



**Sunshine Meeting
of the
Vigo County Council
May 6, 2026**

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Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Council Chamber – Vigo County Government Center
4:00 P.M.
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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Calling of the Roll**
- 3. Communications from Elected Officials, Other Officials, or Agencies of the County**
 - a. Vigo County School Oversight Committee:** May 2026 Report
- 4. Reports from Committees**
- 5. Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations**
 - a. An Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Prosecutors and Public Defenders:** Section 4 Amendment: adding “and Public Defenders” to the approved Ordinance.
- 6. Ordinances Relating to Appropriations**
 - a. Additional Appropriation 2026-26:** Prosecutor’s Office – Law Enforcement Grants
 - b. Additional Appropriation 2026-27:** Sheriff – Vehicle Purchase
 - c. Additional Appropriation 2026-28:** Group Homes – House Manager Stipend
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Appointments**
- 9. Adjournment**

Vigo County acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Vigo County Government, should contact the office of Tammy York-Allen, ADA Coordinator 650 S 1st Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807, Phone 812-231-6200, e-mail tammy.york-allen@vigocounty.in.gov as soon as possible but no later than three business days before the scheduled event.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana that the Vigo County Council will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the Vigo County Government Center, at 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute at 5 o' clock p.m. on Wednesday May 6, 2026. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5 o' clock p.m. at the same location for a voting meeting.

FUND INFORMATION			
Fund Name: User Fee Infraction Deferral/2501			
Budget Classification	Account Name	Account Number	Additional Amount Requested
Other Services and Charges	Law Enforcement Grant	31400	\$25,000.00
Other Services and Charges	Youth Crime Prevention Grant	31410	\$ 5,000.00
Fund Total:			\$30,000.00

FUND INFORMATION			
Fund Name: Group Homes Non-Reverting/4952			
Budget Classification	Account Name	Account Number	Additional Amount Requested
Personal Services	Payroll Salaries	10010	\$ 4000.00
Fund Total:			\$ 4000.00

FUND INFORMATION			
Fund Name: LIT Public Safety – County Share/1170			
Budget Classification	Account Name	Account Number	Additional Amount Requested
Capital Outlays	Vehicles	44460	\$ 25,000.00
Fund Total:			\$ 25,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation(s). The Meeting will be made available for observance at the following web address:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmzvzRWqm-L5pW8F389_Tg

Fiscal Officer	Auditor Larry Hutchings
Date	April 20, 2026

Could we please add the Prosecutor/Public Defender Salary Ordinance on the May's Council meeting. Gretchen Etling had reached out to me while filling out State paperwork and noticed Section 4 was missing "and Public Defenders" when the salary ordinance was last adopted in February. Section 4 references longevity pay annually for all full time Deputy Prosecutors and should include full time Public Defenders.

Section 4: All full-time Deputy Prosecutors and Public Defenders shall receive longevity pay annually commencing at the beginning of the calendar year for their 2nd year in accordance with the attached longevity schedule. For each subsequent year of service, they shall receive longevity pay up to the maximum of \$6,250.

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To: Vigo County Council

April 1, 2025

RE: Vigo County Prosecutor's Office
Request for Appropriation

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

It is respectfully requested that the following request be discussed at the May, 2026 Council Meetings.

- An additional appropriation of \$25,000.00 to the Law Enforcement Grants 31400 line item in the Infraction Deferral budget, Fund 2501.
- An additional appropriation of \$5,000 to the Youth Crime Prevention Grants 31410 line item in the Infraction Deferral budget, Fund 2501.

The allocated amount in the 2026 budget for law enforcement grants was utilized to assist law enforcement with a vehicle purchase. The first four (4) months of 2026 have continued to show an increase in program income that is expected to cover this additional appropriation and the earlier approved salary appropriation.

As always, any appropriations for income driven budgets will only be spent if there is a case balance available to cover the amounts.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Robert E. Roberts

Robert E. Roberts
Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Vigo County, Indiana

Good afternoon,

I am requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 to purchase a 2023 Police Chevy Tahoe (upfitting/equipment) included from the West THPD. I would like to be placed on the agenda in May if possible, if not – then June please.

Respectfully,

Derek Fell

Sheriff

Vigo County Sheriff's Office

Derek Fell [@vigosheriff.in.gov](mailto:Derek.Fell@vigosheriff.in.gov)

Office: 812-462-3226



Norman E. Loudermilk II
Executive Director

April 15, 2026

President Steve Ellis
The Honorable Members of the Vigo County Council

Re: House Manager Stipend Budget Request

Dear President Ellis and Members of the Council,

At the April 14, 2026, meeting, it was discussed that any pay stipend utilized at the Vigo County Homes for Children be taken from the VHCH Non-Reverting Fund. (#4952). As promised at that meeting, I am now respectfully requesting your consideration for an additional appropriation of \$4,000.00 from the VCHC Non-Reverting Fund to Salaries-House Manager Stipend Line Item #10010.

