



**Meeting of the
Vigo County Council
February 11, 2025**

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Council Chamber-Vigo County Government Center
5:00 P.M.
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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Council Chamber-Vigo County Government Center

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Calling of the Roll**
- 3. Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed**
 - a. December 3, 2024 Sunshine Meeting
 - b. December 10, 2024 Meeting
 - c. January 7, 2025 Organizational Meeting
- 4. Communications from elected officials, other officials or Agencies of the County**
- 5. Reports from Committees**
- 6. Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations**
 - a. Ordinance 2025-1: Authorizing and Approving the Investment of Public Funds by the Vigo County Treasurer
- 7. Ordinances Relating to Appropriations**
 - a. **Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-01:** Council Administrator
 - b. **Additional Appropriation 2025-01:** Council Administrator
 - c. **Additional Appropriation 2025-02:** Council Member's Insurance
 - d. **Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02:** Assessor's Office (Eliminate a Position)
 - e. **Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-03:** Assessor's Office Pay Increase
 - f. **Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-04:** Assessor's Office Pay Increase (pt.2)
 - g. **Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-05:** Assessor's Office Pay Increase (pt.3)
 - h. **Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-01:** Assessor's Office Pay Increase (pt. 4)
 - i. **Additional Appropriation 2025-03:** Reassessment Fund - Assessor's Office Pay Increase (pt.5)
 - j. **Additional Appropriation 2025-04:** Security Cameras at Courthouse
 - k. **Additional Appropriation 2025-05:** Health Department – New Equipment: Life Vac units, IFAK kits, CERT kits
 - l. **Additional Appropriation 2025-06:** Health Department – New Equipment (pt.2)
 - m. **Additional Appropriation 2025-07:** Health Department – New Equipment (pt.3)
 - n. **Additional Appropriation 2025-08:** Health Department – New Equipment (pt.4)
 - o. **Additional Appropriation 2025-09:** Health Department – New Equipment (pt.5)
 - p. **Additional Appropriation 2025-10:** Health Department – New Equipment (pt.6)
 - q. **Additional Appropriation 2025-11:** Health Department – New Equipment (pt.7)
 - r. **Additional Appropriation 2025-12:** Health Department – CPR Training Mannequins, Free CPR Training
 - s. **Additional Appropriation 2025-13:** Health Department – Intrepid Phoenix Fitness Program and Application, Purdue Extension GrowTH Club, Deming Park Summer Yoga, Fall Prevention Program
- 8. Honorary Resolutions**
- 9. Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council**
- 10. Appointments**
- 11. Public Comment**
- 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, February 4, 2025 for a Sunshine Meeting to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the same location for a Voting Meeting.

<u>COUNTY GENERAL/1000</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>General / County Council 0061</u>	
1000.10010.00000.0061 Salaries	\$53,172.00
1000.15210.00000.0061 FICA	\$4,068.00
1000.15220.00000.0061 PERF	\$7,551.00
1000.15230.00000.0061 Group Insurance	<u>\$91,840.00</u>
	\$156,631.00
 <u>General/Assessor 0008</u>	
1000.10010.00000.0008 Salaries	\$21,146.78
1000.15210.00000.0008 FICA	\$1,617.73
1000.15220.00000.0008 PERF	\$3,002.84
	\$25,767.35
 Total General	\$182,398.35
 <u>Reassessment/1224</u>	
1224.10010.00000.0000 Salaries	\$18,805.92
1224.15210.00000.0000 FICA	\$1,438.65
1224.15220.00000.0000 PERF	\$2,670.44
	\$22,915.01
 <u>LIT Special Purpose/1114</u>	
1114.37850.00000.0000	\$12,500.00
1114.44510.00000.0000	\$25,651.00
	\$38,151.00
 <u>Health Imm Covid 19/8209</u>	
8209.21100.00000.0000	\$3,053.47
<u>93.268 Health Immunization 2/8119</u>	
8119.21100.00000.0000	\$1,468.68
<u>93.268 Health Immunization 1/8109</u>	
8109.21100.00000.0000	\$2,158.55
<u>Health CARES Act CV-2/8911</u>	
8911.21100.00000.0000	\$2,918.57
<u>93.354 2021 Annual Survey/8915</u>	
8915.21100.00000.0000	\$1,000.00
<u>Health Maintenance/1168</u>	
1168.21100.00000.0000	\$36,129.73
<u>Health Donation Fund/4103</u>	
4103.21100.00000.0000	\$12,972.46
<u>Health Non-Reverting/4957</u>	
4957.44510.00000.0000	\$1,600.00
	\$61,301.46
 <u>Local Public Health Services/1161</u>	
1161.33300.00000.0000	\$65,324.00

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>

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.

