

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday June 9, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Sheriff Greg Ewing 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**

- *May 12, 2015*

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as published, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Public comment**

Brian Jackson representing Launch Terre Haute explained that the organization is a co-work space located here in Terre Haute. It is a space for independents, entrepreneurs, and start-up companies to go to work. It's a step up from a coffee shop. They provide printing resources, high-speed internet, etc. It's an opportunity for not only a place to go to work to start your business, you can work alongside other entrepreneurs that are doing the same thing and collaborate. The goal of Launch Terre Haute is to retain talent, to positively transform Vigo County, and to enhance the perception of Vigo County. This is common in communities with higher educational institutions within them such as Bloomington, Muncie, and Lafayette. They are located at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Wabash Avenue. They have a small co-work space and have been running a pilot program over the last ten months with success and have over twenty members. They would like to move into a larger space in the Deming Center with the Council's support.

Kim Norris, Executive Director, Taxpayers Association of Vigo County reported the Association approves a five-year tax abatement for Cypress Renewables. Also to begin at eighty percent, decreasing by twenty percent increments each year, ending with ten percent the last year.

Rob Roberts, Vigo County Community Corrections Board of Directors, explained the need for the Community Service Program. The Program allows certain offenders, through a plea agreement, to do hours of community service rather than be incarcerated. The Program is supervised and monitored through the Community Corrections Department. The Program has been funded through the Indiana Department of Correction. It is expected the funding will cease and without it, the offenders will spend time incarcerated. This will be approximately 15 additional

inmates per day. Mr. Roberts is proposing the Council fund the Program at the very least, through the remainder of this year. There are offenders that have already been ordered to serve these hours and a supervisor is needed to verify the hours are done. Mr. Roberts is asking for an additional appropriation of \$18,528 to fund the supervisor position from July 1 through December 31, 2015. President Rick Burger stated a special call will be scheduled if needed.

#### **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.

#### **Reports from select committees**

There were none.

#### **Ordinances relating to appropriations**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-27*

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation of \$1,000,000 in the Transportation Plan account of the Rainy Day Fund to begin road projects.

**Motion:** To amend the ordinance to \$650,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.

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

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

**No:** Ed Ping.

**Motion:** To approve as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Budget Adjustment Committee***

#### ***Additional Appropriation 2015-25***

The Canal Road Bond was refinanced earlier this year. The annual payment increased by \$9,665 in addition, the County was charged wiring fees by the bank

during the process. Additional funding is needed in the amount of \$9,700 in the Bank Loan and Interest account of the EDIT Fund.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Additional Appropriation 2015-26*

Sheriff Greg Ewing requested an additional appropriation of \$7,699 in the Vehicles account of the Alarm Control Non-Reverting Fund. The funding is needed to pay the 2015 lease payment on the truck used by the Animal Control Officer. This was an oversight during the 2015 budget preparation.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

#### *Special Projects Committee*

##### *Resolution 2015-04 (Final)*

Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC, developer of McDonald Solar, LLC requested a ten-year real and personal property tax abatement for a proposed solar farm project.

**Motion:** To deny, **Action:** Deny, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

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

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

**Abstain:** Rick Burger.

#### 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

There were none presented.

#### Appointments

There were none.

#### Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.