker gave a brief review of what it entailed. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said the stipend for the captain was inadvertently omitted during the budget process for 2024 and this will address that issue. There was a brief discussion. Councilman Loudermilk asked if Captain was a merit position. Officer Derek Fell said captains are appointed positions through state statute. It is a merited full time deputy. This is not an added position, it is a change in title. Councilman Loudermilk asked if the appointment had already been made. Officer Fell replied that there is someone filling that role (the job description and duties) but the position cannot be funded without Council approval. They have been doing this job for 2-3 weeks. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-20A. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

xxi. Salary Ordinance 2024-21A: Courts – Budget Adjustment

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. President Thacker noted that the Courts were asking that the System Administrator be added back to the Courts budget and removed from the IT budget. This change had taken place during budget meetings for 2024. Aaron Loudermilk made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-21A. Councilwoman Vicki Weger said she would like to have this referred to the Budget Committee for next month. President Thacker said there was a motion to approve on the floor and would need to be dealt with first. There was no second for the motion and the motion died for lack of a second. Ms. Weger then made a motion to refer this to the Budget Committee for further information. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. A short discussion took place about how this came about during budget discussions for 2024. Chief Judge Sarah Mullican stated that the position had been created for the Courts because of confidentiality of employees. Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts also spoke in favor of the separation of the position back to the Courts budget. Councilwoman Theisz asked for clarification that Mr. Roberts was supporting the separation of the position back to the Courts budget. Mr. Roberts replied affirmatively. Councilwoman Theisz asked for clarification one last time before a vote was taken. President Thacker then called for a voice vote to send this back to the Budget Committee, which resulted in more than one nay vote. A roll call vote was then taken with voting as follows: Aaron Loudermilk – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Todd Thacker – aye; Marie Theisz – aye; Travis Norris – nay. With a vote of 4-2, the motion carried.

xxii. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-22A: Local Public Health Services – Stipends

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Todd Thacker gave a brief review of the reason for this request. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said the amounts for the stipends had been taken back to January 1 to clear this up. This is being amended to take them to the mid-point based on the Baker Tilly study. Nancy Allsup made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-22A. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

xxiii. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-23A: Prosecutor – Amend Legal Secretary Position

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Todd Thacker gave a brief review of the reason for this request. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-23A. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

xxiv. Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-24A: Courts – Salary Adjustment for Case Managers

This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk briefly reviewed this request. There are 2 screening analyst/case managers who are paid by the County and two who are paid from a grant. These positions were not part of the Baker Tilly study. When raises were discussed, these positions were not included because it was not certain that the same raise could be given to the 2 grant funded positions and it was intended that all 4 positions be paid the same. It was determined by the State at a later date after raises were given at budget time for County employees that the grant funded positions could receive the 3% raise. Now, it is being requested that the two County positions receive a 3% increase. It was also pointed out that the grant funded positions had not received the 3% increase, and would not, unless the County increased the other two positions by 3%. This was presented as retroactive to January 1 but if Council chooses a different effective date, that part of the appropriation will need to be amended. Ms. Loudermilk did note that the total cost to the County would be \$2,603. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-24A and for it to be effective as of January 1, 2024. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

President Thacker announced the following 2024 appointments:

Outside Appointments:

Alcoholic Beverage Commission-1 Year	John Whitaker
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (Democrat)-1 year	Karrum Nasser
Vigo County Redevelopment Commission-1 Year	Scott Ridge
Vigo County Redevelopment Commission-1 Year	Pat Ralston
Vigo County Public Library Board-4 years	Tiffany Cherry
Vigo County Public Library Board fulfilling A partial term expiring 12/31/24	Brian Cain
Park & Recreation (exp. 12/31/26)	Joe Newton
Park & Recreation (exp. 12/31/24)	Aaron Gadberry
Terre Haute Area MPO Transportation Policy Committee	R. Todd Thacker
Convention & Visitors Bureau (exp. 12/31/24)	Allison Morris
Convention & Visitors Bureau (exp. 12/31/24)	Linda Lambert
Board of Zoning Appeals (exp. 12/31/27)	Scott Lough
Hamilton Center Board (exp. 12/31/24)	Doug Napier
Vigo County Board of Health (exp. 12/31/27)	Dr. Amber Cadick

Internal Appointments

E911 Advisory Board-1 Year	Vicki Weger
Emergency Management Advisory Council-1 Year	Aaron Loudermilk
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee-1 Year	R. Todd Thacker
Local Emergency Planning Commission-1 Year	Travis Norris
West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc.-1 Year	Marie Theisz
Building Inspection Advisory Board-1 Year	R. Todd Thacker
Vigo County Fair Board-1 Year	Travis Norris
Wabash River Development and Beautification, Inc.-1 Year	Marie Theisz
Safe Schools Task Force-2 Years	David Thompson
Council Attorney-1 Year	Michael Wright

Council Committees

Annual Budget Committee-1 Year	Vicki Weger, Chair
Annual Budget Committee-1 Year	Marie Theisz
Annual Budget Committee-1 Year	David Thompson

Public Comments

There were none.

Adjournment

Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 12th day of March, 2024.

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

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor