



**Vigo County Council
Meeting
May 12, 2026**

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Council Chamber – Vigo County Government Center
5:00 P.M.
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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Calling of the Roll**
- 3. Correcting the Journal of Preceding Meetings if Needed**
 - a. April 7, 2026 Sunshine Meeting
 - b. April 14, 2026 Meeting
- 4. Communications from Elected Officials, Other Officials, or Agencies of the County**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Reports from Committees**
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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
- 9. Honorary Resolutions**
- 10. Resolutions Related to Fiscal Policies of the Council**
- 11. Appointments**
- 12. Adjournment** – Next Meeting: June 2, 2026

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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

**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
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Other Services and Charges	Youth Crime Prevention Grant	31410	\$5,000.00	\$
Total			\$30,000.00	\$

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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

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: 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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☐	☐	Steve Ellis	
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	\$

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

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Official Vote <u>Aye</u> <u>Nay</u>		Name	Signature
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Attestation by Secretary of Governing Body			
Date			

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
City Court Room, 17 Harding Ave.

Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

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

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

Steve Ellis expressed gratitude to the City of Terre Haute for providing facilities for this meeting.

a. Vigo County School Oversight Committee – April 2026 Report

Council appointed member of the Vigo County School Oversight Committee Heather Pickens approached the Council and provided a brief report of the Committee's April Activities. Heather said Crowe would be providing a financial analysis to the Committee the Thursday following the meeting. Heather noted the original goal was to provide Council and Commissioners a recommendation of a financially responsible plan by April, but due to the complex nature of the financial analysis the Committee is now aiming for July 15.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations – First Reading

a. Amended Salary Ordinance 2026-2: Prosecutor/Public Defender – Language Correction

This request would amend Section 4 of An Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Prosecutor's Office and Public Defender's Office to Read: "All Full-Time Deputy Prosecutors and Public Defenders shall receive longevity pay annually commencing at the beginning of the calendar years for their second year in accordance with the attached longevity schedule. For each sequential year of service, they shall receive longevity pay up to the maximum of \$6,250."

b. Amended Salary Ordinance 2026-3: Group Homes – House Manager Stipends

Executive Director of the Vigo County Homes for Children Norm Loudermilk approached the Council and explained request would add a Section 20 to An Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County, Indiana reading "All full time Youth Care Specialists holding the current title of House Managers, are eligible to receive a stipend of \$2,000.00 to assist in the day-to-day management and oversight of the individual group home locations. To be eligible for this stipend, an employee must have continuous services as a House Manager for 6 months prior to receiving the stipend. Equal installments of the stipend will be paid in June and December." He said additional duties two employees at the Group Homes are enough to justify these proposed stipends to their compensation. Norm confirmed the homes at 4 children at the time of the meeting. He said the amount of residents at the homes was variable week to week. There was discussion on efforts for Vigo County to become what is called a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative County. This initiative allows for alternative housing instead of Juvenile Detention to reduce the number of children in secure detention. There was brief discussion on the logistics of billing DCS for services provided to children at the homes and the amount of time children would stay in various circumstances. There was discussion on the amount of homes in operation and the amount of children staying at the time of the

meeting. Norm said there were two homes open, and there were seven children total. Norm reiterated DCS would be billed for children staying at the homes as part of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative program. There was brief discussion on the profitability of the group homes department as part of the larger Vigo County budget and when the department would see more money in receipts than expenditures. Norm noted January and February of 2025 the homes were not yet open to children so there was no revenue in that period. He said for 10 months in 2025 the department brought in \$1.4 million and he said his budget was \$1.4 million. There was discussion on the state reducing the amount DCS will reimburse for housing children in 2026 and the impacts this could have from year to year.

Ordinances Related to Appropriations – First Reading

a. Additional Appropriation 2026-17: Group Homes – House Manager Stipends

This request for \$4,000 to be appropriated in the “payroll” salaries line in the Group Home’s budget in the General Fund would fund the request outlined above.

