

# Meeting of the Vigo County Council March 11, 2025

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## VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING Agenda Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. Council Chamber – Vigo County Government Center

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Calling of the Roll
- 3. Correcting the Journal of Preceding Meeting if Needed
  - a. February 4, 2025 Sunshine Meeting
  - b. February 11, 2025 Meeting
  - c. February 25, 2025 Executive Session
- 4. Communications from Elected Official, Other Officials, or Agencies of the County
- 5. Reports from Committees
- 6. Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations
  - a. Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-02: Parks Equipment Repair
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  - d. Additional Appropriation 2025-17: Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund
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  - **f.** Additional Appropriation 2025-19: Terre Haute Boys and Girls Club, Vigo County Health Department Contract Employees, Griffin Bike Park Educational Center
  - **g. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-06:** Redefining and Expanding Existing Health Department Position
  - h. Additional Appropriation 2025-20: Redefining and Expanding Existing Health Department Position
  - i. Additional Appropriation 2025-21: IFAK kits, CERT kits, EMA CPR Training Mannequins, Handheld Radio
  - j. Additional Appropriation 2025-22: Group Homes Repair and Refurbishment
  - k. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-07: Vigo County Homes for Children Re-Structuring of Positions
  - 1. Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-03: Vigo County Homes for Children Re-Structuring of Positions
  - m. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-08: Assessors Offices Pay Increase (Option 1)
  - n. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-09: Assessors Offices Pay Increase Elected Officials (Option 1)
  - o. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-10: Assessors Offices Pay Increase (Option 2)
  - **p.** Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-11: Assessors Offices Pay Increase Elected Officials (Option 2)
- 8. Honorary Resolutions
- 9. Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council
- **10.** Appointments
- **11. Public Comment**
- 12. Adjournment

#### **NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana that the Vigo County Council will meet at the Vigo County Government Center, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the same location for a voting Meeting.

COUNTY GENERAL/1000:		
Sheriff/0005		
1000.10010.00000.0005	Payroll Salaries	\$ 195,000.00
1000.15210.00000.0005	FICA	\$ 14,817.50
1000.15230.00000.0005	Group Insurance	\$ 47,842.00
Total County General:		\$ 257,659.50
Alternate Dispute Resolution/220	00	
2200.30700.000.0000	Legal Services	<u>\$ 66,569.12</u>
Total Alternative Dispute Resolu	tion:	\$ 66,569.12
Local Public Health Services/116	1	
1161.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 100,000.00
1161.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 74,650.00
1161.44420.00000.0000	Building Renovation	\$ 4,720.85
1161.10010.00000.0000	Payroll Salaries	<u>\$ 3,446.00</u>
Total Local Public Health Servic	es:	\$ 182,816.85
93.268 Health Immunization 2/81	119	
8119.21100.00000.0000		<u>\$ 1,468.68</u>
Total 93.268 Health Immunization		\$ 1,468.68
Health Cares Act CV 2/8911		¢ 0.010.57
8911.21100.00000.0000 Total Health Cares Act CV 2:	Other Supplies	<u>\$ 2,918.57</u> <b>\$ 2.918.57</b>
Total Health Cares Act CV 2:		\$ 2,918.57
<u>93.354 2021 Annual Survey/8915</u>		
8915.21100.00000.0000	Other Supplies	\$ 739.29
8915.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	<u>\$ 260.71</u>
Total 93.354 2021 Annual Survey	<b>7:</b>	\$ 1,000.00
Health Donation Fund/4103		
4103.21100.00000.0000	Other Supplies	<u>\$ 12,972.46</u>
<b>Total Health Donation Fund:</b>		\$ 12,972.46
Health Imm Covid 19/8209		<b>•</b> • • • • • • • •
8209.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	<u>\$ 3,053.47</u>
Total Health Imm Covid 10:		\$ 3,053.47
93.268 Health Immunization 1/8	<u>109</u>	
8109.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	<u>\$ 2,158.55</u>
Total 93.268 Health Immunizatio	on 1:	\$ 2,158.55
Health Non-Reverting/4957		
4957.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	<u>\$ 992.27</u>
Total Health Non-Reverting:	· ·	\$ 992.27
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<u>Health/1159</u>		
1159.10010.00000.0000	Salaries	<u>\$ 545.00</u>
Total Health:		\$ 545.00
Juv Justice Non-Reverting/4959		
4959.21600.00000.0000	Institutional Supplies	\$ 15,700.00
4959.35450.00000.0000	Building Repair	\$ 65,000.00
4959.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 12,800.00
4959.44505.00000.0000	Furniture & Fixtures	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>
Total Juv Justice Non-Reverting	:	\$ 100,000.00
LIT Special Purpose/1114		
1114.37850.00000.0000	Professional Services	\$ 30,000.00
1114.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	\$ 83,912.00
1114.33300.00000.0000	1114.33300.00000.0000 Contractual Services	
Total LIT Special Purpose:		\$ 188,912.00
<b>Opioid Restricted/1237</b>		
1237.31611.00000.0000	Chances and Services for Youth	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<b>Total Opioid Restricted:</b>		\$ 5,000.00

The Meeting will be made available for observance at the following web address:

## https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmzvzRWqm-L5pW8F389\_Tg

Unless otherwise directed for public health reasons, the meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public may submit comments prior to the meeting to:

county.council@vigocounty.in.gov

LARRY T. HUTCHINGS, II VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, February 21, 2025.

## **RESOLUTION OF RE-ALLOCATION OF EXISTING APPROPRIATION 2025-02**

It has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes which appropriated are hereby re-allocated in the following amounts:

			REQUESTED	APPROVED
Parks a	and Recreation/1219			
From:	1219.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	\$21,000.00	
To:	1219.35500.00000.0000	Equipment Repair	\$21,000.00	

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the LIT Special Purpose Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	REQUESTED	APPROVED
Professional Services	\$ 30,000.00	
Equipment New	\$ 83.912.00	

\$113,912.00

LIT Special Purpose/1114

 1114.37850.00000.0000
 Professional Services

 1114.44510.00000.0000
 Equipment New

 Total LIT Special Purpose:
 Equipment New

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis	
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson	

Attest:

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the LIT Special Purpose Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

APPROVED

LIT Special Purpose/1114			
1114.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	<u>\$</u>	75,000.00
Total LIT Special Purpose:		\$	75,000.00

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup	
Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger	
Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis	
Absent Abstain	Randy Gentry	
Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson	
Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson	_
Absent Abstain	David Thompson	-

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the LIT Special Purpose Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

REQUESTED	APPROVED

<b>Opioid Restricted/1237</b>		
1237.31611.00000.0000	Chances and Services for Youth	\$ 5,000.00
Total Opioid Restricted:		\$ 5,000.00

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

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Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
Alternate Dispute Resolution/22	200		
2200.30700.000.0000	Legal Services	<u>\$ 66,569.12</u>	
Total Alternative Dispute Resolution:		\$ 66,569.12	

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay Attest:	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the County General Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
<u>COUNTY GENERAL/1000:</u> Sheriff/0005			
1000.10010.00000.0005	Payroll Salaries	\$ 195,000.00	
1000.15210.00000.0005	FICA	\$ 14,817.50	
1000.15230.00000.0005	Group Insurance	<u>\$ 47,842.00</u>	
<b>Total County General:</b>		\$ 257,659.50	

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
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Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Local Public Health Services Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

		RE	QUESTED	APPROVED
Local Public Health Services/116	<u>1</u>			
1161.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$	100,000.00	
1161.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$	74,650.00	
1161.44420.00000.0000	<b>Building Renovation</b>	\$	4,720.85	
Total Local Public Health Servic	es:	\$	179,370.85	

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

## AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-06

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall otherwise expressively be stipulated for by law provide, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the Health Fund and the Local Public Health Services Fund the following:

#### REQUESTED

APPROVED

To: Medical Clinic Office Manager (Grade 10) (\$49,926/yr)

(Grade 10) (\$49,926/yr)

**To: Public Health Nurse** 

b. Change Position of Nursing Director (Grade 13)(\$60,309/yr)

Change Position of Clerical Assistant

#### Local Public Health Services Fund/1161

(Grade 4) (21.50/hr)

Health/1159

a.

Amend Section 5 of the 2025 Vigo County Health Dept. Salary Ordinance ("The following positions will receive a stipend paid from the Local Public Health Services Fund, this will be added to their base pay.") to include: **Medical Clinic Office Manager (\$3,446)** 

#### SECTION 3. Effective March 12, 2025.

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Health Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	REQUESTED	APPROVED
<u>Health/1159</u> 1159.10010.00000.0000 Payroll Salaries Total Health:	\$ 545.00 <b>\$ 545.00</b>	
Local Public Health Services/1161 1161.10010.00000.0000 Payroll Salaries Total Local Public Health Services:	\$ 3,446.00 \$ 3,446.00	
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Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
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Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the 93.268 Health Immunization 2 Fund, the Health Cares Act CV2 Fund, the 93.354 2021 Annual Survey Fund, the Health Donation Fund, the Health Imm Covid-19 Fund, The 93.268 Health Immunization 1 Fund, and the Health Non-Reverting Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

**APPROVED** 

			UESTED
93.268 Health Immunization 2/81	119		
8119.21100.00000.0000		\$	1,468.68
Total 93.268 Health Immunization	on 2:	\$	1,468.68
Health Cares Act CV 2/8911			
8911.21100.00000.0000	Other Supplies	\$	2,918.57
Total Health Cares Act CV 2:		\$	2,918.57
93.354 2021 Annual Survey/8915			
8915.21100.00000.0000	Other Supplies	\$	739.29
8915.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	\$	260.71
Total 93.354 2021 Annual Survey	V:	\$	1,000.00
Health Donation Fund/4103			
4103.21100.00000.0000	Other Supplies	<u>\$</u>	12,972.46
<b>Total Health Donation Fund:</b>		\$	12,972.46
<u>Health Imm Covid 19/8209</u>			
8209.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	<u>\$</u>	3,053.47
Total Health Imm Covid 10:		\$	3,053.47
93.268 Health Immunization 1/8	<u>109</u>		
8109.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	\$	2,158.55
Total 93.268 Health Immunization	on 1:	\$	2,158.55
Health Non-Reverting/4957			
4957.44510.00000.0000	Equipment New	\$	992.27
Total Health Non-Reverting:		\$	992.27

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Steve Ellis

Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

WHERAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Juvenile Justice Non-Reverting Fund the additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
Juv Justice Non-Reverting/4959			
4959.21600.00000.0000	Institutional Supplies	\$ 15,700.00	
4959.35450.00000.0000	Building Repair	\$ 65,000.00	
4959.33300.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 12,800.00	
4959.44505.00000.0000	Furniture & Fixtures	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>	
Total Juv Justice Non-Reverting	:	\$ 100,000.00	

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

# AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-07

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall otherwise expressively be stipulated for by law provide, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

		REQUESTED	APPROVED			
<u>COUNTY GENERAL/1000:</u> Group Home/0622						
a.		Eliminate Office Manager/Finance Clerk Position (Grade 7) (\$22.71/hr)				
b.	Amend to:	Eliminate Building Maintenance Specialist Position (Grade 8)(\$24.19/hr)				
c.	Change Position of Continued Care Worker (Grade 12) (\$56,628/yr)	To: Youth Services Coordinator (Grade 13) (\$60,308/yr)				
d.	Change Position of Therapeutic Family Case M (Grade 10) (\$49,926/yr)	anager To: Compliance/Financial Manager (Grade 12) (\$56,628/yr)				
e.	Change Position of Group Homes Program Dire (Grade 14) (\$64,229/yr)	ector To: Operations Director (Grade 15)(\$68,403/yr)				
f.	Change Position of Treatment Director (Grade 15)(\$68,403/yr)	To: Treatment/ Licensing Director (Grade 16)(\$72,850/yr)				
<u>Bldg Maint</u>	/ <b>0161</b> Amend to:	Add Building Maintenance Worker Position (Grade 7)(\$22.71/hr)				

