



**Meeting of the
Vigo County Council
May 13, 2025**

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Council Chamber – Vigo County Government Center
5:00 P.M.
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Agenda
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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, May 6, 2025 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the same location for a voting meeting.

COUNTY GENERAL/1000

Auditor/0002

1000.10010.00000.0002 Payroll Salaries \$ 6,703.47

Total County General: \$ **6,703.47**

Surveyor's Cornerstone/1202

1202.44510.00000.0000 Equipment New \$ 68,500.00

Total Surveyor's Cornerstone: \$ **68,500.00**

Juv Justice Non-Reverting/4959

4959.33300.00000.0000 Contractual Services \$ 165,000.00

4959.35450.00000.0000 Building Repair \$ 35,000.00

Total Juv Justice Non-Reverting: \$ **200,000.00**

Local Public Health Services/1161

1161.33300.00000.0000 Contractual Services \$ 25,000.00

Total Local Public Health Services: \$ **25,000.00**

Veterans Court/9108

9108.44510.00000.0000 Equipment New \$ 1,000.00

9108.37250.00000.0000 Miscellaneous Transportation \$ 500.00

Total Veteran's Court: \$ **1,500.00**

Drug Court User Fee/2511

2511.44510.00000.0000 Equipment New \$ 2,000.00

2511.31000.00000.0000 Drug Testing \$ 10,000.00

Total Drug Court User Fee: \$ **12,000.00**

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmvzvRWqm-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, April 25, 2025.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Lost Creek Township Fire Protection District, 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, May 6, 2025 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year for the Lost Creek Township Fire Protection District. The Vigo County Council will also meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the same location for a voting meeting.

LOST CREEK TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Fire General Fund/8603

Other Services and Charges	\$ 15,000.00
Total Special Fire General Fund:	\$ 15,000.00

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VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, April 25, 2025.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-29

WHEREAS, 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 Surveyor's Cornerstone 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>Surveyor's Cornerstone/1202</u>		
1202.44510.00000.0000 Equipment New	\$ 68,500.00	
Total Surveyor's Cornerstone:	\$ 68,500.00	

Approved on this 13th Day of May, 2025.

Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>		Randy
Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>		Gentry _____
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Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>		David
Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>		Thompson _____

Attest:

 Larry T. Hutchings, II
 Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-30

**ORDINANCE OF THE LOST CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD
REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
BY LOST CREEK TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

The Vigo County Council (the “Council”) met at a duly called and authorized meeting of the Council held on the date set forth below, such meeting being called pursuant to a notice stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting received by all the Council Members and published pursuant to statute, and the following were made, seconded, and adopted by a majority of those present at the meeting, which constituted a legal quorum of the Council:

WHEREAS, the Lost Creek Township Fire Protection District (the “District”) has determined that it is necessary to appropriate more money than what was appropriated in the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, after notice and a public hearing thereon, the Council desires to approve the following appropriations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Vigo County Council, being the fiscal body for the Lost Creek Township Fire Protection District, Vigo County for budget purposes, that:

Section 1. Additional Appropriations. The following additional appropriations are hereby made in excess of the budget for the District for the current year, subject to the approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance:

LOST CREEK TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Fire General Fund/8603

Other Services and Charges	\$ 15,000.00
Total Special Fire General Fund:	\$ 15,000.00

Section 2. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-30

**ORDINANCE OF THE LOST CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD
REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
BY LOST CREEK TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Approved on this 13th Day of May, 2025.

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Attest:

Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-31

WHEREAS, 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
<u>Juv Justice Non-Reverting/4959</u>		
4959.33300.00000.0000 Contractual Services	\$ 165,000.00	
4959.35450.00000.0000 Building Repair	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>	
Total Juv Justice Non-Reverting:	\$ 200,000.00	

Approved on this 13th Day of May, 2025.

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Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	David Thompson _____
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Attest:

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 Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-32

WHEREAS, 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.

	REQUESTED	APPROVED
<u>Local Public Health Services/1161</u>		
1161.33300.00000.0000 Contractual Services	\$ 25,000.00	
Total Local Public Health Services:	\$ 25,000.00	

Approved on this 13th Day of May, 2025.

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Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Allsup _____
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Attest:

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AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-13

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 expressly 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>		
<u>Auditor/0001</u>		
Change Position of Financial/Grant Administrator	To: Deputy Auditor/Financial Supervisor/Grant Administrator	
From: (Grade 10)(\$49,992.60/yr)	(Grade 12)(\$56,626.07/yr)	

SECTION 3. Effective May 14, 2025.

Approved on this 13th Day of May, 2025.

Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	Randy Gentry_____
Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Attest:

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 Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-33

WHEREAS, 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>		
<u>Auditor/0002</u>		
1000.10010.00000.0002 Payroll Salaries	\$ 6,703.47	
Total County General:	\$ 6,703.47	

Approved on this 13th Day of May, 2025.