Larry T. Hutchings, II
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, January 24, 2025

ORDINANCE 2025-1

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY THE VIGO COUNTY TREASURER

WHEREAS Indiana Code 5-13-9-5.7 allows for the fiscal body of a political subdivision to adopt an investment policy authorizing the investment of public funds of the political subdivision for more than two years and not more than five years and in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13 including Indiana Code 5-13-9-2; and

WHEREAS, the Vigo County Council did adopt such an investment policy by Resolution 2022-05 effective May 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-13-9-5.7 provides that a fiscal body that has adopted a written investment policy under subsection (a) of said statute may adopt an ordinance authorizing its investment officer to make investments in accordance with such investment policy statute.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana as follows:

1. Authorization. The Vigo County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make an investment of public funds for more than two years and not more than five years.
2. Investments must be made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13 including Indiana Code 5-13-9-2 and 5-13-9-5.7.
3. There shall be a limit of total investments outstanding under this authorization to not be more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by the political subdivision, including balances in the transaction accounts.
4. Expiration Date. This Ordinance expires and has an expiration date on DECEMBER 31, 2025.
5. This Ordinance authorizes the Vigo County Treasurer to make investments that have a final stated maturity of more than two years but not more than five years.
6. The Vigo County Treasurer may contract with a federally regulated investment advisor or others institutional money managers to make investments in accordance with this Ordinance.
7. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its date of adoption.

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Vigo County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-01

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2025, 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 appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless aid 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

General/ County Council 0061

1000.10010.00000.0061 Salaries

\$53,172.00

1000.15210.00000.0061 FICA

\$ 4,068.00

1000.15220.00000.0061 PERF

\$ 7,551.00

1000.15230.00000.0061 Single Insurance

\$12,926.00

Total General Fund/1000:

\$77,717.00

SECTION 3. Effective February 12, 2025.

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Vigo County Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-01

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the County 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.

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>
<u>County General Fund/1000</u>		
<u>General/ County Council 0061</u>		
1000.10010.00000.0061 Salaries	\$53,172.00	
1000.15210.00000.0061 FICA	\$ 4,068.00	
1000.15220.00000.0061 PERF	\$ 7,551.00	
1000.15230.00000.0061 Single Insurance	<u>\$12,926.00</u>	
Total General Fund/1000:	\$77,717.00	

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry_____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-02

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the County 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.

Requested

Appropriated

County General/1000

General/ County Council 0061

1000.15230.00000.0061 Group Insurance

\$78,914.00

Total General Fund/1000:

\$78,914.00

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-02

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, 2025, 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 otherwise expressly be 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

GENERAL/HARRISON ASSESSOR 0013

Amend to Eliminate Deputy Assessor/Field Agent Position

SECTION 3. Effective February 12, 2025.

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-03

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, 2025, 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 otherwise expressly be 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.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000

PROPOSED

APPROVED

General/Assessor 0008

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| a. Change position of Deputy Assessor (4)
From: Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) | To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr) |
| b. Change position of Chief Deputy (1)
From: Grade 12 (\$56,628.00/yr) | To: Grade 13 (\$60,309.00/yr) |
| c. Change position of County Assessor (1)
From: \$70,726.00/yr | To: \$77,445.00/yr |

SECTION 3. Effective February 12, 2025.

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-04

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, 2025, 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 otherwise expressly be 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.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND/1000

PROPOSED

APPROVED

General/Harrison Assessor 0013

- | | | |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|
| a. | Change position of Deputy Assessor/Field Agent (3) | |
| | From: Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) | To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr) |
| b. | Change position of Chief Deputy (1) | |
| | From: Grade 11 (\$53,172.00/yr) | To: Grade 12 (\$56,628.00/yr) |
| c. | Change position of Harrison County Assessor (1) | |
| | From: \$66,409.00/yr | To: \$70,706.00/yr |

SECTION 3. Effective February 12, 2025.

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-05

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, 2025, 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 otherwise expressly be 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 Reassessment Fund the following.

COUNTY REASSESSMENT FUND/1224

PROPOSED

APPROVED

- | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|
| a. Change position of Deputy Assessor (2) | | |
| From: Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) | | To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr) |
| b. Change position of Deputy Assessor/Field Agent (3) | | |
| From: Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) | | To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr) |
| c. Change position of Sales Disclosure Deputy | | |
| From: Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) | | To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr) |
| d. Change position of Deputy Assessor/County | | |
| From: Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) | | To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr) |

SECTION 3. Effective February 12, 2025.

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐		David Thompson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐		
Aye ☐	Absent ☐		Brad Anderson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐		
Aye ☐	Absent ☐		Steve Ellis_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐		
Aye ☐	Absent ☐		Brenda Wilson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐		
Aye ☐	Absent ☐		Vicki Weger_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐		
Aye ☐	Absent ☐		Nancy Allsup_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐		
Aye ☐	Absent ☐		Randy Gentry _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐		

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

RESOLUTION OF RE-ALLOCATION OF EXISTING APPROPRIATION 2025-01

It has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes which appropriated are hereby re-allocated in the following amounts:

County General/1000

Requested

Appropriated

From: General/Harrison Assessor 0013

1000.10010.00000.0013 Salaries	\$21,146.78
1000.15210.00000.0013 FICA	\$ 1,617.73
1000.15220.00000.0013 PERF	<u>\$ 3,002.84</u>
Total:	\$25,767.35

To: General/Assessor 0008

1000.10010.00000.0013 Salaries	\$21,146.78
1000.15210.00000.0013 FICA	\$ 1,617.73
1000.15220.00000.0013 PERF	<u>\$ 3,002.84</u>
Total:	\$25,767.35

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-03

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the County 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.

Requested

Approved

County Reassessment/1224

Reassessment Fund/1224

1224.10010.00000.0000 Salaries	\$18,805.92
1224.15210.00000.0000 FICA	\$ 1,438.65
1224.15220.00000.0000 PERF	<u>\$ 2,670.44</u>
Total Reassessment/1224:	\$22,915.01

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-04

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council 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/1114

1114.37850.00000.0000 Professional Services

Requested
\$12,500.00

1114.44510.00000.0000 New Equipment

Appropriated
\$25,651.00

Total LIT Special Purpose/1114

\$38,151.00

Approved on this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-05

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council Health Imm Covid 19 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.

Health Imm Covid 19/8209

Requested

Appropriated

Health Imm Covid 19/8209

8209.21100.00000.0000 Trauma and Injury Prevention

\$3,053.47

Total Health Imm Covid 19/8209

\$3,053.47

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
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Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-06

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council 93.268 Health Immunization 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.

93.268 Health Immunization 2/8119

Requested **Appropriated**

93.268 Health Immunization 2/8119

8119.21100.00000.0000 Trauma and Injury Prevention

\$1,468.68

Total 93.268 Health Immunization 2/8119:

\$1,468.68

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-07

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council 93.268 Health Immunization 1 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.

93.268 Health Immunization 1/8109

Requested **Appropriated**

93.268 Health Immunization 1/8109

8109.21100.00000.0000 Trauma and Injury Prevention

\$2,158.55

Total 93.268 Health Immunization 1/8109:

\$2,158.55

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-08

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council Health CARES Act CV-2/8911 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.

Health CARES Act CV-2/8911

Requested Appropriated

Health CARES Act CV-2/8911

8911.21100.00000.0000 Trauma and Injury Prevention

\$2,918.57

Total Health CARES Act CV-2/8911:

\$2,918.57

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II

Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-09

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council 93.354 2021 Annual Survey/8915 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.

93.354 2021 Annual Survey/8915

Requested

Appropriated

93.354 2021 Annual Survey/8915

8915.21100.00000.0000 Trauma and Injury Prevention

\$1,000.00

Total 93.354 2021 Annual Survey/8915:

\$1,000.00

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II

Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-10

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council Health Maintenance/1168 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.

Health Maintenance/1168

Requested

Appropriated

Health Maintenance/1168

1168.21100.00000.0000 Trauma and Injury Prevention

\$36,129.73

Total Health Maintenance/1168:

\$36,129.73

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-11

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council Health Donation/4103 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.

Health Donation Fund/4103

Requested

Appropriated

Health Donation Fund/4103

4103.21100.00000.0000 Trauma and Injury Prevention

\$12,972.46

Total Health Donation Fund/4103:

\$12,972.46

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-12

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council Health 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.

Health Non-Reverting/4957

Requested

Appropriated

Health Non-Reverting/4957

4957.44510.00000.0000 New Equipment

\$1,600.00

Total Health Non-Reverting/4957:

\$1,600.00

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	David Thompson _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup _____
Aye ☐ Nay ☐	Absent ☐ Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-13

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

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Council Local Public Health Services 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.

<u>Local Public Health Services/1161</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>
<u>Local Public Health Services/1161</u>		
1161.33300.00000.0000 Intrepid Phoenix Fitness Program	\$27,060.00	
1161.33300.00000.0000 Intrepid Phoenix Application	\$31,045.00	
1161.33300.00000.0000 Purdue Extension GrowTH Club 2025	\$ 2,960.00	
1161.33300.00000.0000 Summer Yoga Program	\$ 2,040.00	
1161.33300.00000.0000 Matter of Balance Fall Prevention	<u>\$ 2,219.00</u>	
Total Local Public Health Services/1161:	<u>\$65,324.00</u>	

Approved this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brenda Wilson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Nancy Allsup _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Randy Gentry _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 3, 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 – absent; 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

County Attorney Michael Wright had distributed two documents to Council members. The first document dealt with the judicial mandate from the Courts. The Indiana Supreme Court issued an Order requiring the parties to mediate the mandate. Retired Supreme Court Justice Steven David has been appointed as the mediator and mediation is ordered to occur no later than February 7, 2025. Mr. Wright will be forwarding some documents to the mediator to advise as to the changes that will occur in the 2025 salary ordinance. With the approaching holidays, Mr. Wright believes that mediation will not occur until after the first of the year.

The second document is a letter related to grant funding that Bill Watson is planning to pursue through the Department of Mental Health Association. Mr. Watson believes that the window to apply for the grant when it becomes available, which is expected to be this month, will only be open for two business weeks. He would like to have a letter of support ready for the grant application. The letter provided tonight is that letter of support indicating that the County will be responsible for the operating expenses of said facility if the grant is awarded and the building is constructed. This does not commit actual funds or override any decisions to be made by incoming Council members. Several additional steps would be necessary to actually confirm many things that would be necessary to allow this project to be completed.

