

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday October 13, 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: Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim P. Curley.

Absent/Excused: Bill Thomas, Mark Bird.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

▪ *June 9, 2015*

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

Motion passed unanimously.

▪ *August 11, 2015*

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

Motion passed unanimously.

▪ *September 8, 2015*

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment

Kellie Wellum, former Alcohol & Drug employee of 25 years, is now an employee of the Vigo County Clerk's office. Ms. Wellum applied for the position in the Clerk's office because she was forced to leave a position in Alcohol and Drug since the Council is not funding Alcohol & Drug in 2016. She was informed that because of the new employee compensation plan study for 2016 taking effect September 8, 2015, her pay will be cut \$8,000. She feels this is unfair since she had to leave a position through no fault of her own.

David Weger expressed his concern for Kellie Wellum's comment. This was the first he heard of her situation and stated the Council has the power to correct their action and hopes they do the right thing.

Councilman Ed Ping has seen situations in the past like that of Ms. Wellum's and hates to see it happen. He hopes the Council can put something in place for unusual situations that may arise.

Deena Evans expressed her concern for the new pay schedule. There have been many rumors going around, and no one seems to have an answer. President Rick Burger asked Kylissa Miller, Council Administrator, if the department heads were to share that information with their employees. Ms. Miller stated that a meeting will be scheduled with the consultant to meet with the department heads to explain it after the policy is adopted November 10, 2015.

Communications from elected officials of the County

Sheriff Greg Ewing stated the Jail kitchen had to be remodeled in late July, early August. He praised the effort and teamwork of employees and departments coming together including the Commissioners, the Health Dept. and most of all the Maintenance Dept. The Maintenance Dept. and Mike Schalburg have saved the County thousands of dollars by doing much of the work.

Communications from other officials or agencies

DLZ – Jail Feasibility Presentation

President Rick Burger moved the presentation to the end of the agenda.

Reports from standing committees

There were none.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations

Annual Budget Committee

2016 Annual Budget Binding Units – Adoption

- Vigo County Public Library
- 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
- Solid Waste Management District

Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor cited the second reading of the 2016 binding recommendations. Councilman Mike Morris stated the committee reviewed each unit's budget and approved them as submitted provided they were in line with their tax rates. Honey Creek Fire Protection District's submitted 2016 budget resulted in a negative operating balance at the end of 2016. However, their board approved a budget reduction to their 2015 budget and will now have a positive operating balance at the end of 2016.

Motion: To approve budgets as read, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Motion passed unanimously.

2015 Elected Official Salary Ordinance – Amendment

Dr. Susan Amos, Vigo County Coroner, requested her salary be adjusted to match that of the other elected officials and that she receive retroactive pay back to January 1, 2013.

Motion: No Motion - Died due to lack of motion.

Additional Appropriation 2015-33

Additional appropriations were necessary in the event the 2015 Elected Official Salary Ordinance was amended to meet the request of Dr. Susan Amos to increase the Coroner's salary.

Motion: No Motion - Died due to lack of motion.

Salary Ordinance 2015-05

The Health Dept. requested a full time nurse to be funded by the ISDH Immunization Grant awarded to the County. However, since the time of the request, the grant has been amended at the state level to exclude a full time nurse and the funding has been reduced by that amount.

Motion: No Motion - Died due to lack of motion.

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2015-01

The Health Dept. requested to transfer appropriations from Equipment New into Group Insurance in order to provide health insurance for the full time nurse requested in Salary Ordinance 2015-05. However, since the time of the request, the grant has been amended at the state level to exclude a full time nurse. Therefore, the transfer of appropriations is not needed.

Motion: No Motion - Died due to lack of motion.

Budget Adjustment Committee

Additional Appropriation 2015-34

The Coroner asked for an additional appropriation in the transportation account of the Coroner's department of the County General fund in the amount of \$12,000.

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

Additional Appropriation 2015-35

The Coroner asked for an additional appropriation in the Autopsy account of the Coroner's department of the County General fund in the amount of \$15,000.

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

Additional Appropriation 2015-36

Gretchen Etling, Chief Public Defender withdrew the request.

Additional Appropriation 2015-37

Gretchen Etling, Chief Public Defender, requested an additional appropriation in the Legal Services account of the Supplemental Public Defender fund in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2015-02

The Prosecutor's office requested to transfer appropriations from Gasoline and Equipment New accounts into Confidential Funds account of the Seized Assets/Drug Task Force Fund totaling \$10,000.

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

Personnel Committee

Salary Ordinance 2015-06

Nancy Allsup, Vigo County Recorder, requested part-time help to be paid from the Recorder's Record Perpetuation fund for the remainder of 2015 to help with a project. She will submit a request for 2016 as well.

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

Additional Appropriation 2015-38

An additional appropriation for payroll and FICA is needed for the part-time help approved for the Recorder's Records Perpetuation fund on Salary Ordinance 2015-06. The total amount to be appropriated is \$7,493.

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

Salary Ordinance 2015-07

The Highway Dept. requested part-time help due to lengthy absences within their staff for various reasons to help "catch up" on their work. It is also being requested to set the salary at a rate of \$15 per hour. No additional appropriations are needed.

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

President Rick Burger called for a five minute recess in order to get set up for the Jail Feasibility Presentation.

DLZ – Jail Feasibility Presentation

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.
Motion passed unanimously.