

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VIGO COUNTY ANNEX**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Captain John Moats, Vigo County Sheriff Department, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Calling of the Roll**

**Present:** Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim P. Curley.

**Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed**

- *September 9, 2014*

**Motion:** To approve as published, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Rick Burger. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Michael Wright, County Attorney for the Commissioners provided the Council with information regarding refinancing the existing Redevelopment Authority Taxable Economic Development Bond and the EDIT Bond with a lower interest rate, which will save the County money. This is something that is coming down the road, however no action is required at this time.

Mr. Wright also addressed the Fuel/Bond Bank contract for 2015. He is waiting on actual numbers, but feels the Commissioners may not be interested in continuing the program.

Several Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers, employees, as well as retired and current educators spoke to express the importance of the CASA Program and the magnitude of children who need and benefit from the program. They asked the Council to reconsider the decision of the Budget Adjustment Committee to reduce the requested amount submitted by Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director.

**Communications from other officials or agencies**

***Vigo County Police Retirement Plan Amendment***

Captain John Moats, Vigo County Sheriff Dept., presented the amended Vigo County Police Retirement Plan which had been signed by the VC Sheriff Department Merit Board, for Council approval.

**Motion:** To suspend the rules, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To approve the amended VC Police Retirement Plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To reinstate the rules, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports from standing committees**

***Annual Budget Committee***

***Resolution 2014-05***

The Prairieton/Prairie Creek Fire Protection District would like to establish a Cumulative Fire Fund not to exceed \$0.0333 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2014 payable 2015.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Motion passed unanimously.

***Resolution 2014-06***

The Riley Fire Protection District would like to establish a Cumulative Fire Fund not to exceed \$0.0333 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2014 payable 2015.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.  
Motion passed unanimously.

*Resolution 2014-07*

The New Goshen Fire Protection District would like to establish a Cumulative Fire Fund not to exceed \$0.0333 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2014 payable 2015.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.  
Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-48*

The Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) fund (aka Emergency Right to Know) does not have a 2014 budget in place. This request is for additional appropriations needed for the remainder of the year totaling \$12,201.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.  
Motion passed unanimously.

*2015 Binding Recommendations*

Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor cited the second reading of the 2015 binding recommendations.

- Terre Haute International Airport
- Honey Creek Fire Protection District
- New Goshen Fire Protection District
- Lost Creek Fire Protection District
- Prairieton Fire Protection District
- Riley Fire Protection District
- Sugar Creek Fire Protection District
- Moveover Lake Conservancy District
- Vigo County Solid Waste Management District

**Motion:** To approve 2015 budgets for the binding units listed, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Special Projects Committee*

*Additional Appropriation 2014-49*

The Parks & Recreation Department requested an additional appropriation in the EDIT fund in the amount of \$225,000 to complete the construction on the Fowler Park Dam.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.  
Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-50*

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation in the EDIT fund in the amount of \$2,737,123 to pay the Community Corrections building lease in full.

The Ordinance died due to lack of motion.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-51*

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation in the EDIT fund to pay the Community Corrections building lease in full. However, due to previous discussions and the fact that the lease payments have already been appropriated in the Rainy Day fund, this Ordinance states the amount of \$2,599,448 shall be additionally appropriated in the Rainy Day fund and shall be used along with the previous appropriation in the Rainy Day fund to pay the lease in full.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.  
Motion passed unanimously.

***Budget Adjustment Committee***

*Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2014-07*

The Parks & Recreation Department requested to transfer \$2,819.99 from Vehicle Repair into Equipment New for the completion of a payment for a truck and to purchase a snow plow.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2014-08*

The Vigo County Treasurer requested to transfer \$1,500 from Other Supplies into Service Agreements.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-52*

Sarah Mullican, Title IV-D Court Commissioner, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 for Electricity.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-53*

The Prosecutor's office requested additional appropriations in the Infraction Deferral fund totaling \$4,388 to pay cell phone stipends to six attorneys for the months of July 2014 through December 2014.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

**Vote:** Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 5, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Ed Ping, Tim P. Curley.

**No:** Bill Thomas, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-54*

Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director requested additional appropriations totaling \$7,622 in the Guardian Ad Litem fund. The Budget Adjustment committee approved an additional appropriation \$3,000 and the rest shall reimburse County General. However, it has been determined per State Statute, the monies shall only be distributed to the County's CASA or GAL program, or returned to the State.

**Motion:** To postpone, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-55*

Kathy Kinney, Director of the Vigo County Solid Waste Management District, requested an additional appropriation of \$6,000 in payroll for overtime.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Ed Ping, Tim P. Curley, Bill Thomas, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger.

**No:** Kathy Miller

*Additional Appropriation 2014-56*

The Highway Department requested additional appropriations in the Local Road and Street fund for payroll, FICA and PERF totaling \$39,505.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Tim P. Curley.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-57*

The Highway Department requested additional appropriations in the Highway fund for payroll, FICA, PERF and Gasoline totaling \$277,070.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Salary Ordinance 2014-12*

The Commissioners requested phone stipends for five employees in the Building Maintenance Department.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Ed Ping, Tim P. Curley, Bill Thomas, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger.

**No:** Kathy Miller

*Additional Appropriation 2014-58*

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation for the Humane Society in the amount of \$7,000.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **Seconded by** Tim P. Curley.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-59*

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation for Postage in the amount of \$125,000.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **Seconded by** Tim P. Curley.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-60*

Sheriff Greg Ewing requested an additional appropriation in the Jail budget for Care of Patients & Inmates in the amount of \$122,150.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **Seconded by** Tim P. Curley.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-61*

Sheriff Greg Ewing requested an additional appropriation in the CAGIT fund for Grant Purchases in the amount of \$26,580. This is grant monies received as a reimbursement for equipment and software purchased to aid in the creation of the Vigo County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team. The Prosecutor has agreed to fund the 20% match of \$6,645.

The Ordinance document had a typographical error, therefore an amendment was needed.

**Motion:** To amend the amount to \$26,580, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To approve as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2014-62*

The Auditor's office requested an additional appropriation in the Health Donation fund for Group Insurance. Due to changes of the status of employees, additional funds in the amount of \$13,661 will be needed for the remainder of 2014.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports from select committees**

There were none.

**Ordinances relating to appropriations**

There were none.

**Honorary resolutions**

There were none.

**Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council**

There were none.

**First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions**

President Kathy Miller assigned the Requests of Council to committee for further review.

**Appointments**

There were none.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.  
Motion passed unanimously.