#### SECTION 3. Effective March 12, 2025.

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Steve Ellis

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

## **RESOLUTION OF RE-ALLOCATION OF EXISTING APPROPRIATION 2025-03**

APPROVED

It has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes which appropriated are hereby re-allocated in the following amounts:

		REQUESTED
Group Home/0622		
1000.10010.00000.0622	Payroll Salaries	\$ 31,794.00
1000.15210.00000.0622	FICA	\$ 2,432.24
1000.15220.00000.0622	PERF	\$ 4,514.75
1000.15230.00000.0622	Group Insurance	<u>\$ 27,439.65</u>
<b>Total Group Home</b>		\$ 66,180.64
Bldg Maint/0161		
1000.10010.00000.0622	Payroll Salaries	\$ 31,794.00
1000.15210.00000.0622	FICA	\$ 2,432.24
1000.15220.00000.0622	PERF	\$ 4,514.75
1000.15230.00000.0622	Group Insurance	<u>\$ 27,439.65</u>
Total Bldg Maint		\$ 66,180.64

Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson

Attest:

# AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-08

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall otherwise expressively be stipulated for by law provide, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
COUNTY	GENERAL/1000:		
	ssessor/0013		
a.	Amend to:Eliminate Deputy Ass	essor/Field Agent Position Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	
b.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor Field Agent (3) From: Grade 7 (\$22.71)	To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr)	
с.	Change Position of Chief Deputy Assessor – Harrison T From Grade 11 (\$53,172.00/yr)	Cownship To: Grade 12 (\$56,628.00/yr)	
Assessor/00	008		
a.	Change position of Deputy Assessor (4)		
	From: Grade 7 (\$22.71)	To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr)	
b.	Change position of Chief Deputy Assessor		
	From: Grade 12 (\$56,628.00/yr)	To: Grade 13 (\$60,308.84/yr)	
REASSESS	SMENT/1224:		
a.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor (2)		
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr)	
b.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor/Field Agent (3)		
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr)	
с.	Change Position of Sales Disclosure Deputy		
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr)	
d.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor/County		
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: Grade 8 (\$24.19/hr)	
SECTION 3	3. Effective March 1, 2025.		

#### Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis	
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Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson	_
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson ————————————————————————————————————	-

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## AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-09

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall otherwise expressively be stipulated for by law provide, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

REQUESTED	APPROVED
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#### **COUNTY GENERAL/1000:**

#### Harrison Assessor/0013

Change position of Harrison Township Assessor From: Grade 515 (\$66,409.25/yr)

To: Grade 516 (\$70,725.98/yr)

Assessor/0008

Change position of Vigo County Assessor From: Grade 516 (\$70,726.00/yr)

To: Grade 517 (\$77,445.70/yr)

SECTION 3. Effective January 1, 2026. *Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.* 

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
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Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
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# **AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-10**

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SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

#### REQUESTED (2025 MIDPOINT)

APPROVED

	<u>ssessor/0013</u>	
d.	Amend to: Eliminate Dep	outy Assessor/Field Agent Position
		Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)
e.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor Field Ager	nt (3)
	From: Grade 7 (\$22.71)	To: (\$24.27/hr)
f.	Change Position of Chief Deputy Assessor – Ha	arrison Township
	From Grade 11 (\$53,172.00/yr)	To: (\$56,842.00/yr)
Assessor/00		
c.	Change position of Deputy Assessor (4) $\Gamma_{1}$	
	From: Grade 7 (\$22.71)	To: (\$24.27/hr)
d.	Change position of Chief Deputy Assessor	
	From: Grade 12 (\$56,628.00/yr)	To: (\$60,536.00/yr)
REASSESS	SMENT/1224:	
e.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor (2)	
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: (\$24.27/hr)
f.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor/Field Agen	nt (3)
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: (\$24.27/hr)
g.	Change Position of Sales Disclosure Deputy	
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: (\$24.27/hr)
h.	Change Position of Deputy Assessor/County	
	From Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr)	To: (\$24.27/hr)
SECTION 3	3. Effective March 1, 2025.	

#### Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.

**COUNTY GENERAL/1000:** 

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger

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## AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-11

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2025, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall otherwise expressively be stipulated for by law provide, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the County General Fund the following:

REQUESTED	(2025 MIDPOINT)	APPROVED

#### **COUNTY GENERAL/1000:**

#### Harrison Assessor/0013

Change position of Harrison Township Assessor From: Grade 515 (\$66,409.25/yr)

#### Assessor/0008

Change position of Vigo County Assessor From: Grade 516 (\$70,726.00/yr)

To: (\$70,995.00/yr)

To: (\$75,610.00/yr)

SECTION 3. Effective January 1, 2026. *Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025.* 

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger	
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Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson	

Attest:

## VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL Sunshine Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President David Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00.

#### **Calling of the roll**

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

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

Vigo County Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard approached the Council to give updates on the Vigo County Commissioners. Mark said that jail demolition had been progressing well. He said that once everything above ground had been demolished and work would begin on the basement of the building, progress would slow down a little bit. He reminded the Council this was a four step process. He said the first step was moving the tower communications out of the basement into a building next to the tower. He said the second step was the demolition, which was ongoing at the time of the meeting. He said step three would be the backfill and step four would be the road construction on the north side which will have access for emergency vehicles, additional handicap parking, service vehicle parking, and parking for the Sheriff's Office for when they transport inmates. He said they are looking to be near half a million dollars under budget on the project.

Mr. Clinkenbeard then gave an update on the community corrections expansion. He said they look to have numbers on the project by the end of February. He said the plan was to come before the Council to discuss costs in April for this expansion.