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2025-34

WHEREAS, 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 Veterans Court Fund and the Drug Court User Fee 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>Veterans Court/9108</u>		
9108.44510.00000.0000 Equipment New	\$ 1,000.00	
9108.37250.00000.0000 Miscellaneous Transportation	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total Veteran's Court:	\$ 1,500.00	
 <u>Drug Court User Fee/2511</u>		
2511.44510.00000.0000 Equipment New	\$ 2,000.00	
2511.31000.00000.0000 Drug Testing	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	
Total Drug Court User Fee:	\$ 12,000.00	

Approved on this 13th Day of May, 2025.

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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 be 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.

Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	Randy Gentry _____
Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 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: Randy Gentry, Nancy Allsup, Brenda Wilson, Steve Ellis, Vicki Weger, Brad Anderson, David Thompson.

Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed

March 4, 2025 Sunshine Meeting

March 11, 2025 Executive Session

March 11, 2025 Meeting

There were no corrections to the March 4, 2025 Sunshine Meeting, Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4th Sunshine Meeting. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

There were no corrections to the March 11, 2025 Executive Session, Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11th Executive Session. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

There were no corrections to the March 11, 2025 Meeting, Nancy Allsup made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11th Meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Brad Anderson abstained due to being absent at the March 11th meeting. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County

Amy Jones with the Auditor's Office approached the Council to give an update on the April 1st Tax Certificate Sale. 646 parcels were listed and 631 parcels were offered in the sale. 376 parcels were sold and the remaining 255 parcels will go into the next tax sale September 16-18. The minimum bid for each parcel was \$250 and there 97 registered bidders. \$445,400 was collected in the sale.

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard gave an update on two significant weather events the county experienced. He described an EF1 tornado in New Goshen and substantial flooding throughout the county over the preceding weekend. He most roads are now open and thanked highway officials for their work.

Council Attorney Michael Wright approached the Council with adopting the rules for the body. Randy Gentry noted the copy of the rules he was provided said the rules were adopted in January 2025. The Council decided to postpone this adoption until this was confirmed in the January meeting.

a. County Council Resolution No.1, 2025: A Resolution Adopting the Riverfront Master Plan
Riverfront Development Director Lori Danielson provided the Council with a presentation on the Riverfront Master Plan. The goal with the plan is to stimulate economic growth, protect and enhance the natural

ecosystems, and provide convenient access to river-related quality of life activities. She said the plan includes recommendations for branding, implementation schedule, infrastructure, housing & retail, parks/trails, and funding. She said the plan includes a recommendation to change the name of 1st Street to “Riverside Drive.” She said zoning code changes would need to be considered for potential infrastructure. The plan has three focus area including a potential community district, a potential gateway district and a potential river district. She says a list for 41 funding sources including relevant state, federal, local and foundational funding progress for each was identified. She said next steps would be to build implementation teams, discuss the plan with property owners, communicate the plan branding and launch, and integrate the plans into Riverfront Opportunity Initiative. She said organization for strategic resource acquisition will need to happen alongside renaming the street. The Roll-Out for the Master Plan to the public will be Wednesday April 23, at the Hulman Center Atrium 4:30-6 p.m. Randy Gentry asked how much money was invested in the project so far and how the plan would cost. She said the \$590,000 for the plan was invested, but \$250,000 was in kind from the Army Corps of Engineers. She said it was too early to determine how much the plan would cost to activate. Randy noted Commissioner Mike Morris expressed reservations about passing a Resolution in support of the Master Plan. Mike Morris then approached the Council and said this was a City plan, and the County has already contributed significantly to all aspects of this proposal. He said he would like to know where the funding for the project would come from. Steve Ellis asked for clarification about this Resolution creating obligations to fund parts of this project. Michael Wright confirmed this Resolution would not relinquish the Council’s authority when it came to approving funding requests for this project and all others. Randy Gentry questioned the purpose of this resolution. Michael Wright said the purpose would be allowing RiverScape to point to local support when it came to seeking public and private dollars. Brad Anderson said this project has been in progress in some form since 2008. Steve Ellis expressed concerned about not reading the actual master plan document before voting on this resolution. He asked if there was a way to modify this resolution to note the Council would be accepting the presentation given that day not necessarily the master plan since they had not read the document. Michael Wright said this would be a different resolution completely. David Thompson expressed his support for this project. He said the regular project reports would be imperative to the Council. Lori said this Master Plan is a living, breathing, document and this resolution would only signify broad support from the Council. Vicki Weger made a motion to adopt County Council Resolution No. 1: Adopting the Riverfront Master Plan. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – nay; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-2, the motion passed.

