

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Calling of the Roll

Present: Brenda Wilson, Nancy Allsup, 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

April 7, 2026 Sunshine Meeting

April 14, 2026 Meeting

There were no corrections to the April 7, 2026 Sunshine Meeting minutes, David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 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 – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

There were no corrections to the April 14, 2026 Meeting minutes, David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Meeting minutes as presented. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Nancy Allsup noted she would abstain since she was not present at the meeting. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – abstain; 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

Brenda Wilson provided a statement expressing her displeasure with her opponents in the Indiana Primary for the State Senate Race and addressed statements made by them and others during the election cycle.

Public Comment

Kevin Southwood of 1638 7th Avenue, Terre Haute approached the Council and requested Council candidates in the upcoming general election publically note their policies.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

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**

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Chief Public Defender Gretchen Etling approached the Council and explained this would add the words “and Public Defenders” to Section 4 of this ordinance and keep

it line with language used in previous years. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve this Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Prosecutors and Public Defenders. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

a. Additional Appropriation 2026-26: Prosecutor's Office – Law Enforcement Grants

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-26. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

b. Additional Appropriation 2026-27: Sheriff – Vehicle Purchase

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Brad Anderson expressed he thought the price for the purchase of the West Terre Haute Police Vehicle was a good deal. Brad Anderson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-27. 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 – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

c. Additional Appropriation 2026-28: Group Homes – Transportation Vehicle

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There was discussion on if this stipend would be one time or part of the employees' regular compensation. Group Homes Executive Director Norm Loudermilk confirmed the ordinance had been amended to allow this regularly as stated in the ordinance. There was discussion about the reasoning for a stipend instead of a pay grade change. Norm expressed the additional duties the House Managers in question were responsible did not warrant a complete pay grade adjustment. There was discussion about the hierarchy of supervisors at the Group Homes. There was discussion about the Commissioners' and Council's respective responsibilities in the appropriations process. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-28. 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 – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – 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

Steve Ellis said he was establishing a "financial research committee" and he appointed Cody Francis, Randy Gentry, Nancy Allsup, Vicki Weger, Tim Drake, and Alex Sacopulos.

Adjournment

Brenda Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. With a 7-0 vocal vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MAY 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Vigo County Council this 9th day of June, 2026

Official Vote		Name	Signature
Aye	Nay		
☒	☐	Brenda Wilson	Brenda Wilson
☐	☐	David Thompson	
☒	☐	Nancy Allsup	Nancy Allsup
☒	☐	Brad Anderson	Brad Anderson
☒	☐	Randy Gentry	Randy Gentry
☒	☐	Vicki Weger	Vicki Weger
☒	☐	Steve Ellis	Steve Ellis
Attestation by Secretary of Governing Body			Lon T. Hill
Date			6/9/26