Councilwoman Marie Theisz expressed her thoughts on the closing of the Group Home which had recently taken place. It was her opinion that restructuring could have occurred while maintaining state funding to protect vulnerable, needy children. She hoped that the new Council members coming in and the Commissioners would continue to look for opportunities to help these children and families.

Sean Gardner of Mainstream Fiber Networks said this fiber bill plan had been presented to the Commissioners in September. The State has \$868 million in broadband funds to help bring broadband to rural Indiana to the unserved and under-served population. They had prepared a map showing their proposed build covering across the southern part of

Vigo County east to west and both the northeast and northwest corners of the County which are currently considered unserved or under-served. This project would have 145 miles of fiber passing 1,675 unserved or under-served locations. Mainstream will put in \$8.6 million of their own capital to build this and look to BEAD for \$500,000 to offset those costs. He gave a brief synopsis of what locations they are currently serving. They anticipate the grant applications opening mid-December. There was a short discussion.

Reports from committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.

i. Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Correctional/Detention/Building Security Officers

This Ordinance was tabled at last month's meeting in order to get some more information about the number of officers reflected. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk reminded everyone that during the Budget Committee meetings, it had been requested that one correctional officer be moved to a first sergeant position. That decreased the regular number of officers at the jail from 71 to 70 and increased the number of first sergeants from one to two. It was a reclassification of a position but the total number remains the same.

ii. Amended Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Health Department

Cheryl Loudermilk said this is being amended to take the stipends for the Parks Department and actually put them in the Parks Ordinance. The funding is going to the Parks Department from the new HFI fund. She also reminded that there would be two from the Auditor's Office being paid from this fund directly. The Environmental Health Supervisor had also been previously omitted and was now added. Todd Thacker pointed out that these amendments, just like the rest of the money that was paid out of the grant from HFI, once that money goes away, then that money reverts back to the standard salary ordinance which does not include that elevated amount.

iii. Amended Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Parks Department

Cheryl Loudermilk said this just amends the Parks salary ordinance to put the stipends in so that they can be paid since they are receiving the funding from HFI. The office manager has now also been included.

iv. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-22 - Veterans Assistance

This is a request for reallocation to pay for office supplies and would be reallocated from Travel Expenses and Dues. Counsel had no questions in this regard.

v. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-23 – Highway

This reallocation request is to cover liability insurance funding and would come from their Gasoline line item. Cheryl Loudermilk said that for the Council members who would be returning next year, it should be noted the quotes are given to the departments not during budget time which is part of the problem. Increases have been taking effect and there will probably be increases again next year in excess of what was allotted for the 2025 budget.

vi. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-24 – Adult Protective Services

This is a request to transfer funds from Vehicles to Contractual Services for Adult Protective Services. It was noted that this is also a request from the Prosecutor's Office for a small transfer to correct a small negative balance in their Office Furniture line item. This will be separated into two Resolutions before next week's meeting.

vii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-25 – Sheriff

Sheriff Derek Fell said that when the training line item had been created for the 2024 budget, it was thought that anything training related could be purchased from that line item. It has been determined that the purchase of this particular item would need to be paid for out of New Equipment, thus the reason for this request.

viii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-26 – Lost Creek Fire Protection District

There was no representative from Lost Creek FPD. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said that they are asking for a reallocation to amend their 2024 budget by moving unused appropriations in Capital Outlays to Other Services & Charges. Their Board has already approved this transfer and they are now asking for Council approval.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

i. Additional Appropriation 2024-79: ARPA Grant Fund – Security Equipment

This item had been tabled last month and was now being **WITHDRAWN**.

NEW BUSINESS

i. Additional Appropriation 2024-81: Coroner – Autopsies

Donna Weger said her office had been struggling with Terre Haute Regional Hospital to get their bill for 2023 (which had not been sent). Councilman Travis Norris assisted in getting this accomplished. The bill has finally been received, along with a 50% reduction, for a total of \$54,150. After the reduction and the inclusion of some additional amounts incurred after the initial bill, the total cost now due is \$38,425. This will resolve all of the billing that had not been received in 2023. Councilman Norris did note that Regional Hospital did have some employee issues in 2023 which had created the problem and because of those issues had agreed to discount the billing.

Vicki Weger had to leave the meeting at this point (5:35 p.m.) due to a prior commitment, leaving 5 Council members, which still maintains a quorum.

ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-82: ARPA Grant Fund – Chances & Services for Youth

Brandon Halleck said this would be an additional appropriation for the child care center they are currently constructing on the east side of town. The prior ARPA money received from the County was used to purchase the property for the facility. They have approximately \$5.7 million in funding of the \$6.8 million needed. He is hopeful that if the bid process is started in January or February, the facility should be up and running by the end of December. Todd Thacker made several comments and noted that this is the last of the ARPA funds. David Thompson asked if there had been other options for the money. There was discussion about the amount of money that they thought had been left to spend but when it was discovered that there was actually only \$73,273 left, this had been recommended by the steering committee with the feeling that it would make the most impact. Councilman Thompson talked about the property purchased for the child care center being removed from the tax rolls for Vigo County and asked if the County would receive any benefit from this project. There was a short discussion.

iii. Additional Appropriation 2024-83: Commissioners – group insurance

This request is for \$1.5 million from the general fund to be appropriated to the Hospital Benefit Fund. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said she would explain the reason for this request. She also noted that there are several more appropriation requests following this one for group insurance and salaries. She said this was the cleanup for the year. This is why December meetings are important to see where there will be negatives in accounts. Open enrollment during the year allows coverage changes which, in turn, affects the insurance premium and can result in shortfalls in the line item. Budgets are done a year in advance and cannot anticipate accurately the cost differential when coverage changes get made. If these are not adjusted, there will be negative account line items and will result in a write up in the annual audit. The \$1.5 million for group insurance is because you need to fix the insurance fund at this point. You need to take one lump sum supplement to get that fund back in the black. A spreadsheet history has been prepared. Claims have been a lot higher in the last few years. The Wellness Clinic is also paid out of that fund, along with a life insurance policy for county employees. She suggested a lump sum be added to the Council or Commissioners' budget every year to be added in to take care of this. This is to take care of 2024's budget.

iv. Additional Appropriation 2024-84: Election Board – Salaries

Brad Newman said their overage was \$130,000 on the election. He has asked for an Election Director position several times. A health issue left them without a consultant this year and resulted in \$85,000 overtime to train staff to carry out the duties of the consultant. He is convinced this County needs an Election Director in order to be able to save money. The overtime, along with election poll worker pay, will result in the \$130,000 overage. Cheryl Loudermilk explained how current county employees who work the election are paid. There was a short discussion. Mr. Newman believes that if

an Election Director position had been created three years ago, it would have saved the County around \$196,000.

v. Additional Appropriation 2024-85: Jail – Contractual Services Other

Sheriff Derek Fell **withdrew** this appropriation request.

vi. Salary Ordinance 2024-78 – Additional Deputies (3) COPS Grant

President Thacker moved this matter up on the agenda. Sheriff Derek Fell said they had been requesting deputies every year for the last several years. They apply and try to receive grants that offset the funding for the additional deputies. They received a COPS grant 4 years ago and it will expire at the end of this year. He has requested an extension on the grant. There are stages of approval. They are approved at this point but do not yet have final approval. In full transparency, if Council approves this, it should be looked at with the understanding that the County is going to be footing the bill for those deputies with the hope that we will be reimbursed for \$125,000 per deputy if the grant extension is approved. It takes about 3 weeks for final approval. David Thompson initiated a lengthy discussion about the total number of deputies budgeted for, the number currently on staff, and when the newest officers will be ready for duty. The request for additional officers had been raised at the 2025 budget meetings along with salary increases. There was discussion about various statistics. Reserve deputies were also discussed. Councilman Thompson said he had an issue with the timing. This had been addressed less than two months ago during budget meetings along with the fact that there will be four new Council members. Sheriff Fell said the only reason he was asking for this now was that the grant expired at the end of this month. He said he could reapply for a new grant if the grant were opened up again next year. He had applied for an extension to this current grant which is a whole different process than submitting a new application. There was discussion about what the cost is for one officer. David Thompson noted that if these deputies are approved, with everything that was approved by Council this year, the cost would be a little over \$1.7 million just for the Sheriff's Department. There was a lengthy discussion.

vii. Additional Appropriation 2024-86: Prosecutor – Salaries

Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said that this and the next five items do not have letter requests and are part of the end of year cleanup she spoke about earlier. This request for the Prosecutor's Office concerns the addition of a person towards the beginning of the year. This is the amount needed to get the department through the year with sufficient money.

viii. Additional Appropriation 2024-87: Courts – Salaries & Group Insurance

In the 2024 budget, the IT Director for the Courts was put into the IT budget but the Courts requested he be put back into their budget. The appropriation was not transferred from one department to the other when the change took place. This is to take care of that.

She noted this is all in the same fund and will work itself out with what is left in the IT budget salary line item.

ix. Additional Appropriation 2024-88: Victim Assistance – Group Insurance

Again, they are short in group insurance. They have had some changes which has made them short of funds.

x. Additional Appropriation 2024-89: Human Resources – Group Insurance

This is the same situation. There were changes in the middle of the year which will make a shortfall in the budget.

xi. Additional Appropriation 2024-90: Juvenile Corrections – Salaries & Group Insurance

Again, this is the same issue with employee changes and some people picking up group insurance that didn't have it before occurring during the year. It was noted for future Council members, Juvenile Corrections follows the Jail and Community Corrections which was adjusted a couple of years ago. The comp time was getting out of whack for the correctional officers when it came to holidays. Comp time cannot always be used because of scheduling and there would be large amounts paid out for overtime. In the future, it would probably be wise to put some extra in the salary line item to cover these issues going forward. Executive Director Norm Loudermilk thanked the Council members for their service and support.

xii. Additional Appropriation 2024-91: Parks – Group Insurance

There was a change of employee and the new employee took different insurance which resulted in the need for this appropriation.