Terre Haute Mayor Brandon Sakbun had another engagement so discussion on his office’s request (Additional Appropriation 2026-25) was moved up to this part of the meeting.

b. Additional Appropriation 2026-25: Terre Haute Mayor’s Office – Re-Appropriating Funds for Warming Center

Brandon Sakbun approached Council and explained the history of this funding request in connection to warming centers discussed at multiple previous meetings. This request was for \$15,001 to be appropriated for the professional services line in the Rainy Day Fund. He said he believed this would satisfy the procedural requirement of changing the request to be heard before the Council again after confusion about re-appropriating these unencumbered funds approved at the end of 2025. He broke down the funding sources for the warming center program. This included funding provided from the city budget, County budget, a grant from Duke Energy, and a donation from State Senator Greg Goode. He said there were 37 activation days over the course of the winter. There was discussion about a new state law dictating homelessness enforcement amid funding cuts to programs typically aiding the homeless population. He explained the success rate of the “streets to homes” program in Indianapolis and the desire to bring the program to Terre Haute.

c. Additional Appropriation 2026-18: Group Homes – Two Furnaces at Glenn Home

Norm explained this request was to appropriate \$46,500 in the contractual services line in the Group Homes Non-Reverting Fund to purchase and install two furnaces at the Glenn Home. He explained the home is currently heated by a boiler system that circulates water to radiator units throughout the building. He said during periods of extreme cold the system is unable to keep the home warm enough to allow children to stay there per DCS guidelines. Norm said he had received a quote for \$46,298 from Gibson Services and a quote for \$45,800 from B&S. He said the request was enough to cover electrical work in the moving of the furnace. Norm confirmed there would be a warranty for these furnaces.

d. Additional Appropriation 2026-19: Group Homes – Transportation Vehicle

Norm then explained this request for \$45,000 to be appropriated to the vehicles line in the Group Homes Non-Reverting Fund. He said these funds would be used to purchase a 2024 Ford Transit. He said the vehicle would cost \$38,500, but the request has enough funds for title, registration, and vehicle accessory costs. Norm noted he would fine adjusting the request to just the cost of the vehicle. There was discussion about the Group Homes being budgeted funds for a vehicle during the annual budgeting process in 2025. Norm explained the funds were used to buy building maintenance a vehicle and two snow blowers during a winter storm.

e. Additional Appropriation 2026-20: Courts – Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund

Judge Lakshmi Reddy approached the Council and explained this request was for \$75,027.10 to be appropriated to the legal services line in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund. She explained the Vigo County Clerk’s

Office collects a \$20 fee for all divorce filings and the current balance is \$75,027.10. She said due to the impossibility of predicting how much money will be needed to provide families' necessary services ordered by the court, the entire fund is requested to be appropriated on an annual basis.

f. Additional Appropriation 2026-21: Drug Free Vigo County – Drug Free Community Fund

Drug Free Vigo County Treasurer Brandon Halleck approached the Council and explained the organizations' request to appropriate \$63,066.65 to the operating expenses line in the Drug Free Community Fund. He said this program is funded by court user fees paid by the Vigo County Clerk's office and City of Terre Haute Clerk's Office. He said this was an annual appropriation made once the entire fees for fiscal year 2025 were collected. Brandon said these funds would be distributed to Team of Mercy, Mental Health America, Casey Family Links, Tobacco Free Vigo, Vigo County Drug Court, Casey Counseling, Next Step Foundation, West Terre Haute Police Department, Vigo County Juvenile Probation, Vigo County Family Court, and the Terre Haute Police Department. There was brief discussion on which court proceedings would collect the fees in this fund and how the determination was made on the recipients of the Drug Free Community Fund. Brandon Halleck noted he would not be able to make the following meeting and he could send someone in his place to answer further Council questions if the Council requested.

g. Additional Appropriation 2026-22: Drug Court – Budget Correction

Council Administrator Devan Gackle explained this request for an appropriation \$10,000 to the drug testing line in the Drug Court User Fee fund was due to a typo in the annual budgeting process resulting in only \$1,000 being appropriated in that line for budget year 2026.

h. Reduction in Appropriation Ordinance 2026-1: E911 Budget Correction – Part 1

Brian DeHart with Vigo County E911 approached the Council and explained this request for a reduction on appropriation of the equipment new line in the Vigo County 911 Fund and for the same amount to be appropriated in the equipment new line in the LIT Dedicated to PSAP Fund. Briand explained the department had a made a mistake during the annual budgeting process and due to statutory requirements this is the fix needed to be made.

i. Additional Appropriation 2026-23: E911 Budget Correction – Part 2

This request for an additional appropriation in the LIT Dedicated to PSAP Fund would be the second part in the budget correction described above.

j. Additional Appropriation 2026-24: Election Board – Poll Worker Budget Correction

Council Administrator Devan Gackle explained this request for \$265,500 to be appropriated to the payroll salaries line in the Election Board's budget was due to an error in the budgeting process. She said the budget committee approved this line for Election Board based on a non-election year, and needed these funds appropriated to compensate poll workers due to 2026 being an election year. She said the Auditor's Office met with the Vigo County Clerk and Chief Deputy Clerk and this was the amount calculated to cover the costs.

OLD BUSINESS: Approving Previously Approved 2026 Additional Appropriations for DLGF Submission

Steve Ellis said this agenda item would be addressed at the Council meeting the following week.

Public Comment

There were none.

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Presented to the Vigo County Council and adopted this 12th day of May, 2026

ADOPTION INFORMATION			
Official Vote <u>Aye</u> <u>Nay</u>		Name	Signature
☐	☐	Brenda Wilson	
☐	☐	David Thompson	
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Attestation by Secretary of Governing Body			
Date			

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
City Court Room, 17 Harding Ave.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Steve Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

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

Steve Ellis thanked the Terre Haute Mayor and City Officials for the use of the facilities.

Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed

March 3, 2026 Sunshine Meeting

March 10, 2026 Meeting

There were no corrections to the March 3, 2026 Sunshine Meeting minutes, David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 Sunshine Meeting minutes as presented. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

There were no corrections to the March 10, 2026 Meeting minutes, David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Meeting minutes as presented. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County

Vicki Weger said she had prepared an annual Council proclamation recognizing Worker’s Memorial Day. She said the fourth Sunday in April honored the efforts of the labor movement and dedicated advocates. Vicki said a “government agency of occupation safety and health should be established to assure safe and healthful working conditions and on this date is now recognized by the County and across the world to remember and honor workers who’ve been killed or disabled in the course of their work. Therefore, the Vigo County Council hereby proclaims from this day forward the fourth Sunday in April shall be recognized as Workers’ Memorial Day.” Vicki urged the people in the county to honor these fallen and injured workers.

Representing the Vigo County Redevelopment Commission, Jason Semler with Baker Tilly approached the Council and provided an update on the County’s Tax Increment Financing districts. He explained the Redevelopment Commission was required by statute to present annual information to the County Council in this way. Jason briefly explained the purpose of TIF Districts, and listed the County’s five TIF areas. Jason outlined the five districts: Heartland Steel, Staples, ThyssenKrupp Presta, Certainteed, and Pfizer. There was brief discussion on funding for infrastructure at the Vigo County Industrial Park.

Public Comment

There were none.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations

a. Amended Salary Ordinance 2026-2: Prosecutor/Public Defender – Language Correction

There were no questions on this request to amend section 4 of this salary ordinance to add the words “and public defenders.” There no motions for approval. The Council moved to the next agenda item.

