

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 12, 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, Vicki Weger, Brad Anderson, David Thompson.

Absent: Steve Ellis

Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed

June 3, 2025 Sunshine Meeting

June 10, 2025 Executive Session

June 10, 2025 Special Call Meeting

June 10, 2025 Meeting

There were no corrections to the June 3 2025 Sunshine Meeting, Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Sunshine Meeting. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

There were no corrections to the June 10, 2025 Executive Session. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Executive Session. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

There were no corrections to the June 10, 2025 Special Call Meeting. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Special Call Meeting. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

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Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County

a. Hamilton Center Update

Attorney for the Hamilton Center Suzannah Overholt approached the Council. David Thompson asked what had been done to comply with a new state law requiring non-clinical employees to make less than \$400,000 a year at designated community mental health centers. Suzannah said a review of all employees was conducted and there was only one non-clinical employee whose salary needed to be adjusted and she said it was reduced to comply with state law. She said this included compensation, not just salary. David Thompson asked for a list of Hamilton Center Board members and minutes of the board meetings.

b. Public Safety LIT Distributions to Units in 2026

David Thompson explained the Council decides what the calculation is for distribution amounts to binding units of the County. The Council was distributed information illustrating different distribution amounts based on

several distribution combinations. The Council had, in previous years, used a 65/35 run/levy split to calculate distributions. Randy Gentry asked how the numbers were found. Council Attorney Michael Wright explained these are determined by the amount of runs each fire department has in a single year based on information acquired from Vigo county 911. He briefly explained how distributions are handled. Brand Anderson made a motion to approve the 65R/35L split for LIT distributions. 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 – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Reports from Committees

a. Annual Budget Committee Update

Brad Anderson gave a brief Annual Budget Committee Update. He said there have been several meetings so far and they have been meeting with office holders.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations

a. Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-05: Group Homes – Transfer of Funds

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-05. Brad Anderson 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 – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

a. Additional Appropriation 2025-40: Group Homes – Glenn Home & Carpenter Home Repairs

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Executive Director of Vigo County Homes for Children Norm Loudermilk distributed documents detailing the history of Vigo County Homes for Children. He went over the history of the program. Norm said he received quotes from various electrical technicians when preparing this request and wants to bring the homes up to code. He went over the issues at the homes outlined in the request and the sunshine meeting in need of correction. Brad Anderson asked when the work would be completed if approved. Norm said there was not a set date, but work would begin as soon as possible after approval. Randy Gentry expressed concerns about children's safety in homes in need of these types of repairs. Randy also questioned Norm's claim children would be able to be moved into the Carpenter Home while repairs were happening. Norm says the amount of time it would take between inspections, repairs, advertisement and hiring of employees would likely mean kids would be moving into the home well after repairs. He said multiple parts of opening the home can be addressed at once instead of waiting until repairs are complete to begin the hiring process. Randy Gentry asked if the DCS was aware the buildings were up to an earlier code. Norm said the code for buildings is "set" at construction. Vigo County Commissioner Mike Morris said the building has never been out of inspection. Randy asked if the DCS was aware of the current conditions inside the home. Mike Morris said the DCS conducts regular inspections. There was a brief discussion about the reimbursement from DCS and the timeline of this request in relation to the budget committee's duties setting the annual budget. There was more discussion about the safety of the group home. Norm Loudermilk maintained the homes were safe. He said the delay in the hiring process until the annual budget sessions would further delay the opening of the group home. Cara Gurevich with Vigo County Group Homes approached the Council and clarified the DCS gives quarterly inspections. She said the DCS walks through the homes and takes pictures. She said they show up unannounced every quarter without fail. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-40. 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 – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

b. Additional Appropriation 2025-41: Group Homes – Carpenter Home Start-Up Costs

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Norm passed out information about DCS billing and reimbursement rates for housing children. Norm said according to a cost analysis, estimates for 2026's reimbursement rate is near \$1,130 per day. Norm expressed his desire the Council continue to fund the group homes into the future regardless of incoming DCS reimbursements, but he said at the moment billing the DCS offsets the costs of operation. He reiterated information in this request from the sunshine meeting and explained this request would be for several projects for the group homes like cleaning the ducts, and food items. Brenda Wilson asked what the ages were of children in the homes. Norm said they are currently from ages 11 to 17. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-41. 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 – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

c. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-18: Group Homes – Carpenter Home Staffing

