

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Bernie Burns, Vigo County Sheriff Dept, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Calling of the roll**

**Present:** Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mike Morris, Rick Burger.

**Absent/Excused:** Mark Bird, Tim P. Curley.

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

- March 17, 2015

**Motion:** To approve minutes as published, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Public comment**

There was none.

**Communications from elected officials of the County**

John Moats, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported on the recent purchase of Sheriff vehicles. All of the new vehicles are now on the road. The old vehicles that are no longer used will potentially be sold at a special police vehicle auction. The potential proceeds would possibly fund the lease payment for four more vehicles needed to complete the fleet. All Sheriff Dept. vehicles would then be road ready.

**Communications from other officials or agencies**

Councilman Ed Ping reported on the Building Inspection Blight Elimination Program. The process has been delayed due to legal issues. The County must get started on the project and spend some of the money that has been appropriated in order to receive Federal funding.

Cheryl Loudermilk, Chief Deputy Auditor, attended the meeting with Councilman Ping and according to West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD), Vigo County is not behind on the process when compared to other communities, we are actually ahead. The process is lengthy, but is moving along.

**Reports from standing committees**

***Budget Adjustment Committee***

***Dewey Point Trail***

**Motion:** To postpone until more information can be gathered, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Motion passed unanimously.

## Reports from select committees

There were none.

## Ordinances relating to appropriations

### *Budget Adjustment Committee*

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-16*

Brandon Halleck, Vigo County Local Coordinating Council, requested an additional appropriation of \$66,224 in the Operating Expenses account of the Drug Free Community Fund. This amount was the balance in the fund December 31, 2014. The monies in the fund come from court user fees.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-17*

Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director, requested additional appropriations in various accounts totaling \$32,750 in the Guardian Ad Litem Fund.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-18*

Sheriff Greg Ewing requested an additional appropriation of \$214,750 in the Care of Patients and Inmates account in the Jail budget. The account has been depleted due to temporarily housing inmates in surrounding county Jails to alleviate Jail overcrowding. The VC Council Budget Adjustment Committee approved the amount of \$150,000 which was passed to the full Council for approval.

**Motion:** To approve \$150,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-19*

The Prosecutor's office requested an additional appropriation to supplement the salaries of three Deputy Prosecutors. The funds come from the Local Coordinating Council, which has approved the funding for 2015 in the amount of \$5,000.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Salary Ordinance 2015-04*

A Salary Ordinance is needed to approve the salary supplements approved in Additional Appropriation 2015-19.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-20*

The Prosecutor's office requested an additional appropriation of \$10,000 in the Trials & Investigations account in the Prosecutor's County General budget. This account has been depleted during a recent murder trial and six more murder trials are anticipated during the 2015 calendar year.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-21*

The Prosecutor's office requested an additional appropriation of \$57,528 in the Law Enforcement Grant account in the Drug Task Force/Seized Assets Fund to purchase replacement Tactical Vests and related equipment for the Terre Haute Police Department.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-22*

The Prosecutor's office requested an additional appropriations to purchase vehicles for the Terre Haute Police Department. The Budget Adjustment Committee suggested the amount of \$30,000 for the full Council to consider.

**Motion:** To approve \$30,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Ordinance 2015-03*

Jim Bramble, Vigo County Treasurer, requested a resolution/ordinance to adopt an investment policy authorizing the investment of public funds. The resolution shall expire December 31, 2016.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

#### **Appointments**

There were none.

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.