b. Vigo County Redevelopment Commission TIF Area Update

Steve Witt with Vigo County Redevelopment Commission explained they would be giving a presentation of the Annual Report of the Redevelopment Commission prepared by Baker Tilly. The Department of Local Government Finance requires redevelopment commissions to put together an annual report of their TIF districts. Jason Semler with Baker Tilley then briefly went over the five tax income finance areas in the industrial park and the former Pfizer property. There are no outstanding bonds on any of the areas. There were no questions from the Council.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations

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

This request was discussed in the sunshine meeting. Area Planning Director Jared Bayler said he had been soliciting quotes from local vendors as requested from some Council members during the sunshine meeting. He said one of the quotes was from 4Front Upfitters. David Thompson asked what the estimate was from 4Front Upfitters. Randy Gentry made a motion to table this request until the next month to acquire more bids. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – nay. With a vote of 6-1, the motion passed.

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

Group Homes Executive Director Norm Loudermilk addressed questions from the sunshine meeting. He said the requested position changes discussed in the sunshine meeting would cost an additional \$19,000 annually. Norm said these changes would create 7 Youth Care Specialist spots and they need a minimum of 6 to run one home. Norm said if they open the Rose Hill home it would cost an additional \$400,000. Norm noted it would may be possible to recoup these costs citing \$164,000 the county has brought in since February 24, 2025 with one of the homes. Norm stressed the need for additional staff and the difficulty of hiring staff for the current 48 hour positions. Steve Ellis asked to reconfirm this request would result in an additional \$19,000 being required going into the following year. Norm confirmed the dollar amount and said this was an estimate using pay rates from the current year. Randy Gentry expressed concern over adjusting pay grades as outlined in this request. He cited other departments requesting adjustments to pay grades and the difficulty the resulting pay scale midpoint changes would be for future pay increase budgeting. Brad Anderson noted this would make the department more efficient. Randy Gentry asked for clarification about the shift changes in this request being attached to the pay grade changes in the request. Norm confirmed they were linked. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-12. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-1, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

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

This request was discussed in the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-23. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed in the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-24. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Randy Gentry asked about Indiana Code 5-2-11 particularly section 2 and section 5. He said he wanted to make sure these funds were being appropriated properly. Randy said he did not want the CJI to freeze the funds. Brandon Halleck with Drug Free Vigo County aid the CJI has to approve the funds before Auditor can even disperse these funds. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-25. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending

motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard said he would like to formally request the AutoClear system for \$19,657. Mark said this quote did contain the 160 generator Randy Gentry asked about in the sunshine meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-26. Randy Gentry seconded the motion. . Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-26. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion approve Additional Appropriation 2025-27. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-27. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Randy asked if Frontier Communications had any contact with the County since the previous Council meeting. County Engineer and Highway Department Director Larry Robbins said Frontier had not. Larry said discussions were recently had with Terry Modesitt to discuss potential litigation to recoup funds lost by the County in the project. Randy wanted to know the dollar amount of this request directly attributable to Frontier’s delays. Larry said utility delays are somewhat built into the budget for these projects, but Frontier’s delays were excessive. Larry said Frontier’s delays cost \$340,328.58 out of the \$381,232.14 requested. Randy noted taxpayers should be aware of Frontier’s behavior. Brad Anderson asked if the EDIT County Portio’s Fund balance could handle this request. Larry said the Fund could handle projects for the rest of the year. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-28. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

There were none.

Public Comment

Patrece Dayton introduced herself as the newest representative of Thrive West Central. She said the 2025 Thrive Housing Summit would be held September 11th and 12th at the Terre Haute Convention Center.

President of the Friends of Rea Park Group Mike Harding said he would like to give a presentation on the progress of Rea Park in the future. He said renovations of the old building are underway. The expectation is the clubhouse will be finished in May of 2026.

Adjournment

Steve Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 7-0, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Special Call Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President David Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

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

Settlement Agreement and Release between Judges of the Vigo County Circuit and Superior Courts and the Vigo County Council

Council Attorney Michael Wright explained the settlement agreement between the Judges of the Vigo County. This meeting was in response to a mandate action filed in October 2024. He said the Council participated in a mediation in February of 2025 with former Indiana Supreme Court judge Steven David serving as mediator. He said after the mediation between the Judges and Council there were follow-up meetings which resulted in the current agreement before the Council. Michael said the Council was being asked to approve the settlement. He opened the floor to questions from the Council.

Brad Anderson asked Michael to explain the mandate. Michael said, under Indiana Trial Rule 60.5, the Supreme Court has developed a rule that governs what courts are supposed to do when they feel they are not getting the resources they need to effectively perform constitutionally mandated functions. He noted trial courts in Indiana is a little complex in that the judges are state court employees funded with the same resources as county employees. He said, in the government system of checks and balances, trial rule 60.5 is their check against not being provided the resources needed to do their job. Michael noted this conversation around Vigo County Judges has been persisting in some way as far back as 2016, and this mandate describes the methods the judiciary took during the course of the Baker Tilly study to try and get their employees properly rated under that system. The mandate outlines the budget process of summer 2024 and the additional steps the judges felt they took to the point of October 2024, up the meeting between the Council and judges to talk about the situation and the issuance of the mandate under the trial rule.

Michael said this mandate action was effectively a case in state court that because of the trial rule has jurisdiction in the Supreme Court. He said the mandate order delineates clearly the steps both parties took over the last 36 to 48 months. Michael said the judges feelings were made clear about the Baker Tilly study.

Brad Anderson said it would take extra time, money, and resources to proceed to court over this case. Michael said both parties were here as part of the Supreme Court's order to mediate the case. Michael said getting to an agreement were both parties felt they were protecting their interests was burdensome, but he felt like the agreement document provided a system that recognizes the inherent responsibilities of these branches of government. He said there are statues relevant to the case discussing the judges' rights to set the salaries of their employees. He said the issue is how those rights interact with the County Council's constitutional mandate over financial matters of the County. He said this agreement provides the judges more control over their staff's salaries while also giving the council the control they need to ensure that. He said the agreement prevents judges from unilaterally making everyone's salary \$100,000 or other unreasonable actions from the judiciary. Michael said the Council would not be giving up their financial responsibility to the county with this agreement.

Michael said both sides have been negotiating this agreement in good faith and further litigation would extend time, resources, and money to have both sides of the “same house” fighting against each other. He said both sides of this conflict would be using the same pool of taxpayer resources.

Brenda Wilson asked if the Salary Ordinance needed to be in place before the agreement is effective. Michael said he reached out to the Department of Local Government Finance and the Indiana State Board of Accounts in preparation for the meeting. He said the State Board of Accounts’ legal opinion on the matter was once the agreement is in effect, it would essentially be a court order and the State Board of Accounts would not take any exception with an amount paid pursuant to a court order. Michael said there would still need to be a Salary Ordinance and Additional Appropriation approved by the County Council reflecting these changes.

Brenda then asked about the section of the Agreement mandating the payment of the mediator’s fees and expenses. She asked how much the payment would be. Michael did not have an exact amount but said a little bit higher than \$50,000.

David Thompson asked if there are any other similar cases currently or recently in the state. Michael said the only other county that had a mandate was Jackson County. He said the mandate action is set for oral arguments before the Indiana Supreme Court. Michael said he reached out to the county’s Auditor and said Jackson County’s situation is a little different due to Jackson County having been in two mandate actions since 2023. He said the judges of Jackson County filed a mandate in 2023 and the county provided raises that year, and then the judges filed another mandate for the budget process again in 2024. This totaled out to be a 22% raise for the court employees of that County. Michael said one judge was not satisfied with the result and filed a separate mandate for his five employees. He pointed out the difference in the amount of employees in Vigo County compared to Jackson County. He said the legal counsel for Jackson County Courts in this case has billed approximately \$111,000 since January 2024. He said the counsel for the other party has billed \$52,000. Michael said Jackson County also was paying for a mediator. He said Jackson County was a costly case about five employees and there still was no conclusion for an extended period of time. Michael said the hearing officer in that case had ruled in favor of the County Council effectively finding the 22% raises provided over the course of the previous 18 months were necessary and reasonable and the mandate was not justified. Michael said Jackson County case was different due to using a budget surplus to provide additional resources to court staff employees. He said Vigo County has established the courts are extremely busy with cases involving the department of child services, prosecutor’s office, and other civil matters. He said the courts are required to report these numbers to the state and that the State tracks them. Michael said he thought with Vigo County’s case, the courts could likely establish they are one of the busiest courts in the state - and they were not being paid at the same level as courts in the state as busy as Vigo County’s. Michael said this settlement would do away with the expense of litigating this disagreement.

Brad Anderson noted he has been through three studies in his time in government and studies like this can often create issues. He expressed his desire for the Council to make a decision on this issue.

Counsel for the judges William Barkimer approached the Council and said this agreement was a culmination of years of negotiations between the Council and the judges. He said the agreement was a reasonable compromise and opportunity for the Judges and Council to move forward.

Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between Judges of the Vigo County Circuit and Superior Courts and the Vigo County Council as presented. Brad Anderson Seconded the motion. **Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – absent; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – absent; Vicki Weger – absent; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.**

David Thompson confirmed with Council Attorney Michael Wright the next step would be an Amended Salary Ordinance and Additional Appropriation to fund this agreement. The advertisement deadline to get these items in the May Council meetings had passed, so the next opportunity for these items would be in the June Council Meeting.

Brad Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. With a vocal vote 4-0 the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2025

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