

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Brad Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

Nancy Allsup – present; Vicki Weger – present; Steve Ellis – present; Randy Gentry – present; Brenda Wilson – present; Brad Anderson – present; and David Thompson – absent.

Communications from elected officials, other officials, or agencies of the County

Vigo County Commissioner Mike Morris approached the Council. He said there would be a Council Resolution Adopting the Riverfront Development Master Plan introduced at the following week's meeting. He wanted to caution the Council in approving the resolution. He said the County has already supported development of the riverfront area outlined in the master plan substantially over the years. He stressed caution in supporting a plan he said was made by people with smaller amount of money invested. Mike said the proposed resolution seemed one-sided to him. Brenda Wilson asked if the proposed resolution could be amended to reflect the County's historic participation. Vicki Weger asked how much the city has contributed to the Riverfront Master Plan. Mike Morris said the City had contributed thousands of dollars and had funded the study to help create the Master Plan. Steve Ellis asked for clarification to what the resolution was asking for and said that the requested participation from the county appeared to be poorly defined.

Mike Morris also gave an update on the acquisition of Kerman Grotto and said Football Fields had been progressing nicely.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations – First Reading

a. Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-04: Area Planning Transfer Request

Jared Bayler could not make it to this meeting. His request outlined he was appropriated \$39,802 for the purchase of a new vehicle to fulfill his duties as assigned. He is requesting \$4,000 of this to be moved from Vehicles to Safety for the purchase and installment of safety lights for the vehicle. Randy Gentry asked how Area Planning decided on using a vendor from Danville, IL. The representative from Area Planning would attempt to get answers for the following meeting. There were no other questions.

b. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-12: Vigo County Homes for Children Position Changes

Cara Gurevich with Vigo County Group Homes took the podium and said this request would change the scheduling for the direct care staff. She said these positions were originally set on a 48 hour on and 48 hour off schedule. She said this request would be to take this position and combine it with the overnight position and create two 12 hour shifts per day. So there would be no live-in staff, but there would always be staff taking care of the children. She said with how the positions are structured currently, it is very difficult to retain and recruit staff. Vicki Weger asked if this was not an additional appropriation because the money was already present in the budget. Cara confirmed this was accurate. Randy Gentry expressed concern with the ratio of children being housed by the group homes that were from Vigo County compared to those from outside areas. Cara confirmed there were requests from outside Vigo County but said there was preferential selection for children from Vigo. Randy asked if children were refused if they were not from Vigo County. Suzanne Reick with the Vigo County Homes for Children said if the child was appropriate and they thought child could do well in their program they would accept them. Randy expressed concern with not having a fiscal review of the position changes and carrying the expense into the future. He said he had concern about the pay-grade shifts attached to changing these positions. Cara clarified the pay-grade shifts were to the night guardian positions because they would now be doing the same work as youth care specialists. She said when they change the position to 12-hour shifts all staff would be doing the same work so this would change the pay-grades accordingly. The overall budget for Group Homes was briefly discussed. Mike Morris clarified the approved \$100,000 for Group Homes at the previous meeting Randy mentioned was from the Juvenile Justice Non-Reverting Fund. Suzanne said since February 24th, the Group Homes had brought in over \$135,000.

Ordinances Related to Appropriations – First Reading

a. Additional Appropriation 2025-23: Health Department – Crossroads Care Clinic Request

Health Department Administrator Joni Wise asked for consideration for approval of \$39,000 from Unappropriated Health First Indiana 2024 Carry-Over funding to go to the Crossroad Care Clinic. Sharon Carey with the Crossroads Care Clinic explained the services the clinic provides. She said last year the clinic saw over 2,000 clients and most of their services are free. Randy Gentry noted a part of this requested appropriation was for marketing and wondered what the clinic's plan was for marketing. Sharon said the name of the clinic had changed and this part of the appropriation would go toward new signage and advertising to get their new name out to the public. Steve Ellis asked how the public could find out about the clinic. Sharon said clients usually find out through word of mouth. She said some come through referrals. Steve asked if anyone could qualify for services. Sharon confirmed anyone could utilize the clinic. Steve then asked where the Clinic gets the rest of their funding. Sharon said from individuals, churches, and grants from the community.

