

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Rick Burger 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.

Absent/Excused: Tim P. Curley.

Reorganization

Election of Officers

Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor opened the floor for Vigo County Council President nominations.

Motion: To nominate Rick Burger for President, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Seprodi passed the gavel to President Rick Burger.

Mr. Burger opened the floor for President Pro Tempore nominations.

Motion: To nominate Kathy Miller for President Pro Tempore, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Rules

The 2016 Rules of the County Council have a few changes from last year.

Motion: To approve the 2016 Rules of the County Council as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.

Motion passed unanimously.

Establishment of Tentative Meeting Schedule

The 2016 Council meetings are tentatively set for the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of March and November which will be held the third Tuesday. There are no scheduled meetings in July or December.

Motion: To adopt the 2016 tentative meeting schedule, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Motion passed unanimously.

President Rick Burger summarized the Council accomplishments of 2015 and reviewed the 2016 goals.

Public comment

Michael Wright, County Commissioner Attorney reported the West Vigo Levee Association Conservancy District was established by the Circuit Court December 9, 2015 and appointed an initial Board. The Board includes Charles Ray, Attorney; Roger Montgomery, District President; and Terry Jones, West Central Indiana Economic Development District who has been helping the Levee Association become a Conservancy District in order to recertify the levee surrounding the Town of West Terre Haute. In 2015, the

Council appropriated a \$200,000 loan in the EDIT fund for this project. The Commissioners entered into an agreement with the Conservancy District December 31, 2015. The Commissioners will submit claims to the Auditor's office for project expenses until the Council and Department of Local Government approves a budget for the District. The Council will approve their budget as a binding unit for 2017. As a District, they will be able to levy a tax rate and hopefully prevent this problem from occurring when the levee needs recertification.

Mr. Wright also addressed the E-911 issue regarding the agreement with the City of Terre Haute. The City notified the County in early 2015 that they will not extend the E-911 agreement beyond 2016. Mr. Wright is hoping there will be a mutually acceptable resolution. It was pointed out in the Commissioners meeting by Rob McMullen, E-911 Director that the City Police and Fire account for approximately fifty-nine percent of all calls into 9-1-1 for service.

Mr. Wright further stated that he has scheduled a meeting January 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room with Hershel Frierson with Crowe Horwath to discuss financing for the Vigo County Jail. Mr. Frierson has prepared a report and would like to discuss it with any stakeholder in a new jail project giving them the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, and be involved from the beginning of the process.

Communications from elected officials of the County

There were none.

Communications from other officials or agencies

There were none.

Reports from standing committees

There were none.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

President Rick Burger assigned the Requests of Council to committees for further review.

Appointments

Alcoholic Beverage Commission ~ Stephen Price

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (Republican) ~ David Phelps

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (Democrat) ~ Carl "Steve" Lynch

Board of Zoning Appeals ~ Scott Lough

Vigo County Public Library ~ Valentine Muyumba

E-911 Advisory Board ~ Bill Thomas

Emergency Management Advisory Council ~ Mark Bird

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee ~ Rick Burger

Local Emergency Planning Commission ~ Rick Burger

West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. ~ Mike Morris

Building Inspection Advisory Board ~ Ed Ping

Vigo County Fair Board ~ Rick Burger

Wabash River Development and Beautification, Inc. ~ Mike Morris

Annual Budget Committee ~ Mike Morris, Chair

Annual Budget Committee ~ Mark Bird

Annual Budget Committee ~ Kathy Miler

Budget Adjustments, Transfers, and Appropriations Committee ~ Bill Thomas, Chair

Budget Adjustments, Transfers, and Appropriations Committee ~ Ed Ping

Budget Adjustments, Transfers, and Appropriations Committee ~ Mike Morris
Personnel Committee ~ Kathy Miller, Chair
Personnel Committee ~ Tim Curley
Personnel Committee ~ Ed Ping
Facilities, Services, and Special Projects Committee ~ Mark Bird ~ Chair
Facilities, Services, and Special Projects Committee ~ Tim Curley
Facilities, Services, and Special Projects Committee ~ Ed Ping
Council Administrator ~ Kylissa Miller
Council Attorney ~ Robert Effner

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.
Motion passed unanimously.