Ryan Keller with Thrive West Central then approached the Council with an update on the organization and the use of ARPA funds and the investment into Vigo County housing. Keller provided date to the Council showing 379 housing units had been awarded to Vigo County. He said that in previous years less than a quarter of this amount of housing was being built in the county before Thrive started their housing initiative. He said more homes would lead to expanding on their tax base and keep local talent. Keller then provided data on results from ARPA funding. He said when it was just ARPA funding, and just looking at the county and not the city or anything the city was doing with READI, 94 housing units were developed just on the county's funding alone. Mr. Keller briefly explained the data didn't reflect projects in the pipeline to avoid an inflated number of units, but the developers would continue to build now that the infrastructure was in place. Keller explained price ranges of homes awarded pointing out the market was gravitating toward homes in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 price range, which 48 of the units fall under. Mr. Keller then showed data of rent ranges and progress of the region, including other counties. Keller explained that there were more builders lined up for 2025, and the ARPA funds need to be spent by the end of 2026. He said READI round 1 would likely be expended by the end of 2025. He said when READI round 2 comes around they will have until the end of 2028. He explained that Thrive assistance helps developers offset risk when it comes to investing in local building projects. He noted eventually smaller projects should start to be able to work without public investment as the years progress, but larger projects would likely need some sort of public investment due to the high cost of infrastructure. Mr. Keller then opened the floor for questions. Vicki Weger asked how the housing units are being advertised. Keller said the builders are marketing them themselves or through the realtor community. Keller discussed efforts by the organization to market the new units not only locally, but to a wider audience as well. Steve Ellis wanted to know more about Thrive West Central and if the organization uses public funds to build housing. Mr. Keller briefly explained and clarified Thrive West Central provides a smaller amount of funding to private developers to offset the risk of investment to encourage them to build housing projects locally. Steve Ellis then wanted clarification on Thrive assisted projects "competing" with the projects from the private sector. Mr. Keller clarified that all units were sold at market value and the buyer was not getting a subsidy, the developer/builder was getting a small one to offset the risk of investment. He said if Thrive was not helping to de-risk the investment the builders would not be building the homes. Steve Ellis then asked if the builders being assisted were local, and Mr. Keller confirmed the majority of builders were local. There were no further questions. Ryan Keller said he would be back before the Council next quarter.

County Attorney Michael Wright then presented the Council with an Ordinance request from the Treasurer's Office. Ordinance 2025-1: Ordinance of the County Council of Vigo County Indiana Authorizing and Approving the Investment of Public Funds by the Vigo County Treasurer. He explained in 2022 the Vigo County Council adopted an investment policy that would expire at the conclusion of every year. He said this ordinance would give the current treasurer the ability to invest public funds for the calendar year 2025. President David Thompson then opened the floor to questions. There were none.

Mr. Wright then presented the encumbrances from 2024 to 2025 to the council and explained the encumbrances are monies that were committed in 2024 but maybe not payable. He said the departments can go back to their budget from last year to pay the money this year. He briefly explained that there were statutory requirements as to what has to exist for an encumbrance to be approved and the Auditor's Office verifies those claims. Randy Gentry asked if these were bills that carry over from last year into this year. Mr. Wright confirmed this was correct.

Mr. Wright's next item was an update on litigation surrounding a mandate that the Vigo County Judges issued in 2024 that relates to court staff classifications and salaries. He said that mediation with judges will be Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> at division 3 court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the courthouse at 9:30AM. Mr. Wright said he anticipated the mediation taking several hours. Randy Gentry asked which judge would be presiding, but Mr. Wright clarified this litigation was not at that stage. He said this was a mediation and a mediator Stephen David had been appointed and he was a retired Indiana State Supreme Court Justice. Mr. Wright further clarified this was not a hearing where evidence would be presented, this was a mediation where both sides are entering with the hopes to reach a settlement agreement.

David Thompson noted that Vigo County Parks Superintendent Adam Grossman said repairs for a damaged skid steer would cost about \$30,000. Mr. Grossman told David the repairs would be paid for out of the Parks Department budget, but due to this being an unexpected cost, Mr. Grossman might come before the Council with an Additional Appropriation request later in the year.

## **Reports from Committees**

There were none.

## **Resolutions and Ordinances other than Appropriations – First Reading**

There were none.

## Ordinances Related to Appropriations – First Reading

## a. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-01: Council Administrator

David Thompson explained this request was for a position the Council had, but the funding was taken away. The position still exists, but there is no funding. He said the ordinance was to correct the Salary Ordinance made in

2024 for 2025 for the appointment David Thompson made for Devin Gackle to this administrative position. Hesaid she would be at the Baker Tilly pay grade of an 11 with a salary of \$53,172, FICA of \$4,068, PERF of\$7,551,andSingleInsuranceat\$12,926.

#### b. Additional Appropriation 2025-01: Council Administrator

David Thompson said this request for an additional appropriation would fund the position outlined above.

#### c. Additional Appropriation 2025-02: Council Members' Insurance

This request is for group insurance for newly elected Vigo County Council Members. David Thompson explained \$78,914 was the difference between what was budgeted and the amount needed for 2025 due to new members on the Council. He said this request would fund insurance for the new council members.

#### d. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02: Vigo County Assessor (Eliminate a Position)

Vigo County Assessor Kevin Gardner and Harrison Township Assessor Christina Patterson said when Baker Tilly did their study, he had disagreed with the pay grades set during that time for the Assessor's Office. He noted he went before the Council during the 2024 budget cycle to voice his disagreement as well. Mr. Gardner said he has worked with the Harrison Township Assessor's Office to remove one position out of his office. He said this position would have cost the County \$78,880.35. He said by doing this, it allows the grade to be increased by one for everyone in the two offices. Mr. Gardener said this ordinance and the following salary ordinances lay out what those new pay grades would be for everyone in the two offices using the money from the eliminated position. Mr. Gardner said by eliminating the Deputy Assessor/Field Agent position from the Harrison Township Assessor's Office and using the money in this way would save the County \$10,905.99. He said the two offices are working together to complete the duties the position would be normally responsible for. Mr. Gardner said there would be not be a loss in the service tax payers receive and no additional cost to the county. He says their office is one of the only offices in the county where the staff has to be a level 2 certified assessor, and his and Christina Patterson's positions have to be a level 3 certified assessor to their job. He says this needs to be reflected in the pay grades for the position. Randy Gentry asked if the Vigo County Assessor's Office took on part of the work from Harrison Township. Mr. Gardner said previously Harrison Township Assessors had an employee that did the permits for the entire county. He said the two offices shared an employee. He said now that employee has taken on more duties. Mr. Gentry asked about the position requested to be eliminated. Mr. Gardner said the position was sitting open right now in the Harrison Township Assessor's Office. He explained there has been a difficult time filling the open position due to the Level II Assessor requirement.

e. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-03: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Ordinance outlines the Pay Grade Increase for: Four Deputy Assessor from Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) to Grade 8 (\$24.19)

One Chief Deputy position from Grade 12 (\$56,628/yr) to Grade 13 (\$60,309/yr) County Assessor from \$70,726/yr to \$77,445/yr.

