



**Meeting of the
Vigo County Council
August 12, 2025**

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Council Chamber – Vigo County Government Center
5:00 P.M.
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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Agenda
Tuesday, August 12, 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 Preceding Meetings if Needed**
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 - a. Hamilton Center Update
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- 6. Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations**
 - a. Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-05: Group Homes – Transfer of Funds
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 - a. Additional Appropriation 2025-40: Group Homes – Glenn Home & Carpenter Home Repairs
 - b. Additional Appropriation 2025-41: Group Homes – Carpenter Home Start-Up Costs
 - c. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-18: Group Homes – Carpenter Home Staffing
 - d. Additional Appropriation 2025-42: Group Homes – Carpenter Home Staffing
 - e. Additional Appropriation 2025-43: Riley Fire District – Special Cumulative Fire Fund
 - f. Additional Appropriation 2025-44: Maintenance Budget Reimbursement & Community Corrections Parking Costs
 - g. Additional Appropriation 2025-45: Prosecutor’s Office – New Vehicle & New Equipment
- 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 to the taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana that the Vigo County Council will meet at the Vigo County Government Center, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the same location for a voting meeting.

COUNTY GENERAL/1000

County Home/0622

1000.10010.00000.0622	Payroll Salaries	\$ 94,453.84
1000.15210.00000.0622	FICA	\$ 5,976.95
1000.15220.00000.0622	PERF	\$ 11,094.46
1000.15230.00000.0622	Group Insurance	\$ 62,016.87
1000.35450.00000.0622	Building Repair	<u>\$ 76,700.00</u>

Total County Home: \$ 250,242.12

Commissioners/0068

1000.33300.0000.0068	Contractual Services	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
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Total Commissioners: \$ 7,500.00

TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL/1000: \$ 257,742.12

Group Homes Non- Reverting/4952

4952.21600.00000.0000	Institutional Supplies	\$ 10,200.00
4952.35450.00000.0000	Building Repair	\$ 2,500.00
4952.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 28,700.00
4952.44505.00000.0000	Furniture and Fixtures	<u>\$ 7,150.00</u>

Total Group Homes Non-Reverting: \$ 48,550.00

Seized Asset/Drug Task Force/4967

4967.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	<u>\$ 95,000.00</u>
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Total Seized Asset/Drug Task Force: \$ 95,000.00

Cumulative Capital Development/1138

1138.35450.00000.0161	Building Repair	<u>\$ 20,396.00</u>
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Total Cumulative Capital Development: \$ 20,396.00

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Unless otherwise directed for public health reasons, the meeting 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, July 25, 2025.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Riley Fire Protection District, Vigo County, Indiana, that the Vigo County Council will meet at the Vigo County Government Center, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year for the Riley Fire Protection District. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the same location for a voting meeting.

RILEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Cumulative Fire/8691

Special Cumulative Fire	\$ 59,100.00
Total Special Cumulative Fire Fund:	\$ 59,100.00

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VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, July 25, 2025.

TERRY R. MODESITT*
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JOEL K. MODESITT
CHARLES JOHNSON

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Modesitt

Law Firm, PC

July 22, 2025

Vigo County Council
127 Oak Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

RE: *Hamilton Center, Inc.*

To Whom it May Concern,

Please be advised that I am corporate counsel for Hamilton Center, Inc.,

This intent of this letter is to advise that the Board of Directors of Hamilton Center, Inc., in coordination with Hamilton Center, Inc.'s administration and legal counsel, have taken all appropriate action to ensure that Hamilton Center, Inc. is in compliance with Indiana HB1001.