Again, this is for the additional duties that I presented in April of 2026 to the Council listed in the job description. In response to these operational demands, we worked with Human Resources to establish a "working supervisor" role to assist with oversight and daily operations of the group homes. This position continues to perform all Youth Care Specialist duties while also assuming additional supervisory responsibilities as outlined in the job description.

Given these added responsibilities, I believe it is appropriate to provide additional compensation. Accordingly, I am requesting approval of an annual stipend of \$2,000 for each of the two (2), House Manager positions, for a total fiscal impact of \$4,000 per year from the VCHC Non-Reverting Fund. The stipend would be distributed in two equal payments, one in June and one in December.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norm E. Loudermilk II".

Norman E. Loudermilk, Executive Director
Vigo County Homes for Children

**AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026
SALARY SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION POLICIES
FOR VIGO COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE AND
PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE**

WHEREAS the County of Vigo, Indiana is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and

WHEREAS it is **the** intent of Vigo County, Indiana to comply with applicable federal and State of Indiana employment **laws** and regulations, and

WHEREAS Indiana Code 36-2-5-3, Section 3. (a) establishes that the county fiscal body shall **fix** the compensation of officers, deputies, and other employees whose compensation is payable from the County **General** fund, County Highway fund, County Health fund, County Park and Recreation fund, or any **other** fund from which the county auditor **issues** warrants for compensation with the exception of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Community Corrections funds. This includes the power to:

- (1) fix the number of officers, deputies, and other employees:
- (2) describe and classify positions and services:
- (3) adopt schedules of compensation; and:
- (4) hire or contract with persons to assist in the development of compensation, and.

NOW THEREFORE it is ordained as follows:

SECTION 1. FLSA exempt and non-exempt classifications are hereby adopted for the purposes of calculating overtime for employees holding non-exempt positions. Employees holding exempt positions are non-eligible for FLSA overtime or FLSA compensatory time.

SECTION 2. The Vigo County Personnel Policy, effective September 12, 2017, and all adopted addendums, are hereby adopted by reference; compliance with such policies are a term and condition of County employee compensation; County employees are entitled to pay for **leave** policies specified in **the** Vigo County Personnel Policy; and the County Auditor shall not issue pay warrants for paid leave not specified in the Vigo County Personnel Policy.

SECTION 3. Commencing January 1, 2026, Licensed Attorneys employed by the Vigo County Prosecutor or Vigo County Public Defender shall not receive compensation above the salary range authorized for their position in the salary ordinance; and the County Auditor shall not issue **pay** warrants for pay that exceeds the authorized amount as detailed below:

Deputy Prosecutor Base Salary (15) - \$84,872.00 annually

Part Time Trial Deputy (6) - \$44,060.31 annually

Part Time Trial Deputy/City Court Prosecutor (1) - \$45,965.81 annually

Public Defender Base Rate (2) - \$67,907.90 annually

Public Defender Problem Solving/First Appearance (2) - \$70,543.67 annually

Public Defender High Level Felony (23) - \$71,971.25 annually

Full Time Public Defender (1) - \$89,964.32 annually

SECTION 4. All full-time Deputy Prosecutors and Public Defenders shall receive longevity pay annually commencing at the beginning of the calendar year for their 2nd year in accordance with the attached longevity schedule. For each subsequent year of service, they shall receive longevity pay up to the maximum of \$6,250.

SECTION 5. The Prosecutor shall have authority to designate seven (7) of the full-time deputies as High-Level Felony Prosecutors with a 6% pay increase above the base rate, three (3) specialized prosecutor designations with a 10% pay increase above the base rate, one (1) problem solving prosecutor designations and one (1) child support prosecutor designation, which will each be entitled to a 4% pay increase above the base rate and three (3) Low-Level Felony Prosecutors paid at the base rate.

SECTION 6. Nothing in this ordinance will impact the salaries established and paid for by the State of Indiana.

SECTION 7. The illegality or invalidity, for any reason, of any of the sections of this ordinance, or parts thereof, shall invalidate only such section or sections as are so determined to be illegal or invalid, and any such invalidity shall have no effect on the remaining sections of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. This ordinance does not apply to employees who are covered by collective bargaining agreement, merit officers of the Vigo County Sheriff's Department, persons whose compensation is governed by statute, or persons whose compensation is established by a state agency or grant.