Explained above.

Randy Gentry voiced concern over questioning pay grades established by Baker Tilly after the cost to the county for the study. He said he has concerns over setting a precedent of county government department heads attempting to renegotiate pay grades. Mr. Gardner said this plan would make the offices more efficient with less staff, so there should be some compensation. There was a short discussion. Steve Ellis noted the open position being vacant may be a sign the position isn't being compensated appropriately. Randy Gentry asked how long the position had been sitting open. Mr. Gardner said since December 2024.

**f. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-04: Assessor's Office Pay Increase** This Ordiance outlines the pay grade increase for: Three Deputy Assessor/Field Agents from Grade 7 (\$22.71/hr) to Grade 8 (\$24.19)

One Chief Deputy from Grade 11 (\$53,172/yr) to Grade 12 (\$56,628/yr)

Harrison County Assessor from \$66,409/yr to \$70,706/yr.

Explained above.

**g.** Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-05: Assessor's Office Pay Increase This Ordinance outlines the pay grade increase for: Two Deputy Assessors from Grade 7 (\$22.71) to Grade 8 (\$24.19)

Three Deputy Assessor/Field Agents from Grade 7 (\$22.71) to Grade 8 (\$24.19)

A Sales Disclosure Deputy from Grade 7 (\$22.71) to Grade 8 (\$24.19)

A Deputy Assessor/County from Grade 7 (\$22.71) to Grade 8 (\$24.19)

Explained above.

**h.** Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-01: Assessor's Office Pay Increase This Re-Allocation would move \$21,146.78 from Salaries, \$1,617.73 from FICA, and \$3,002.84 from PERF, totaling \$25,767.35 from the Harrison Assessor account to Assessor account as part of the plan outlined above.

#### i. Additional Appropriation 2025-03: Reassessment Fund – Assessor's Office Pay Increase

Kevin Gardner said between the Harrison Township Assessor's office and the Vigo County Assessor's Office, some are paid from the County General Fund, and some are paid from the Reassessment Fund. He said this would be less money coming out of County General, but this has to be offset some by the Reassessment Fund. He said this is why there is an additional appropriation from the Reassessment fund. Mr. Gardner noted that all together this would still save the Vigo County \$10,905.99. David Thompson noted there was a history of the offices working together. Mr. Gardner said anything that goes through the Harrison Township Assessor's Office goes through The Vigo County Assessor's Office. He briefly explained how the offices work together.

#### j. Additional Appropriation 2025-04: Cameras at Courthouse

Mark Clinkenbeard and Director of Building Security Tom Little approached the podium and explained this additional appropriation request for \$38,151 out of the LIT/Special Purpose Fund was for the installation of security cameras at the Vigo County Courthouse. Mr. Clinkenbeard said the funding would cover seven cameras, the labor and services needed to install the cameras. He noted the installation would require some underground boring. Mr. Clinkenbeard explained there were no cameras outside the courthouse at the time of the meeting. He said request for security footage were frequent due to incidents, and there currently is no way to get footage outside the building. Steve Ellis wanted to make sure any security camera services purchased were technologically sufficient. There was a brief discussion. David Thompson asked if there was a monthly fee attached to the camera purchase. Tom Little said there would not be. There was a brief discussion about quality of the potential new courthouse exterior cameras compared to the interior cameras.

# k. Additional Appropriation 2025-05: Health Department – New Equipment: Life Vac Units, IFAK kits, CERT kits.

Health Department Administrator Joni Wise explained when working with the Auditor's Office and a Bookkeeper hired last January, smaller leftover funds from grants were found. Joni said account 1168 "Local Health Maintenance" is what used to be Health First Indiana and that funding source died in July 2023. She says the state would like this money spent down. She says with the accumulation of all these smaller funds, she reached out to the EMA Director to find out how the agency could use these smaller funds. Randy Gentry asked about the smaller funds and using the smaller amounts of money in the accounts. Joni provided another brief explanation. This Additional Appropriation request is for \$3,053.47 from the <u>Health Imm Covid 19/8209</u> account would go toward purchasing of:

Life Vac units to prevent choking to be placed in all Vigo County Schools and private schools, fire apparatus in city and township fire departments, law enforcement units that respond to calls, churches, all senior living facilities and skilled nursing homes. This purchase would be \$41,601.45. Randy Gentry asked for an explanation of the of the Life Vac units. Joni gave a brief explanation.

Resupplying and replacing IFAK kits for first responders. IFAK (individual first aid kit) is a more specialized basic survival kit. If space and weight or more limiting factors, a first responder would carry something closer to an IFAK. Vigo County EMA would be responsible for kit distribution. This purchase would be \$5,700.

Providing a replacing CERT kits for members of the VC CERT team. CERT kits are specifically designed to supply members of the Vigo County CERT team with their response tasks. This purchase would cost \$12,400.

**I.** Additional Appropriation 2025-06: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.2) This Additional Appropriation request is for \$1,468.68 from the <u>93.268 Health Immunization 2/8119</u> account and would also go toward the three items outlined above.

m. Additional Appropriation 2025-07: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.3) This Additional Appropriation request is for \$2,158.55 from the <u>93.268 Health Immunization 1/8109</u> account and would also go toward the three items outlined above.

n. Additional Appropriation 2025-08: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.4) This Additional Appropriation request is for \$2,918.57 from the <u>Health CARES Act CV-2/8911</u> account and would also go toward the three items outlined above.

o. Additional Appropriation 2025-09: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.5)

This Additional Appropriation request is for \$1000.00 from the <u>93.354 2021Annual Survey/8915</u> account and would also go toward the three items outlined above.

**p.** Additional Appropriation 2025-10: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.6) This Additional Appropriation request is for \$36,129.73 from the <u>Health Maintenance/1168</u> account and would also go toward the three items outlined above.

**q.** Additional Appropriation 2025-11: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.7) This Additional Appropriation request is for \$12,972.46 from the <u>Health Donation Fund/4103</u> account and would also go toward the three items outlined above.

# r. Additional Appropriation 2025-12: Health Department – CPR training Mannequins, Free CPR Training

This Additional Appropriation request is for \$1,600 from <u>Health Non-Reverting/4957</u> and would go toward replacing CPR training mannequins at EMA and free CPR training to small groups.

### s. Additional Appropriation 2025-13: Health Department – Intrepid Phoenix Fitness Program and Application, Purdue Extension GrowTH Club, Deming Park Summer Yoga, Fall Prevention Program

Larry Smith from Intrepid Phoenix took the podium and explained non-profit corporation Intrepid Phoenix to the Council and the services they provide. He explained the application to assist those in recovery that could be utilized by judges, law enforcement, and patients. Randy Gentry asked how this application would be used and asked for an example. Mr. Smith said a patient in treatment court could be assigned the recovery planning app by a probation officer. The patient could then register what meetings they are going to and what recovery groups they are a part of and the probation officer can use the app with the patient as a case management tool. Mr. Smith said this gives visibility to how patients are doing in between meetings. Steve Ellis asked about a monthly fee. Larry Smith there would be no costs to the patient or the court budgets, the Health Department would be handling it. Larry said the ask right now would be to pay for the licensing for the application for a year. Steve Ellis asked for clarification on what the appropriation request was for in this moment. Larry said part of this request was to fund the Intrepid Phoenix Fitness Program that they've been doing in Vigo County over the last three years for \$27,060, the second part is to fund the Intrepid Phoenix Application for \$31,045.

Joni Wise said the second ask on this request was for Purdue Extension. Purdue Extension Office Community Wellness Coordinator Chloee Hurst took the podium and explained the proposed GrowTH Club 2025 which would be \$2,960 as part of this request. She then explained the Deming Park Summer Yoga Program which would be \$2,040 of this request. Randy Gentry asked for clarification on the amount of funding needed for this particular program. Joni Wise provided the dollar amounts for each of these programs.

Health and Human Sciences Educator Gail Wright then explained a proposed fall prevention program called Matter of Balance. This part of the request would be \$2,219. Randy Gentry asked for clarification on the dollar amount for this part of the request. Gail then provided it. The total amount for this Additional Appropriation request is \$65,324.00.

Joni Wise noted with Health First Indiana all of the contracted entities have to sign a contract and utilize the funds by the end of the year or they revert back to the Health Department. She said each one of them are asked to track data because the Health Department needs to show the success of their programs or what needs to be done differently. She said the date is used to show the state what works and what does not. Joni said this helps keep organizations accountable with Health Department money.

## **Public Comment**

Chief of Clinical Outreach at the Hamilton Center Emily Owens took the podium and gave a brief review of their 2024 annual report. They have served 4,216 patients in the 2024 State Fiscal Year. She said nearly 3,000 of those patients were adults and over 1,000 of those patients were youth. Most of their services are provided to Medicaid population while also providing to Medicare, private insurance, and self-pay population. She said the Hamilton Center has reestablished a partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation, and reestablished a partnership with Union Hospital to provide peer recovery to assist with transitioning consumers into services. The Center has built a new partnership with Eastside Christian Academy to begin receiving referrals from them for their students. The Center provided addiction treatment to over 1,600 patients. The most common addiction substances taken by adult patients were stimulants followed by cannabis, and then alcohol. Hamilton Center provided mental health diagnoses of adult

patients was generalized anxiety disorder, followed by major depressive disorder. Emily noted Hamilton Center employed 361 Vigo County residents and provided over \$2 million in charity care. She then opened the floor to questions.

David Thompson asked how the Hamilton Center board members were appointed. Emily said they take applications from the person themselves if they are interested or others that want to recommend, and then the board members themselves look over that information and approve or do not approve the appointments at board meetings. David then asked if the board members determined the director of the Hamilton Center. Emily said the board members did have oversight over who the president and CEO and asked to clarify if that is what David was asking. David clarified he was talking about Hamilton Center's CEO Melvin Burks. He then asked if Hamilton Center gets a financial contribution from all 11 counties they serve. Emily said they do not. She said they do not receive contribution from Marion, Hendricks, Putnam, or Knox counties. David asked for how much Vigo County contributes. Emily said Vigo County provided a little over \$737,000 according to the last report she had. David said in the 2025 budget Vigo County provides \$760,492. He then asked if Emily knew how much the CEO of Hamilton Center makes. She did not. David said that the Hamilton Center CEO makes over \$905,000 in 2022. David said his initial issue stemmed from the Council appointing a member to the Hamilton Center Board and the appointment needed a resume to be voted on by the board, which in turn decides who the director is. He said he didn't think it made sense for an elected official to be required to have a resume to be on the Hamilton board. David pointed out H.B. 1454 on page 162 says that the counties that Hamilton Center serves, not just Vigo County - but the other counties that have a council as well, are allowed to have an appointment on that board. There was a brief discussion about Hamilton Board appointments. Emily said she would have to get information and return to the Council. David said the contribution from the County to the Hamilton Center increases each year and asked if it was related to population. Emily confirmed the donation was related to population size. David then asked how many people the Hamilton Center turns away each year, and Emily answered the Center does not turn away anyone in need of care. There was a brief discussion about holistic vs. prescription treatment.

Vicki Weger asked how many patients the Hamilton Center can handle in house. Emily said they have 16 beds. There was brief discussion about diverting mental health patients from Emergency Rooms and Jails. Vicki asked if the beds were full most of the time. Emily said that most of the time the Center's beds were full. She explained discharge and care procedures.

Hamilton Services in coordination with the jail were briefly explained.

#### **Adjournment**

Randy Gentry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42p.m.

# MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL SUNSHINE MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup	-
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis	
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson	_
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson	_

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in fill and adopted as written this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II Auditor

# VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President David Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00.

#### **Calling of the Roll**

**Present:** David Thompson, Brad Anderson, Brenda Wilson, Randy Gentry, Steve Ellis, Vicki Weger, Nancy Allsup

#### **Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed**

December 3, 2024 Sunshine Meeting December 10, 2024 Meeting January 7, 2025 Organizational Meeting

Council Attorney Michael Wright explained there would be no motion necessary to accept the minutes for the December, 2024 meetings due to 4 current county council members not being on the council at the time of the December meeting.

There were no corrections to the January 7, 2025 Organizational Meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

#### **Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County**

Vigo County Parks Superintendent Adam Grossman took the podium and gave an update on for the Vigo County Parks Department. He noted that a skid steer was in need of repairs and he would be approaching the council in the near future for a request for a reallocation of funds to cover repairs.

Adam said that there was an overlook coming to Dewey Point and said this was possible due to ARPA funds and thanked the Vigo County Commissioners for their role in the project. He said they are looking to complete the project in the fall due to waiting for a permit from the state. Adam said West Terre Haute Little League Football has moved into Bicentennial Park and has been doing work on the park to accommodate the League. He said the parks department has closed on the old AMVETS property a couple of weeks ahead of the meeting and would own the property in July. Adam mentioned a new shelter and new trail connection would be coming to Bicentennial Park and that the pedestrian walkway has been very popular. He said at the time of the meeting there was no delineated connection between the pedestrian walkway and the existing Wabashiki Trail. He said the largest project the department was working on at the time of the meeting was a new building at Griffin Bike Park. He said the cost of the new building project would be more than expected, but the department would be able to do several change orders to get the price lowered and several donations had come in for the project. He said the bike park currently had little to no storage and thanked the Council, Health Department, and Commissioners for making the new building project a reality. Adam noted a vendor would move into the new building and the department would be getting lease space as a byproduct of the new building. He noted the Fowler Park Gatehouse and Hawthorn Park Overlook were both going to get new roofs and that a disc golf course was coming to Fowler Park and Prairie Creek Park. He said there was a donation of \$120,000 to get the

course completed at Prairie Creek Park. Adam said they had applied for a grant to get the Fowler Park disc golf course complete. He said there are new rental cabins and a rental wagon at area parks. Adam noted a new playground was coming to Fowler Park. He said more than 400 people attended the department's Pancake Breakfast the weekend before the meeting. He said the syrup produced from the syrup making operation at Prairie Creek Park sells out almost as soon as it is made. He thanked the Council for their role in assisting with these projects.

#### **Reports from Committees**

There were none.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations**

a. Ordinance 2025-1: Authorizing and Approving the Investment of Public Funds by the Vigo County Treasurer

Council Attorney Michael Wright explained this ordinance authorized the treasurer of Vigo County to invest public funds allowed by Indiana Code 5-13-9-5.7. He said in 2022 a resolution was passed that outlined the circumstances in which public money could be invested. Michael said the resolution allowed the policy to extend up to four years. He said the ordinance allowing the investment of public funds had expired each year on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Michael said this ordinance would allow the treasurer to invest public funds until December 31, 2025. Michael noted that near \$8,000,000 had been earned on the investment of public funds during the last calendar year. Brad Anderson made a motion to approve the Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Investment of Public Funds by the Vigo County Treasurer. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

## **Ordinances Relating to Appropriations**

## a. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-01: Council Administrator

This amended salary ordinance would add the Council Administrator position back to the 2025 Salary Ordinance. This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-01. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

## b. Additional Appropriation 2025-01: Council Administrator

The additional appropriation would appropriate the funds for the Council Administrator position. Council had no further questions. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-01. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

## c. Additional Appropriation 2025-02: Council Member's Insurance

This matter had been discussed at the sunshine meeting. Council had no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-02. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye;

Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

## d. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02: Assessor's Office (Eliminate a Position)

Vigo County Assessor Kevin Gardner said the open position in the Harrison Township Assessor's Office had been vacated since January 2024. He said the office has been attempting to fill the position, but the role remains vacant. Kevin said he received questions about how the County General Fund and the Reassessment Fund would be impacted. Kevin said this would be putting \$33,821 back into the General Fund and it would need an Additional Appropriation of \$22,915.01 from the Reassessment Fund. Kevin said this would be a total savings to the county of \$10,905.99. Kevin said since the Sunshine Meeting he had conversations with another office holder and members of the Council. He said he understood there were reservations based on the Baker Tilly study placing the Assessor's Offices in their respective pay grades. Kevin said the county no longer has a contract with Baker Tilly, so any changes to the pay grades going forward will be decided by the Council. Randy Gentry made a motion to table Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02, Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-03, Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-04, Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-05, Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-01, and Additional Appropriation 2025-03. These would encompass all of Kevin's Gardner's request. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion was passed.