Hamilton Center, Inc. was in full compliance with Indiana HB1001 as of July 1, 2025. Hamilton Center, Inc. remains in full compliance.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact our office at any time.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. We look forward to our continued partnership providing mental health services to your communities.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Terry R. Modesitt
Terry R. Modesitt, #10118-84,
MODESITT LAW FIRM, PC

401 Ohio Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-234-3030
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TRM/yw

RESOLUTION OF RE-ALLOCATION OF EXISTING APPROPRIATION 2025-05

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:

REQUESTED

APPROVED

JUV JUSTICE NON-REVERTING/4959

Group Home/0622

From: 4959.33300.00000.0622 Vehicles \$ 3,200.00

To: 4959.44510.00000.0622 Equipment New \$ 3,200.00

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Vigo County Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-40

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 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
<u>COUNTY GENERAL/1000</u>		
<u>Group Home/0622</u>		
1000.35450.00000.0622 Building Repair	\$ 76,700.00	
Total County Home:	\$ 76,700.00	

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-41

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 Group Homes Non-Reverting Fund the 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
<u>GROUP HOMES NON-REVERTING/4952</u>			
4952.21600.00000.0000	Institutional Supplies	\$ 10,200.00	
4952.35450.00000.0000	Building Repair	\$ 2,500.00	
4952.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 28,700.00	
4952.44505.00000.0000	Furniture and Fixtures	<u>\$ 7,150.00</u>	
Total Group Homes Non-Reverting:		\$ 48,550.00	

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Vigo County Auditor

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-18

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 provide, 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:

REQUESTED

APPROVED

COUNTY GENERAL/1000:

Group Home/0622

a. Amend to Add:

**Youth Care Specialist (5)
(\$22.53/hr)**

b. Amend to Add:

**Youth Care Part-Time Specialist (3)
(\$14.17/hr)**

SECTION 3. Effective August 13, 2025.

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

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Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-42

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 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
<u>COUNTY GENERAL/1000</u>			
<u>Group Home/0622</u>			
1000.10010.00000.0622	Payroll Salaries	\$ 94,453.84	
1000.15210.00000.0622	FICA	\$ 5,976.95	
1000.15220.00000.0622	PERF	\$ 11,094.46	
1000.15230.00000.0622	Group Insurance	<u>\$ 62,016.87</u>	
Total County General:		\$ 173,542.12	

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-43

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 Special Cumulative Fire Fund the 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

RILEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Cumulative Fire/8691

Special Cumulative Fire

\$ 59,100.00

Total Special Cumulative Fire Fund:

\$ 59,100.00

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

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Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-44

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 Cumulative Capital Development Fund and the County General Fund the 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
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT/1138</u>		
1138.35450.00000.0161 Building Repair	\$ 20,396.00	
Total Cumulative Capital Development:	\$ 20,396.00	
<u>COUNTY GENERAL/1000</u>		
<u>Commissioners/0068</u>		
1000.33300.0000.0068 Contractual Services	\$ 7,500.00	
Total County General:	\$ 7,500.00	

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

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Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-45

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 Seized Asset/Drug Task Force Fund the 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

SEIZED ASSET/DRUG TASK FORCE/4967

4967.44510.00000.0000 Equipment New \$ 95,000.00

Total Seized Asset/Drug Task Force: \$ 95,000.00

Approved on this 12th Day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

David Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

Nancy Allsup – present; Vicki Weger – present; Steve Ellis – present; Randy Gentry – present; Brenda Wilson – present; Brad Anderson – present; and David Thompson – present.

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

a. Monthly Report from Council Attorney

Council Attorney Michael Wright distributed documents to the Council containing updates on ongoing litigation concerning the Council. Randy Gentry asked if these updates were prepared by an outside attorney and if the Council was paying for them. Michael said the counsel representing the Commissioners and Council in this litigation was Dave Friedrich. He said Craig Mckee is representing the Sheriff. He said both of these attorneys are from the Wilkinson law firm. Randy asked about the duration of the services these attorneys were providing. Michael explained the issues in this ongoing litigation were ongoing and once these cases were completed or dismissed these services would no longer be needed.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations – First Reading

a. Additional Appropriation 2025-14: Human Resources – Salary Ordinance Corrections

