

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

President 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, Tim P. Curley.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

There were none presented.

Public comment

There was none.

Communications from elected officials of the County

Dr. Susan Amos, Vigo County Coroner feels she was specifically targeted for a salary decrease. Other County office holders are not paid based on their educational background. She feels this is discrimination and is trying to avoid a lawsuit.

Commissioner Judy Anderson commended the County for participating in the Workforce Study. She addressed the Jail Study that was presented in an earlier meeting. The study determined the County will need a Jail renovation, or a new Jail built. She strongly urged the Council to table the upcoming ordinance to appropriate \$1.5 million in the EDIT fund for the Hulman Center. With both studies presented today, Ms. Anderson strongly feels there will be major expenses in the upcoming budget. She does support the Hulman Center Project and it has been expressed that the County is willing to participate in the project.

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

Annual Budget Committee

First reading of the 2016 Annual Budget

Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor presented the first reading of the 2016 Vigo County Budget Estimate. The total budget estimate is \$68,802,306.

Additional Appropriation 2015-28

Steve Witt requested to appropriate funds received from a State grant to reimburse Casey's Distribution Center in the amount of \$200,000. The Council already appropriated the matching portion.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation 2015-29

Bruce Allen, Vigo County Surveyor requested an additional appropriation of \$18,500 in the Stakes and Field Equipment account of the Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund to purchase updated GPS Surveying Equipment.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation 2015-30

Mike Schalburg, Building Maintenance Supervisor requested phone stipends of \$35 a month for two Building Maintenance employees who are contacted on their personal cell phones on a regular basis when the building alarm system is activated.

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

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

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

No: Kathy Miller.

Additional Appropriation 2015-31

Greg Ewing, Vigo County Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the Contractual Services account of the CAGIT fund to assist with the funding for the completion of the new Terre Haute Humane Society facility.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation 2015-32

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2015-32 was intended to appropriate \$1.5 million in the EDIT Fund for the County's portion of the Hulman Center Project. The Commissioners are responsible for the EDIT Fund and did not submit this

request and ask that the ordinance be withdrawn. Commissioner Judy Anderson explained the Commissioners are in favor of the Project, however until other stakeholders commit, they are not ready to provide the funding.

Motion: to postpone indefinitely, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

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

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim P. Curley.

No: Mark Bird.

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** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Motion passed unanimously.