Public Comments

There were none.

Marie Theisz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
SUNSHINE MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	David Thompson, President _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger _____

Attest:

 Larry Hutchings
 Vigo Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chamber – Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President Todd Thacker called the meeting to order at 5:10.

Calling of the roll

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

Correcting of the journal of the preceding meeting if needed

November 6, 2024 Sunshine Meeting

November 12, 2024 Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the November 6, 2024 Sunshine Meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2024 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 12, 2024 meeting. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting. Travis Norris 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

Council Attorney Michael Wright gave a short update regarding the proposed letter of intent for DMHA grant proposal pertaining to Community Corrections. Bill Watson had received notice that the grant application would not be released until late December. The earliest the letter of intent would be needed would be mid to late January 2025 so the urgency is no longer there and there is no need to take action on this tonight. If needed, a special call meeting could take place since the regular January meeting is organizational only and does not deal with business matters.

Commissioner Chris Switzer advised that the equipment had now been removed from the old jail building and demolition should commence shortly.

Commissioner Switzer then presented plaques to the outgoing Council members Travis Norris, Marie Theisz, Todd Thacker, and Aaron Loudermilk, in recognition of their service and thanks.

Letter of Support for Mainstream Media. President Thacker said that Mainstream Media had given a presentation last week about providing broadband service to unserved and underserved rural areas and requested a letter of support at the Sunshine meeting from the Council. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve signing a Letter of Support.

Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Reports from committee(s)

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.

i. Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Correctional/Detention/Building Security Officers

This had been tabled at the November meeting in order to get some additional information. Those questions had been answered at the Sunshine meeting. Council members had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve this Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Correctional/Detention/Building Security Officers. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

ii. Amended Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Health Department

This was being amended to correct placement of some HFI funding for stipends in the proper placement and the addition of the Environmental Health Supervisor who had been inadvertently omitted. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Health Department. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

iii. Amended Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Parks Department

This was being amended to show the HFI stipends and to add the office manager as a stipend recipient since she had been inadvertently omitted. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance Adopting County of Vigo Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Parks Department. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

iv. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-22 - Veterans Assistance.

This out of series transfer was being requested in order to pay for office supplies to get them through the end of the year. Council had no further questions. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve the Resolution of Reallocation 2024-22. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

v. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-23 - Highway

Todd Thacker briefly reviewed this request to reallocate funds in order to pay for liability insurance. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the

Resolution of Reallocation 2024-23. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

vi. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-24 – Adult Protective Services

Todd Thacker briefly reviewed this request to reallocate funds in order to pay for contractual services. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the Resolution of Reallocation 2024-24. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

vii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-27 - Prosecutor

Todd Thacker briefly reviewed this request to reallocate funds in order to pay for a shortfall in their Office Furniture line item. Council had no further questions. Nancy Allsup made a motion to approve the Resolution of Reallocation 2024-27. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

viii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-25 – Sheriff

Todd Thacker briefly reviewed this request to reallocate funds in order to pay for contractual services. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the Resolution of Reallocation 2024-25. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

ix. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-26: Lost Creek Fire Protection District

Todd Thacker briefly reviewed this request to reallocate funds in order to move some unused appropriations from Capital Outlays to Other Services & Charges. This had been approved by their board and they were now asking for Council approval. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Resolution of Reallocation 2024-26. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

i. Additional Appropriation 2024-79: ARPA Grant Fund – Security Equipment

This request was **WITHDRAWN** at the Sunshine meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

i. Additional Appropriation 2024-81: Coroner - Autopsies

This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-81. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-82: ARPA Grant Fund – Chances & Services for Youth

President Thacker briefly reviewed this request. Todd Thacker noted that this was the last of the ARPA money and if it was not approved tonight, this money would revert back to the government. Vicki Weger also noted that it had been announced that Hamilton Center was closing their daycare center which would cause the community to lose 59 daycare spots for children. Marie Theisz also commented many of those spots at Hamilton Center were for children from 0-3 and there were already very few spots for those ages. The child care center being built by CASY is desperately needed for this community. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-82. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 5-1 with Councilman David Thompson voting nay, the motion carried.

iii. Additional Appropriation 2024-83: Commissioners – Group Insurance

This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-83 and added that she thought it would be a good idea next year to include information on employee pay stubs showing the cost of employee insurance that the County was paying. There was a brief discussion and it was noted that at some point, the County was not going to be able to continue to afford this expense. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

iv. Additional Appropriation 2024-84: Election Board – Salaries

Clerk Brad Newman was unable to be present at this meeting due to his attendance at a conference but had asked President Thacker to explain this to Council. This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-84. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

v. Additional Appropriation 2024-85: Jail – Contractual Services Other

This request had been with **WITHDRAWN** at the Sunshine meeting.