Vicki Weger asked how many staff members the clinic had. Sharon said the clinic had 11 paid staff members.

b. Additional Appropriation 2025-24: Prosecutor Equitable Sharing Budget Request

Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rob Roberts said this request was for dollars that were seized during investigations that went through the federal forfeiture process. These dollars are then distributed back to the agencies involved. The proposed additional appropriation would be for \$64,720.45. He said this use is restricted by the equitable sharing agreement. Vicki Weger noted Rob comes before the Council for this request almost yearly. Rob said it depends on local agencies involvement in these investigations. Steve Ellis asked about the renewal of the Cellebrite System for the Terre Haute Police Department mentioned in the request. Steve wanted to know if County agencies would be able to utilize the system. Rob said County and City agencies would collaborate and would partner alongside the High Tech Crimes Unit. He said this system is primarily utilized in emergencies.

c. Additional Appropriation 2025-25: Drug Free Community Fund Request

Brandon Halleck with Chances and Services for Youth said this request would be for \$57,151 collected by court user fees to be appropriated. Brandon said rather than wait for June and guess how much money would be collected, he waits for the funds to be collected first and then asked for an appropriation. Brandon said 75% of the funds stays local to go toward the coordinating counsel and 25% of the funds go to the Criminal Justice Institute for funding purposes.

d. Additional Appropriation 2025-26: Vigo County Community Corrections X-Ray Scanners and Roller Station Request

Vigo County Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard approached the Council and said this request was for new X-ray scanners and roller stations for the Vigo County Community Corrections. He said he had four different estimates and the amount for the highest estimate was advertised to taxpayers at \$30,120 but the commissioners would like to use a vendor with a cheaper estimate. Mark said the commissioners would like to utilize Autoclear and the quote was \$19,657. Mark said these machines typically last 5-7 years. Director of Building Security Tom Little said usually a 2 year warranty is provided but he has secured a 3 year warranty from this vendor. Randy Gentry asked about the strength of the model requested and said he would like details on this for next week. Mark Clinkenbeard asked the Council to consider budgeting for an additional X-Ray scanner and roller table for the following year due to the extended time it takes to replace the device when it stops working.

e. Additional Appropriation 2025-27: Highway Department – Request for Diagnostic Scanner

Vigo County Engineer Larry Robbins approached the Council and explained this request was for \$10,577.65 to be appropriated to purchase a diagnostic scanner for the department's equipment. He said the scanner will read passenger cars and heavy equipment. The funding for this request is from receipts of scrap accumulated by the

Highway Department. Brenda Wilson asked if the tool would work for all the department's equipment. Larry said this device would work on most of the equipment, and some of the newer equipment it may struggle with would still be under warranty. Randy Gentry asked about the user fees tied to this tool. Larry said there is enough in his annual budget to cover the user fees.

f. Additional Appropriation 2025-28: Springhill Road Change Orders

Larry then explained this request was for \$381,232.14 to appropriated from the EDIT fund to pay for several change orders for the Springhill Road project. Larry explained the majority of the change orders are attributed to delays from Frontier Communications. He said Frontier Communications was responsible for \$340,328.58 of this request. Larry said this was not budgeted last year because he did not know the number. He said other utility companies had cooperated appropriately with the project but Frontier had repeatedly not responded to requests for relocation delaying the project and causing additional expenses. Larry said he has been working with the Commissioners' attorney to pursue litigation against Frontier. Brad Anderson asked if this project was 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent local funds. Larry said this project qualifies, but most projects actually end up being closer to 60 percent federal funds, 40 percent local funds. Larry said this the Springhill corridor's accident county has fallen sharply since this project was completed. Larry briefly explained the bidding process for this project. Randy Gentry asked if Frontier had been responsive at the time of the meeting. Larry said Frontier had not responded.

Public Comment

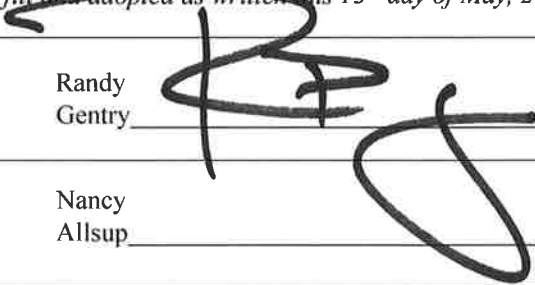


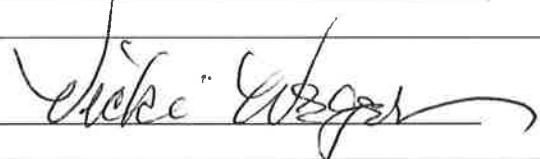


There was none.

Adjournment

Randy Gentry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0 the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:08p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL SUNSHINE
MEETING
APRIL 1, 2025

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 13th day of May, 2025.

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Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor