

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 29, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President David Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Calling of the Roll

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

Absent: Randy Gentry, Nancy Allsup

Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed

There were none.

Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts approached the Council and expressed his support for the Mental Health Court and RISE Case Managers being added to the 2026 Salary Ordinance and the Mental Health Court being funded as part of a request before Council in this meeting. He provided a brief overview of the benefit mental health services can have on the community, and the issues related to services declining as grant funding has declined in recent years.

Terre Haute Mayor Brandon Sakbun approached the Council and expressed his support for the Mental Health Court and RISE Case Managers being added to the 2026 Salary Ordinance and the Mental Health Court being funded as part of a request before Council in this meeting. Brandon provided a brief history of the program. He said he was recommending the president of the Terre Haute City Council President, a member of the budget committee of the City Council, work with two Council members, the mayor's office and one of the judges to talk through the Opioid Settlement dollar funding priorities for 2027 and beyond. Brandon said he was offering a working group to help the County with funding in 2027.

Mark Clinkenbeard approached the Council and offered his support of the Mental Health Court and RISE Case Managers being added to the 2026 Salary Ordinance and the Mental Health Court being funded as part of a request before Council in this meeting. Mark noted the Commissioners had supported this request unanimously at the most recent Commissioners' meeting.

Public Comment

There were none.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations

a. Resolution 2025-4: Resolution Approving Offer to Purchase Real Estate

Mark Clinkenbeard approached the Council and explained this Resolution would approve an offer to purchase a building at 601 S. 3rd Street, Terre Haute, Indiana for the total price of \$425,000 to house the Veteran's and Drug Courts. Mark noted the current spaces for these courts are leased and they will not extend the lease. He

said the money for this purchase was already appropriated, and there would be an in-series transfer in the Riverboat Wagering Tax Revenue Fund from the Capital Improvements line item to the Land Acquisition line item. There was discussion about when the courts could move into the new building. Mark Clinkenbeard said they could move in immediately. He noted the County would make the curb outside the building wheelchair accessible. Brad Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-4. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

b. An Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County, Indiana

Judge Charles Johnson, Judge Dan Kelly, and Judge Sarah Mullican approached the Council and explained their request to amend the 2026 Salary Ordinance to add three case manager positions, two for the RISE team and one for the Mental Health Treatment Court. Judge Johnson said this request would be for Opioid Settlement dollars to fund these positions and the mental health treatment court. One of the case managers Dasha Donald approached the Council and explained the program and services it provides. Brand Anderson asked efforts to apply for grant funding for these programs and expressed concerns about overlapping of services. Janet McBride outlined efforts to secure grant funding for these programs. Sarah Mullican said these case managers regularly work in conjunction with the Health Department. Charles Johnson said efforts had been made to create a non-profit that could help raise funding for these services. Brandon Sakbun approached the Council and expressed his concern with the State cutting funding for local services and urged local elected officials to voice their concerns about funding cuts to programs like this one State representatives. Commissioner Mike Morris approached the Council and expressed his support of using Opioid settlement funds to fund these positions and programs. Vicki Weger discussed the services these programs and case managers provide and briefly discussed funding two case managers instead of three. There was discussion on how large of an impact these case managers have on jail overcrowding. Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts approached the Council and noted the Judges efforts to clear the case backlog in the County which has had a positive impact on jail overcrowding. He said these case managers' recommendations to the Vigo County criminal justice system saves prisoner days in the jail. There was brief discussion about the Opioid Settlement fund sustaining these positions going forward. Steve Ellis asked if they could fund two case managers instead of three. Dan Kelly said this request would take a case manager from the RISE team and move it to the Mental Health Treatment Court leaving the RISE team with one less than in 2025. Brenda Wilson expressed her support for the city contributing their own Opioid Settlement funds to help fund these programs. There was discussion about the ability of these programs to provide the same services with less case managers. Dan Kelly expressed his support for funding all three positions, and working in 2026 to find funding for the case managers in 2027 and beyond. Brenda Wilson made a motion to amend the Ordinance Adopting the 2026 County of Vigo, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies reflecting the changes and funding all three case managers. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. In discussion, the Council was made aware of a full-time administrative assistant added by Veteran's Assistance. William Caldero approached the Council and explained this request was to add the Administrative Assistant position to this Salary Ordinance. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

c. An Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Elected Officials

Council Administrator Devan Gackle explained the amendments to the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Elected Officials reflected the changes recommended by the Council Annual Budget Committee. She said multiple Elected Officials now reflected the midpoint of the Baker Tilly

pay scale. She said Council only would receive a 3% raise. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Elected Officials. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

d. An Amended Ordinance Adopting the County of Vigo, Indiana 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Correctional/Detention/Building Security Officers

Devan then explained the amendments to the Ordinance Adopting the County of Vigo, Indiana 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Correctional/Detention/Building Security Officers. She said three Building security positions were listed as an hourly rate when they should have been an annual rate. She said the Ordinance now reflects this change. Brad Anderson made a motion to table this request until the Budget Committee met and provided the full Council with a recommendation on this request. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the amended Ordinance Adopting the County of Vigo, Indiana 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies of Correctional/Detention/Building Security Officers. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

e. An Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Health Department Employees

Devan explained the Secretary of Nursing Division position was listed as a grandfathered compensation rate, but the department as a new hire. The position now accurately reflects the \$20.10/hr the position should be compensated. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Health Department Employees. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

a. Additional Appropriation 2025-61: Terre Haute Mayor's Office – Warming Center Operations

Terre Haute Mayor Brandon Sakbun approached the Council and explained his request for \$15,000 from the County General Fund and \$15,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to fund warming center operations. He said Mental Health America has agreed to operate warming centers for this year, and this funding would primarily be for staffing. There was discussion about the amount of warming centers in operation. Vicki Weger asked how much the city was contributing to the warming center's operations. Brandon Sakbun confirmed the city was contributing \$30,000. Brandon noted his concerns about how long Mental Health America could support these operations beyond 2026. There was discussion about the differences between operating a warming center versus a homeless shelter. There was discussion about efforts to provide transportation to warming centers. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-61 appropriating only \$15,000 from the Rainy Day Fund. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. In discussion, Brandon Sakbun confirmed this contract would be for one year. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

b. Reduction in Appropriation Ordinance 2025-1: Vigo County 911 Appropriation Correction

Director of E911 Brian DeHart explained in 2024 E911 was budgeted \$432,242 from the wrong fund for 2025. He said instead of the E911 Fund (1222), this appropriation should have been in the LIT – Dedicated to PSAP

Fund (1235). He said this reduction in appropriation and subsequent additional appropriation in the correct Fund would solve this problem for state reporting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Reduction in Appropriation Ordinance 2025-1. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

c. Additional Appropriation 2025-64: E911 – LIT Dedicated to PSAP

This request was outlined above. There were no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-64. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

There were none.

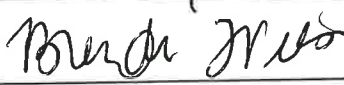
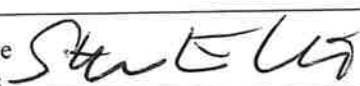
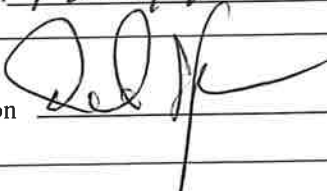
Adjournment

Steve Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. With a vocal vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 29, 2025

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 10th day of February, 2026.

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