SECTION 9. The Chief Public Defender's salary is based from the State of Indiana Full-Time Prosecutor.

SECTION 10. The compensation amounts that are listed as annual appropriation amounts and the calculation of the bi-weekly or hourly compensation rates may result in a slight variation and will not be adjusted at the year end.

SECTION 11. Any full-time employee who enters into lost time with the County (where they do not have any eligible paid time off and are not actively working) will not be eligible for any form of payment which they would be eligible for when working or in paid time off status. This provision does not prohibit additional discipline if an employee enters lost time status with the County without good reason.

SECTION 12. Full-time employees in PERF covered positions determined ineligible for PERF per state statute shall receive a stipend equal to the defined employee contribution rate (3.00%) to be paid in each pay period.

2026 Longevity Schedule

Year

1	
2	\$ 125
3	\$ 250
4	\$ 375
5	\$ 500
6	\$ 781
7	\$ 938
8	\$ 1,094
9	\$ 1,250
10	\$ 1,406
11	\$ 1,875
12	\$ 2,063
13	\$ 2,250
14	\$ 2,438
15	\$ 2,625
16	\$ 3,281
17	\$ 3,500
18	\$ 3,719
19	\$ 3,938
20	\$ 4,156
21	\$ 5,000
22	\$ 5,250
23	\$ 5,500
24	\$ 5,750
25	\$ 6,000
26	\$ 6,250

**AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 SALARY SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION
POLICIES FOR VIGO COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE**

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Vigo County Council this 12th day of May, 2026

ADOPTION INFORMATION			
Official Vote <u>Aye</u> <u>Nay</u>		Name	Signature
☐	☐	Brenda Wilson	
☐	☐	David Thompson	
☐	☐	Nancy Allsup	
☐	☐	Brad Anderson	
☐	☐	Randy Gentry	
☐	☐	Vicki Weger	
☐	☐	Steve Ellis	
Attestation by Secretary of Governing Body			
Date			

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2026-26

WHEREAS the proper officers of the Common Council of Vigo County, Indiana have determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money for calendar year 2026 than the amount that was fixed by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana and finally determined in the annual budget under Indiana Code 6-1.1; and

WHEREAS notice was duly given to the public in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-5(a) and Indiana Code 5-3-1-2(b) for a public hearing on a proposed additional appropriation and a public hearing was held on April 14, 2026, by the Vigo County Council regarding the same:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana that a need now exists for an additional appropriation out of the following fund or funds named, and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same

FUND INFORMATION				
Fund Name: USER FEE INFRACTION DEFERRAL/2501				
Budget Classification	Account Name	Account Number	Additional Amount Requested	Additional Amount Approved
Other Services and Charges	Law Enforcement Grant	31400	\$25,000.00	\$
Other Services and Charges	Youth Crime Prevention Grant	31410	\$5,000.00	\$
Total			\$30,000.00	\$

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Attestation by Secretary of Governing Body		
Date		

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2026-27

WHEREAS the proper officers of the Common Council of Vigo County, Indiana have determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money for calendar year 2026 than the amount that was fixed by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana and finally determined in the annual budget under Indiana Code 6-1.1; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana that a need now exists for an additional appropriation out of the following fund or funds named, and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same

FUND INFORMATION				
Fund Name: LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNTY SHARE/1170				
Budget Classification	Account Name	Account Number	Additional Amount Requested	Additional Amount Approved
Capital Outlays	Vehicles	44460	\$25,000.00	\$
Total			\$25,000.00	\$

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Attestation by Secretary of Governing Body			
Date			

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2026-28

WHEREAS the proper officers of the Common Council of Vigo County, Indiana have determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money for calendar year 2026 than the amount that was fixed by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana and finally determined in the annual budget under Indiana Code 6-1.1; and

WHEREAS notice was duly given to the public in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-5(a) and Indiana Code 5-3-1-2(b) for a public hearing on a proposed additional appropriation and a public hearing was held on April 14, 2026, by the Vigo County Council regarding the same:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana that a need now exists for an additional appropriation out of the following fund or funds named, and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same

FUND INFORMATION				
Fund Name: GROUP HOMES NON-REVERTING FUND/4952				
Budget Classification	Account Name	Account Number	Additional Amount Requested	Additional Amount Approved
Personal Services	Payroll Salaries	44460	\$4,000.00	\$
Total			\$4,000.00	\$

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