#### e. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-03: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

## f. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-04: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

## g. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-05: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

h. Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-01: Assessor's Office Pay Increase This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

## i. Additional Appropriation 2025-03: Reassessement Fund – Assessor's Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

## j. Additional Appropriation 2025-04: Security Cameras at the Courthouse

Mark Clinkebeard and Director of Building Security Tom Little approached the podium provided the Council members with documentation related to the cost of adding new interior security camera in addition to the proposed exterior camera and opened the floor to the Council for any additional requests related to the initial request. Randy Gentry said he searched for the model numbers for the cameras on the internet to compare prices and he said the cost provided by the quote for the project. Steve Clark with Innovative Communication Solutions said the model numbers on the quote are the primary model number of the camera and he did not include the mounting hardware and items associated with the camera and if he included the items there would be multiple pages of parts that would not have impacted the specs. These parts would be assumed when installing the cameras outdoors. The differences in prices of cameras quoted from Innovative Communication

Solutions and cameras Randy had found on the internet was briefly discussed. Randy asked if there was a way to get the pricing for the cameras lower and maybe try to get a lower price on a larger project installing security cameras not only on the exterior of the courthouse as requested but in the interior at the same time. Steve said all the cameras listed were at the manufacturer suggested retail pricing and they are manufactured by Axis Communications and are National Defense Authorization Act compliant. Randy reiterated he had found cameras with the exact model number as much as 40% cheaper in some cases online. As an example, Randy said Steve was quoting a camera for \$2,799 and Randy said found the same camera for \$1,590. Steve said he probably couldn't buy the camera for \$1590 and doesn't know where Randy received his pricing from and said he did not have such a high markup on any of his products. Licensing costs for the cameras was briefly discussed. Steve Clark said the price had come down due to the client not needing an Enterprise IP Camera licensing and lowering it to a "Professional" license near \$240. Randy said it would make more sense to him to install new cameras in the interior and exterior at the same time instead of only the exterior even though this would result in a price increase. Steve said that initially this project was just installing seven new cameras, but adding new interior cameras to the project would create an issue where the older server would not be able to handle multiple new video streams from multiple new cameras. He said this is why there was a new line item for a new server in the quote for the proposed exterior and interior camera project. Steve Ellis said he would like to see new cameras at the courthouse, but suggested tabling this request to acquire more bids for the project and the council could pick the best price. Mark Clinkenbeard noted the county had used Innovative Communication Solutions for cameras before and they were asked to get pricing on exterior cameras only. He said this is why this proposal only factored in proposed new exterior cameras. Randy Gentry said this was an opportunity to complete upgrades on interior cameras and add exterior cameras at the same time. Council Attorney Michael Wright then clarified that projects over \$150,000 would require a formal bid process, and anything under is supposed to get three quotes. Michael advised that he didn't think the requestor needed to get additional quotes for an expansion of this project as long as the Council felt the prices reflected the quality of the services provided. Brenda Wilson asked if the proposed security camera provider was the same as the provider for the current jail. Steve Clark verified they were. Vicki Weger expressed concern over not having exterior cameras at the courthouse and said she would to see this request approved. The logistics of getting exterior cameras first and then replacing the interior cameras was briefly discussed. Brad Anderson asked for details on the warranty for the proposed cameras. Steve Clark said the warranty was five years and included parts and labor. He then asked if there would be a problem with the new cameras working with the current software. Steve clarified there would not be an issue. Randy asked if there was a way to vote on the complete project at the current meeting. Council Attorney Michael Wright said the new requested amount of the project including replacement interior cameras and exterior cameras would have to be advertised to taxpayers ahead of time before the March meeting. Brad Anderson asked for clarification on the amount advertised. Michael clarified \$38,151 had been advertised from LIT Special Purpose Fund for the interior cameras only. He said to get a project approved that would include the cost of both interior and exterior cameras would require a new request. Steve Ellis said multiple quotes should be obtained for this project. Mark Clinkenbeard clarified they did get another quote for the project but the current system would not be compatible with the other quoted provider. Tom Little said the other vendor was more of a home security provider. David Thompson asked Michael if a rule change was necessary if the Council wanted bids to be a part of every project. Michael said the rule already existed by statute. Commissioner Chris Switzer noted that the request from the LIT Special Purpose Fund was \$38,151 and the fund was near \$9,000,000 at the end of last year. He said this particular fund can only be used to improve county buildings related to the court and judicial system. Randy Gentry then made a motion to table Additional Appropriation 2025-04. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the

motion was passed. A brief discussion on the logistics of bringing a new request for the courthouse security camera request was held.

# k. Additional Appropriation 2025-05: Health Department – New Equipment: Life Vac Units, IFAK kits, CERT kits.

This request was withdrawn.

**I.** Additional Appropriation 2025-06: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.2) This request was withdrawn.

m. Additional Appropriation 2025-07: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.3) This request was withdrawn.

n. Additional Appropriation 2025-08: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.4) This request was withdrawn.

**o.** Additional Appropriation 2025-09: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.5) This request was withdrawn.

**p.** Additional Appropriation 2025-10: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.6) This request was withdrawn.

**q.** Additional Appropriation 2025-11: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.7) This request was withdrawn.

# r. Additional Appropriation 2025-12: Health Department – CPR training Mannequins, Free CPR Training

This request was withdrawn.

s. Additional Appropriation 2025-13: Health Department – Intrepid Phoenix Fitness Program and Application, Purdue Extension GrowTH Club, Deming Park Summer Yoga, Fall Prevention Program

This was explained at the Sunshine Meeting. Health Department Administrator Joni Wise said there were concerns brought to her about the Intrepid Phoenix Application so she was fine with the approval of all the items on this request except for the application. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the amended Additional Appropriation 2025-13 without the amount for the Intrepid Phoenix Application in the new amount of \$34,279. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion was passed.

## **Honorary Resolutions**

There were none.

**Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council** 

There were none.

## **Appointments**

David Thompson noted that Randy Gentry had been appointed to the Thrive Board.

#### **Public Comment**

There were none.

## **Adjournment**

Randy Gentry made a motion to adjourn. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02P.M.

# MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Randy Gentry	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson	
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	David Thompson	

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in fill and adopted as written this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II Auditor

# VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

An executive session meeting of the Vigo County Council was held Tuesday, February 25, 2025 pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) to discuss ongoing litigation. No other issue was discussed and no decision will take place outside of an open meeting. Those present were Nancy Allsup, Vicki Weger, Randy Gentry, Brenda Wilson, Brad Anderson, David Thompson, and Auditor Larry Hutchings, and Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, and Council Administrator Devan Gackle.

Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Nancy Allsup
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Vicki Weger
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Steve Ellis
Aye Nay	AbsentAbstain	Randy Gentry
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brenda Wilson
Aye Nay	Absent Abstain	Brad Anderson
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