Kara Wright with Human Resources said mistakes were found when going through the Salary Ordinance passed the year previous. She said these were caused by human error. She said the GIS Director's salary is listed in this ordinance as \$68,403.80/yr. Kara said last year the salary was \$69,206.73/yr. With the 3% increase in 2025, the salary for the GIS Director be \$71,282.93 which was the amount budgeted. She said there are issues with CASA/Juvenile Court as well. She said 4 Staff Advocates with a salary of \$49,926.62, 1 staff Advocate Supervisor with an hourly rate of \$26.63, and 4 staff advocate positions at \$24.19/hr were budgeted. This amendment would correct the salary ordinance and change the GIS Director's salary to the correct amount, change the Staff Advocate Supervisor position to a Staff Advocate position at 24.19/hr, correct the pay rate of a staff advocate position to 24.19/hr, and add two staff advocate positions at \$24.19/hr to correctly match what was budgeted in the 2025 salary ordinance.

Ordinances Related to Appropriations – First Reading

a. Additional Appropriation 2025-31: Juvenile Justice Center – Medical Services Provider Contract Costs

This request was withdrawn.

b. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-15: Vigo County Courts Mandate Order – Adjusted Pay

This Ordinance would change the salary ordinance to comply with the Settlement Agreement and Release voted on and approved at the April 23, 2025 Council Special Call meeting. There were no questions.

c. Additional Appropriation 2025-35: Vigo County Courts Mandate Order – Adjusted Pay

This Additional Appropriation of \$240,784.18 from the County General Fund would fund the above Salary Ordinance amendment. There were no questions.

d. Additional Appropriation 2025-36: Vigo County Courts Mandate Order Settlement – Settlement Allocation

This Additional Appropriation of \$180,643.85 from the County General Fund would fund the settlement allocations to court employees as agreed upon with the Settlement Agreement and Release approved at the April 23, 2025 Council Special Call meeting. Brenda Wilson and Michael Wright discussed “retroactive pay” vs. “stipend” terminology when referring to this portion of the Settlement Agreement. Michael Wright confirmed this was being paid out like a stipend.

e. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-16: Circuit & Superior Courts – New Magistrate Court

Judge Charles Johnson approached the Council and explained this amendment to the salary ordinance would add two court reporter B positions. He explained a new magistrate position had been added through the Indiana State Legislature. He explained the plan at the time of the meeting was to use a space in the Community Corrections Building for the new court. He said the courts were requesting \$5,000 for the county portion of the Magistrate’s pay, \$101,743.42 for the two court reporters, \$23,323.44 for FICA and PERF benefits, \$60,800 for Insurance, \$20,000 for preparers of transcripts, \$500 for Office Supplies, \$1,500 for printing, \$800 for service agreements, \$37,600 for systems hardware, and \$3,500 for office furniture. Judge Johnson said the new judge will handle the majority of juvenile issues now handled by Magistrate Effner at the Juvenile Center. There was discussion on the caseload the current magistrate handles. Charles said the plan was also to move half of the criminal misdemeanors at city court to the new court as well. Brad Anderson asked about a location for the new court. Charles said the new court was planned to be located at the 4D courtroom in Community Corrections.

f. Additional Appropriation 2025-37: Circuit & Superior Courts – New Magistrate Court

This Additional Appropriation request for \$269,064.84 from the County General Fund would fund the request outlined above. There were no questions.

g. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-17: Clerk’s Office – Pay Increase Request

Chief Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Stiverson approached the Council to explain the office’s request for an amendment to the Salary Ordinance bringing 26 Deputy Clerks, Two Assistant Supervisors, and the Chief Deputy Clerk’s pay to the Baker Tilley defined midpoint. Elizabeth explained concerns about the potential staff turnover in the office and the history of the Clerk’s office losing staff to other County offices with higher pay. The potential for increased workload due to the new magistrate court was discussed. Elizabeth expressed concern over the court staff raises tied to the Settlement and Release approved in the April 23, 2025 Council Special Call meeting and their comparison to current Clerk’s Office staff pay. Elizabeth explained the amount the appropriation would cost the county. Brad Anderson asked about the Clerk’s Office investing in Certificates of Deposits. Elizabeth explained there was a lot of money the office holds for bonds that is waiting to be released. She explained the money goes back into the County General Fund and is not a line item in the Office’s budget. Brenda Wilson asked to clarify previous Clerk’s Office raise amounts and the inability for elected officials to change their salary outside of the budget process. Steve Ellis asked

about the Clerk's Office's staff turnover rate. Elizabeth said for the last two years they had not lost any staff to another county office. David Thompson clarified that the midpoint numbers in the Clerk's Office request are off. This amendment request for the salary ordinance would change 26 Deputy Clerks to \$24.28/hr, 2 Assistant Supervisors to \$27.54/hr, 5 Supervisors to \$29.33/hr, and the Chief Deputy Clerk to \$60,538/hr.

h. Additional Appropriation 2025-38 – Clerk's Office – Pay Increase Request

This request for an additional appropriation of \$208,521.06 would fund the Salary Ordinance Amendments outlined above. There were no further questions.

Public Comment

Mark Clinkenbeard said the new court needing a space in the Community Corrections building would be discussed at a Special Call meeting next week.

Adjournment

Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Gentry seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0 the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:42p.m.

[Signature Page to Follow]

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL SUNSHINE MEETING

June 3, 2025

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 12^h day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Executive Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 2:15 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

An executive session meeting of the Vigo County Council was held Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) to discuss ongoing litigation. No other issue was discussed and no decision will take place outside of an open meeting. Those present were Steve Ellis, Vicki Weger, Brad Anderson, David Thompson, Brenda Wilson, Nancy Allsup, Randy Gentry, Vigo County Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Council Attorney Michael Wright, County Commissioner Attorney Terry Modesitt, Commissioner Chris Switzer and Council Administrator Devan Gackle.

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 12th day of August, 2025.

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

Attest:

 Larry T. Hutchings, II
 Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Special Call Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President David Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

Randy Gentry – present, Nancy Allsup – present, Brenda Wilson – present, Steve Ellis, - present, Vicki Weger – present, Brad Anderson – present, David Thompson – present.

Additional Appropriation 2025-39

Attorney Terry Modesitt approached the Council and explained the Commissioners' request for an additional appropriation of \$200,000 from the County General Fund for Liability Claims. There were no questions from the Council. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-39. Nancy Allsup Seconded the motion. **Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.**

Randy Gentry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. With a vocal vote 7-0 the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
Tuesday June 10, 2025

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

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10 2025 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President David Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

Present: Randy Gentry, Brenda Wilson, Steve Ellis, Vicki Weger, Brad Anderson, David Thompson.

Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed

May 6, 2025 Sunshine Meeting

May 13, 2025 Meeting

There were no corrections to the May 6, 2025 Sunshine Meeting, Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Sunshine Meeting. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

There were no corrections to the May 13, 2025 Meeting Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Meeting. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Nancy Allsup abstained from this vote because she was absent from the May 13, 2025 Meeting. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County

County Amber Kim with Deriva Energy approached the board to give updates on the Hoosier Jack Solar Energy Project. She explained Duke Energy Renewables was rebranded to “Deriva Energy.” Amber gave a recap of the Hoosier Jack solar farm project, noting the project was on land in southern Vigo County and Northern Sullivan County. She explained the delay in this project was due to the Generator Interconnection Process. She said the Interconnection Queue can take up to years and has recently only been taking longer for new projects. The project at the time of the meeting had an estimated construction start at Q4 2025 to Q2 2026. Amber said the project was estimated to be completed in Q4 2027. She said over the project’s lifetime over \$6 million in taxes would be generated for Vigo County with over \$2 million going to Vigo County, and over \$2 million going to local schools. She mentioned there would be up to 200 construction jobs over 12-18 months. Steve Ellis asked what form tax revenue on the project would take. Amber said this revenue would be in property taxes. Randy Gentry asked about this revenue being excess revenue. Counsel for Deriva said this would not be excess revenue.

Council Attorney Michael Wright gave a follow-up on the Council’s previous discussion of Indiana Code 12-29-2-1.1 regarding community mental health centers. He said he had a discussion with the attorney who is advising the Hamilton Center. He was told the Hamilton Center would meet with the Council after they had some questions answered. Michael was told the Hamilton Center had every intention of complying with the statute. Randy Gentry pointed out there are many ways to comply with the statute. Michael Wright acknowledged there were no definitions in the law over who is “clinical staff.” Randy expressed concern about there being ways to get around the statute. There was discussion about the legislation targeting not only the Hamilton Center but community mental health centers across the state. Michael said the Hamilton Center was in the process of making sure they fully understood the new Indiana Code. Brenda Wilson asked if the deadline to comply was July 1st. Michael said January 1st is when everyone needs to comply. Randy Gentry asked if

the Council would need to make a decision in January or July. Michael Wright said it is the Council decision who gets the designation of community mental health center each year.

Chris Switzer approached the Council and said a meeting was held with the Commissioner and department heads over handbook policies the previous Friday. Switzer said the employee handbook is showing its age and the Commissioners will likely come to budget with a request to rewrite the handbook. Switzer expressed concern that County employees' morale was low. Switzer suggested a compensation policy and classification schedule for employees. He said the County should get back to a Personnel Committee consisting of a Council Appointee, Commissioner Appointee, and a Human Resources member. He said the piecemeal raises by department have lowered the morale of county employees.

Mark Clinkenbeard gave an update on the upgrades needed for the new magistrate court. He said the upgrades would cost approximately \$22,000. Mark acknowledged since this court needs to be open July 1st, it is too late to be put on the Council Agenda for a new appropriation. He said the Maintenance Department has the money in their budget and would provide the funding, but an additional appropriation request would be needed to "reimburse" the maintenance department budget. He said there was no parking available at the Community Corrections building. Mark said they had reached out to the owner of the parking lot nearby and parking spots could be rented for \$1,500 a month. He said the work north of the courthouse related to the old jail had stalled due to weather and utility work. The project is still well under budget. Mark said the Public Defender's office remodel was nearly done and almost all the new cameras were installed at the courthouse. Steve Ellis asked if the \$1,500 a month for parking would be a contract situation. Mark Clinkenbeard said the logistics around this were yet to be determined.

Jordan Orwig with the Vigo County Public Library provided updates on the 12 Points branch. He said there had been 641 new library card registered. He said there had been 100 programs for all ages held at the branch. Jordan said approximately 1700 had registered for the summer reading program system wide.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations

a. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-14: Human Resources – Salary Ordinance Corrections

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Randy Gentry asked Kara Wright if the GIS Director was being paid correctly at the time of the meeting. Kara confirmed he was not. Randy Gentry wanted clarification that there would be no Additional Appropriation needed and the correct salary was indeed budgeted. Kara confirmed this was true. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-14. Randy Gentry seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

a. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-15: Vigo County Courts Mandate Order – Adjusted Pay

This mandate order and settlement was discussed at the April 23, 2025 Special Call Meeting. Randy Gentry asked if the Council voted to not appropriate the money needed to fund this request, the Settlement Agreement and Release signed by the Council would be null and void. Michael Wright confirmed this was true. Randy expressed his disagreement with the process that led to this agreement between the Council and judicial employees. He expressed disagreement with the "reasonable" pay increase interpretation reflected in the pay increases. He said this process should have made it to the Indiana Supreme Court where he believed the court would not side with the Vigo County Courts. Michael Wright said he disagreed with Randy Gentry's framing of the mediation. He said the settlement agreement changes how judicial employee's salary works and places the employee's compensation decisions under officials who make decisions about those employees and the Council

still has to decide what the sum of the funds the court will receive each budget process. Michael said the courts were not receiving everything they were asking for during mediation. Mike Morris then took the podium and said he had an attorney review the settlement in Indianapolis and expressed his strong disagreement with the agreement. Vicki Weger provided additional context about the lawsuit that led to this agreement and voiced her displeasure at the taxpayers paying for both sides of the legal conflict. She expressed concern about the cost of this agreement. Randy Gentry again expressed his disagreement with the mediation process and said two council members voiced interest in outside counsel. He also voiced his displeasure with Council Attorney Michael Wright's hesitation to litigate and other actions he felt were an issue. Michael Wright expressed his disagreement with Randy Gentry's insinuations saying some of Randy's claims were incorrect about the mediation and this particular mediations' process. He maintained this was a good faith negotiation between the two parties involved. Judge Charles Johnson then took the podium and said both parties were involved in the determination process of the language of this agreement. He outlined what he felt was a need for this compensation based on Vigo County Courts' caseload. He expressed his disagreement with some members of the Council's insinuations of employees not doing the work worth the pay increases outlined in this agreement. Brenda Wilson said she had attended part of the mediation process and was surprised to learn details about previous Council members being dishonest with the Judges. She reiterated both parties had worked hard to come to this agreement. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-15. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. During discussion, Randy reiterated he did not feel the pay increases were reasonable and expressed his concern about the cost with State budgets cutting back. He also voiced his concern about another potential mandate order in the future. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – abstain; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

b. Additional Appropriation 2025-35: Vigo County Courts Mandate Order – Adjusted Pay

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Randy Gentry once again expressed his disagreement with this Appropriation and pointed out government salaries were public record. He said morale for other county employees would be impacted by these pay adjustment. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-35. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – abstain; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

c. Additional Appropriation 2025-36: Vigo County Courts Mandate Order – Settlement Allocation

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Randy Gentry asked Michael Wright about what specifically this Appropriation was funding. Michael Wright confirmed this was a stipend as part of the settlement agreement and release discussed and voted on during the April 23, 2025 Special Call Meeting. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-36. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – abstain; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

d. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-16: Circuit & Superior Court – New Magistrate Court

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Randy Gentry asked how much the enw court reporters would be making. Judge Charles Johnson said they would be making \$50,871.70/yr. There were no further questions. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-16. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy

Allsup – aye Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

e. Additional Appropriation 2025-37: Circuit & Superior Court – New Magistrate Court

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-37. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – nay; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

f. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-17: Clerk’s Office - Pay Increase Request

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Elizabeth Stiverson with the Clerk’s Office said she had provided members of the Council with information on several questions from last meeting including the office’s turnover rate for the past four years. She elaborated more on the office’s purchasing of the Certificates of Deposits and said this process would continue no matter the results of this meeting’s vote. There was a brief discussion about the history of the Baker Tilley study. Brad Anderson noted that studies like the Baker Tilley study usually result in issues. Randy Gentry asked if the Council could adjust the Chief Deputy’s pay since the Chief Deputies across the county are set to 80% of the elected officials’ salary. Michael Wright said he thought this pay rate for Chief Deputies was correct across the County departments. Steve Ellis asked if the Clerk’s Office could handle the workload from the new magistrate court without hiring additional deputies. Elizabeth said the office could. Steve Ellis asked if the Chief Deputy could have their salary adjusted since the county policy kept Chief Deputies at 80% of Elected Officials. Michael Wright said while this pay rate was a “rule” it was not a law. Kara Wright with human resources said this was not a written rule with the Baker Tilley study. David Thompson confirmed the midpoint numbers on Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-17 were correct with Kara Wright. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-17 with the stipulation the Clerk office will not hire additional staff for the newly created magistrate court and the offices’ pay will be frozen until the 2027 budget creation process. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

g. Additional Appropriation 2025-38: Clerk’s Office - Pay Increase Request

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-38. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

There were none.

Public Comment

Brad Anderson said the budget committee would be meeting soon and he has asked County departments to reduce their budgets as much as possible.

Adjournment

Brad Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. With a vocal vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING **June 10, 2025**

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Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Steve Ellis _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Vicki Weger _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	Brad Anderson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	
Aye ☐	Absent ☐	David Thompson _____
Nay ☐	Abstain ☐	

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