

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Brad Anderson abstained due to being absent at the March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Terre Haute Convention Center.

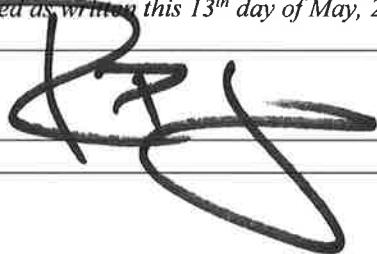


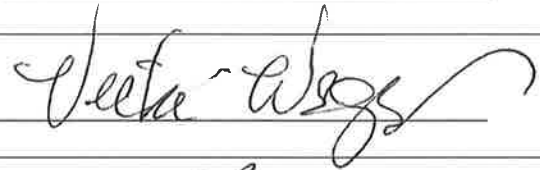
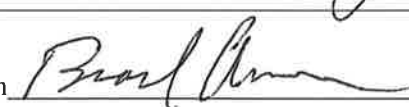

President of the Friends of Rea Park Group Mike Harding said he would like to give a presentation on the progress of Rea Park in the future. He said renovations of the old building are underway. The expectation is the clubhouse will be finished in May of 2026.

### 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

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

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Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Aye	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Allsup	
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*Attest:*

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Larry T. Hutchings, II  
Auditor