vi. Additional Appropriation 2024-86: Prosecutor – Salaries

It was explained that this is a year-end cleanup to fund a position that had been approved earlier in the year when it was unknown how much additional money would be needed for their budget to get through the year. This request will take care of what is needed. This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-86. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

vii. Additional Appropriation 2024-87: Courts – Salaries & Group Insurance

This concerned the move of the Court's IT person from the IT budget back to the Court's budget back in January of this year. The funding had never been appropriated from one budget to the other. This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-87. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

viii. Additional Appropriation 2024-88: Victim Assistance – Group Insurance

This is a year-end cleanup issue. As with other departments, there can be changes in insurance coverage during the year that cannot be anticipated or is unknown at budget time. This request will take care of the difference. This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-88. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

ix. Additional Appropriation 2024-89: Human Resources – Group Insurance

This is also a year-end cleanup issue. As with other departments, there can be changes in insurance coverage during the year that cannot be anticipated or is unknown at budget time. This request will take care of the difference. This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-89. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

x. Additional Appropriation 2024-90: Juvenile Corrections – Salaries & Group Insurance

This is also a year-end cleanup issue. As with other departments, there can be changes in insurance coverage during the year that cannot be anticipated or is unknown at budget time. This request will take care of the difference. This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-90. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xi. Additional Appropriation 2024-91: Parks – Group Insurance

This is also a year-end cleanup issue. As with other departments, there can be changes in insurance coverage during the year that cannot be anticipated or is unknown at budget time. This request will take care of the difference. This had been thoroughly discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-91. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

xii. Salary Ordinance 2024-78 – Additional Deputies (3) COPS Grant

President Thacker said initially this request had been made because an extension to the current COPS grant had been applied for. However, it had been learned since last week that the grant would not be extended. Any action taken on this would be the sole responsibility of the County for funding. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-78. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 4-2, with David Thompson and Travis Norris voting nay, the motion carried.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

There were none.

Public Comments

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard extended his thanks to the Council members for their service.

Adjournment

Marie Theisz made a motion to adjourn. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Randy Gentry _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Brenda Wilson _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	David Thompson, President _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Nancy Allsup _____
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	Vicki Weger _____

Attest:

 Larry Hutchings
 Vigo Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Auditor Larry Hutchings called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the Roll

Present: David Thompson, Brad Anderson, Steve Ellis, Brenda Wilson, Vicki Weger, Nancy Allsup

Reorganization

Auditor Larry Hutchings stated that he was opening nominations for President of the Council. Brenda Wilson made a motion to elect David Thompson as President. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Vicki Weger moved that the nominations be closed. With no other nominations and a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously passed and David Thompson was elected President. David Thompson opened the floor for Pro Tem President and Brenda Wilson motioned to nominate Brad Anderson. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. Vicki Weger moved that the nominations be closed. With no other nominations and a voice vote 6-0, the motion was unanimously passed and Brad Anderson was elected Pro Tem.

The next order of business presented by President David Thompson was the adoption of rules. The proposed rules for this year had been distributed to the Council. President David Thompson confirmed with Council Attorney Michael Wright that the rules have to be adopted within the first 60 days. Michael Wright noted that after 60 days from today, if changes are to be made, it takes two-third of the Council to change the rules. If the Council would like to make changes in the first 60 days, a simple majority can modify any rule. The rules are the same rules as adopted last year with updated dates. Vicki Weger confirmed action. Mr. Wright stated that a motion to approve rules would need to be stated. Vicki Weger motioned that the rules stay as they stand and Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote 6-0, the rules were adopted. Roll call was taken again by Auditor Larry Hutchings.

Next was adoption of tentative meeting schedule for 2025, a copy of which had been provided to the Council. President David Thompson noted that there was a schedule with no December meetings and a schedule with December meetings, to be voted in by the Council. President David Thompson opened discussion to the Council to decide. Brenda Wilson confirmed that in the past, the Council didn't have December meetings and President Thompson confirmed that was correct and there were also no meetings in July for budget meetings. Steve Ellis asked that if the Council voted to not have a December meeting if they could go back at a later time and add a December meeting and President Thompson stated that they could. Vicki Weger confirmed that the Council did have a December meeting the previous year, 2024. President Thompson

confirmed. Brenda Wilson motioned to not have a December meeting and Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously passed with a voice vote 6-0. David Thompson presented that the second loose sheet in the book given to Council had the dates of when meetings needed to be published. No further questions from Council.

Communication from Elected Officials of the County

President Thompson opened the floor for communication from any elected officials in the county, there were none.