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Norm Loudermilk briefly explained the request again. He said the additional appropriation which would fund this amendment to the salary ordinance. The auditor's office budgeted the requested appropriation based on paying the employees for four months. There was discussion clarifying the amount of employees Norm was requesting and the amount needed to fund them. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-18. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. In discussion, Randy Gentry voiced his concern about hiring employees for the Carpenter Home before the home was operational. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

d. Additional Appropriation 2025-42: Group Homes – Carpenter Home Staffing

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-42. 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 – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

e. Additional Appropriation 2025-43: Riley Fire District – Special Cumulative Fire Fund

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Vern Tinscher briefly explained the request again. Randy Gentry made a motion to correct the record to reflect the budget which was appropriated last year which should include \$59,100 in the Special Fire Cumulative Fund. 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 – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

f. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-44: Maintenance Budget Reimbursement & Community Corrections Parking Costs

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-44. Vicky 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 – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

g. Additional Appropriation 2025-45: Prosecutor's Office – New Vehicle & New Equipment

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts approached the Council and explained this request was for \$95,000 to be appropriated from the Seized Asset/Drug Task Force Fund for new equipment. Brad Anderson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-45. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. In discussion, Randy Gentry asked what equipment the appropriation would be used to purchase. Rob said new firearms and a new vehicle. Randy asked where the new vehicle would be purchased. Rob said he was unclear because new vehicles for the Prosecutor's Office/Drug Task Force must go through the state purchasing process, which was out of his control. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – absent; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, 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

Chief Clinical Officer for the Hamilton Center Mark Collins approached the Council and said the Hamilton Center was working on an annual report which would be presented to the Council. He gave a history of the community mental health system and explained the Hamilton Center provides mobile crisis service to 11 counties. He said the Center does not turn anyone away and provides \$4 million in charity care annually. Mark said near \$2million of that was in Vigo County. Vicki Weger asked how the public can access charity care. Mark reiterated they will not turn people away. IF charity care is necessary, they will adjust the cost off of the bill. He said the Hamilton center serves 4400-4500 people from the Vigo County area. He briefly explained the emergency care process. Mark said the center employs near 500 people. Randy Gentry asked how many active beds were in the Hamilton Center. Mark said the Hamilton Center has a 16 bed inpatient unit. He said the Center had group home beds for outpatients. Randy asked about the relationship with government and law enforcement entities. Mark said they have a good relationship with most government and law enforcement entities. He said the center interacts with these every day. David Thompson expressed his desire for the relationship between the Council and the Hamilton Center to be repaired.

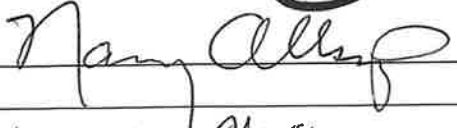
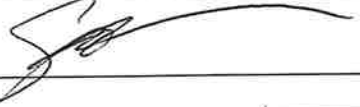
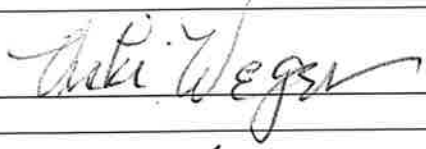
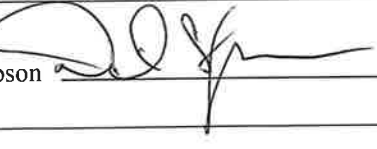
Adjournment

Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. With a vocal vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

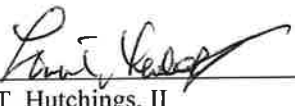
MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2025

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full ~~and~~ adopted as written this 9th 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