Additional Appropriation 2026-25 was moved up on the agenda due to the Terre Haute Mayor having another engagement.

b. Additional Appropriation 2026-25: Terre Haute Mayor’s Office – Re-Appropriating Funds for Warming Center

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Terre Haute Mayor Brandon Sakbun approached the Council and provided a brief history of this request and how the Council had interacted with it at previous meetings. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-25. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. In discussion, Council Attorney Samantha DeWester cited the Council rules dictating a 12 month waiting period when a request is voted down by the Council. She said this request being changed by \$1 did not meet the threshold of a different request. There was discussion about the County Commissioners using their budgeted funds to fulfill this request. Brad Anderson apologized for the misunderstanding at the previous meeting leading to this request being voted down. There was brief discussion on the logistics of suspending Council rules for this request. Brandon Sakbun withdrew this request. He briefly discussed difficulty of budgeting for warming centers due to the unpredictability of winter weather. Vicki withdrew her motion.

c. Amended Salary Ordinance 2026-3: Group Homes – House Manager Stipends

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Randy Gentry briefly discussed giving the Group Homes department the authority to spend funding from the Group Homes Non-Reverting Fund without Council approval. There was discussion on the legality of such a move due to Council holding appropriation power for County government. Norm noted the Commissioners had amended the Commissioners’ Ordinance establishing the Group Homes’ Non-Reverting Fund to allow salaries to be paid from the fund anticipating a request to fund these stipends from the Non-Reverting Fund and not the General Fund. There was discussion between Norm and the Council Attorney about the legality of Randy’s suggestion of spending non-budgeted funds without the approval from Council. Randy explained in his proposal there would be a review process at the end of each year to examine the Group Home’s expenses instead of the operation coming before Council frequently. There was discussion on the logistics of the County billing the State for housing juveniles. Brad Anderson noted this proposal could give other departments with Non-Reverting funds permission to spend the money however they wanted to. Norm requested the Council review and vote on the requests before them tonight and review the legality of a department spending non-budgeted funds without Council approval at a separate time. The impossibility of appropriating the entire Group Homes Non-Reverting Fund due to requirements of advertising additional appropriations to taxpayers was discussed. There was discussion about agenda of this meeting and the proper sequence of the next actions. Brad Anderson made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2026-3. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. In discussion, the location the requested stipend would be funded from briefly considered. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

a. Additional Appropriation 2026-17: Group Homes – House Manager Stipends

This request was withdrawn.

Additional Appropriation 2026-19 was read and voted on before Additional Appropriation 2026-18 due to an error in the reading of the agenda.

b. Additional Appropriation 2026-19: Group Homes – Two Furnaces at Glenn Home

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Norm explained while the request was for \$45,000 to be appropriated from the Group Homes Non Reverting Fund, he was okay with \$39,000 being appropriated by Council. David Thompson made a motion to amend this request to \$39,000. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – nay; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the request was amended. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the Amended Additional Appropriation 2026-19. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – nay; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

c. Additional Appropriation 2026-18: Group Homes – Transportation Vehicle

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-18. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

d. Additional Appropriation 2026-20: Courts – Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-20. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – nay; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

e. Additional Appropriation 2026-21: Drug Free Vigo County – Drug Free Community Fund

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-21. David Thompson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Randy Gentry – nay; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

f. Additional Appropriation 2026-22: Drug Court Budget Correction

This request was explained at the sunshine meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-22. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. There was discussion about the error that led to \$1,000 instead of \$10,000 being budgeted for the Drug Testing line in the Drug Court User Fee Fund. There

was discussion about amending this request so that \$9,000 was additionally appropriated instead of the advertised \$10,000 in this line to make the erroneous amount in the line \$10,000 as it should have been. Vicki Weger made motion to amend the requested \$10,000 down to \$9,000. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Randy Gentry – nay; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion was amended. In further discussion, the council attorney confirmed there was no need to have a separate vote to amend requests to a lower amount than was advertised, the Council could just include the lower amount in the original motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, Additional Appropriation 2026-22 was approved.

g. Reduction in Appropriation Ordinance 2026-1: E911 Budget Correction – Part 1

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. David Thompson made a motion to approve Reduction in Appropriation Ordinance 2026-1. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, Reduction in Appropriation Ordinance 2026-1 was approved.