Communications from Other Officials or Agencies

President Thompson opened the floor for communication from any other officials or agencies. Council Attorney Michael Wright commented and stated he would like to describe a packet he had given to the Council, Auditor, and Chief Deputy Auditor prior to the meeting. Mr. Wright explained that upon taking oath for Council for 2025, the Council members became part of 2 pending lawsuits. The first was Jauston Huerta vs. Derek Fell for Vigo County Jail inmate population, which will have further discussion. The other litigation surrounded a mandate that the Vigo County Judges issued in 2024 that relates to court staff classifications and salaries. That case is set for mediation approximately 30 days from now. Mr. Wright wanted to give a brief description of each matter and clarified that in no way would any Council member be help personally responsible nor would they be tied to any personal affairs of the Council members. The cases are only related to the official capacity as members of the Vigo County Council. Mr. Wright continued in relation to the jail litigation. Mr. Wright referenced Bill Watson, Director of Court Services, who was in attendance. Mr. Wright stated that Bill has been, for some time, pursuing some grant funding with Indiana Department of Mental Health Association. Mr. Watson has asked Michael Wright to prepare a letter providing that if the state approves the grant funding, and the facility is constructed, the county understands it's obligation to fund the operating expenses associated with such a facility. Michael Wright has prepared said letter and stated that it needs to be submitted with the grant application that Bill is pursuing with the state. This is a formality, per Michael Wright, but the formality happens after the funding has been awarded and is not binding at this time. Michael Wright asked for any questions. He submitted that the county is asking for a 260 bed work release facility to alleviate the pressure on Vigo County Jail. Vicki Weger asked Mr. Wright to describe the nature of inmates who would be placed in this facility. Mr. Wright said that it is up to the Judge's discretion on who gets placed where. The Prosecutor's office can also have recommendations as well as the Public Defender or private attorneys. It is ultimately the Judge's determination. Mr. Wright commented that it would be more for inmates wrapped up in using drugs as opposed to selling drugs and inmates who are not violent offenders and inmates who are capable of returning to the work force and trying to get a better pattern for following rules. He stated that Bill Watson works with Community Management to utilize evidence based practice to achieve good outcomes, which is what Mr. Watson would be looking to do with this new facility. President Thompson confirmed that this vote needed to be made this evening to continue. It was supposed to have been decided last December 2024 but the administrator had resigned and there had not been a replacement. Commissioner Mike Morris brought Bill Watson to the podium and suggested that he can offer

information, for new members, especially. Mr. Morris said that it had been a long process. Brenda Wilson asked Bill Watson when the facility was projected to be complete. Mr. Watson stated that it would be determined once the Council has approved to move forward with the request. He stated it would expand and focus more on mental health and substance abuse treatment. The current facility has 130 beds and is full every day. The greatest population of that are people with mental health and substance abuse needs with the dual services. These extra beds would allow the facility to get to more people faster and who are sitting in the jail for 7, 10, or 15 days. Mr. Watson stated that women are sitting longer than that because there are currently only 20 beds for women. Some women are waiting 3-6 weeks after sentencing to get to the facility due to lack of bed space or services. Mr. Watson stated it's been a year to a year and a half since they have brought on their own Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and that has helped a lot to provide services at a faster rate to get inmates assessed and set up with Medicaid, medications, and treatment services. President Thompson asked Mr. Watson if the land has already been purchased for potential facility along with finalized design and Mr. Watson confirmed yes to both. Mr. Watson stated that the new facility would be staff friendly which has been discussed and it would limit the number of Correctional Officers needed to bring on, opposed to the smaller one that was looked at. Mr. Watson stated that he would only have to bring on 7 Correctional Officers with this design to double capacity, the smaller facility would have needed close to 15 more with the way it was designed and laid out. President Thompson confirmed that this is a subject that they have been discussing for a while with previous Council but with the election the grants have been delayed. Brad Anderson asked Council Attorney Michael Wright if he had the letter with him to review and Mr. Wright then presented it to the Council. President Thompson asked if Brad Anderson had a motion. Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve and Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. President Thompson gave Council members a moment to review presented letter for questions. There were no further discussions or questions. Roll call was given. The letter was unanimously passed with a voice vote 6-0. No other comments from other officials or agencies.

Appointments

President David Thompson confirmed the given appointments and did not need to read them off. He noted that the bottom 3 appointments on the grid for Annual Budget Committee had been left blank until last position for Council was filled but that it would be done by the next meeting in February. Brenda Wilson motioned to accept appointments and Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Roll call was given. The appointments were unanimously passed with a voice vote 6-0.

Public Comment

There were none. David Thompson motioned to adjourn with Brad Anderson making the move and Vicki Weger seconded. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved and meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2025

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted this 11th day of February, 2025.

Aye	☐	Absent	☐	David Thompson_____
Nay	☐	Abstain	☐	
Aye	☐	Absent	☐	Brad Anderson_____
Nay	☐	Abstain	☐	
Aye	☐	Absent	☐	Steve Ellis_____
Nay	☐	Abstain	☐	
Aye	☐	Absent	☐	Brenda Wilson_____
Nay	☐	Abstain	☐	
Aye	☐	Absent	☐	Vicki Weger_____
Nay	☐	Abstain	☐	
Aye	☐	Absent	☐	Nancy Allsup_____
Nay	☐	Abstain	☐	
Aye	☐	Absent	☐	Randy Gentry _____
Nay	☐	Abstain	☐	

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings II
Vigo County Auditor