h. Additional Appropriation 2026-23: E911 Budget Correction – Part 2

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-23. Randy Gentry seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, Additional Appropriation 2026-23 was approved.

i. Additional Appropriation 2026-24: Election Board – Poll Worker Budget Correction

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There was discussion on how the \$265,000 needed to compensate poll workers was determined. Council Administrator Devan Gackle explained there was a meeting between the Auditor’s Office and the Clerk’s Office and this total was calculated at that time. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-24. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. . Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Approving Previously Approved 2026 Additional Appropriations for DLGF Submission

Auditor Larry Hutchings explained new state statute now requires Additional Appropriations to be advertised through budgetnotices.in.gov and submitted through Indiana Gateway. The additional appropriations approved at the previous meetings of the Council had been advertised through the local newspaper per the old statute. The Auditor explained he has worked with the Department of Local Government Finance and the Council Attorney and said all previously approved Additional Appropriations in 2026 advertised properly advertised on budgetnotices.in.gov and re-approved by Council would be the solution to this oversight. These previous Additional Appropriations had been discussed at previous Council meetings and had been properly advertised for this meeting.

Steve Ellis said the previous votes on all previously approved 2026 Additional Appropriations would be read into the record and the Council would vote to approve these Additional Appropriations affirming their previous votes read at this meeting.

Brady Harp with the Auditor's Office read the following:

Additional Appropriation 2026-1: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 7-0 Vote

Additional Appropriation 2026-2: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 7-0 Vote

Additional Appropriation 2026-3: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 7-0 Vote

Additional Appropriation 2026-4: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 7-0 Vote

Additional Appropriation 2026-7: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 5-2 Vote
Nancy Allsup and Randy Gentry were "nay" votes.

Additional Appropriation 2026-8: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 6-1 Vote
Randy Gentry was the "nay" vote.

Additional Appropriation 2026-9: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 6-1 Vote
Randy Gentry was the "nay" vote.

Additional Appropriation 2026-11: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 6-1 Vote
Randy Gentry was the "nay" vote.

Additional Appropriation 2026-12: Approved at the February 10, 2026 Meeting 6-1 Vote
Randy Gentry was the "nay" vote.

Additional Appropriation 2026-5: Approved at the March 10, 2026 Meeting 7-0 Vote Brady explained Additional Appropriation 2026-5 was tabled in the February meeting and voted on during the March meeting.

Additional Appropriation 2026-13: Approved at the March 10, 2026 Meeting 6-1 Vote
Randy Gentry was the "nay" vote.

Additional Appropriation 2026-14: Approved at the March 10, 2026 Meeting 7-0 Vote

Additional Appropriation 2026-15: Approved at the March 10, 2026 Meeting 7-0 Vote

Vicki Weger made a motion to approve these additional appropriations subject to any "typos" and the Council would defer back to the record on hand which would be video recordings of these named meetings. There was discussion on if the Council was approving these additional appropriations are confirming their previous votes. Vicki Weger withdrew her motion and made a motion to confirm the Council's motion on these additional appropriations on these dates subject to any "typos" and defer to the record on hand which would be the video recording of those meetings. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Council Attorney Samantha DeWester said due to these additional appropriations being republished properly this motion should be one to accept the prior

votes into action. Vicki Weger withdrew her motion. Samantha noted to taxpayers that these additional appropriations read into the record were already previously presented, voted on. She recommended the Council's motion accept all of these additional appropriations as presented tonight and affirm their previous votes and the appropriations subject to any "typos" that may have occurred. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve these additional appropriations also confirming the Council's listed votes from prior meetings as stated, this was for the purpose of submitting to DLGF, and this was subject to any "typos" and the video record would correct anything if needed. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the listed additional appropriations were approved.

At 6:27 p.m. Councilperson Randy Gentry exited the meeting.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

Steve Ellis noted the next meeting would be May 6, 2026 in the Council Chambers.

Brad Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. With a 5-0 vocal vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL APRIL 14, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Presented to the Vigo County Council and adopted 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			