

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Sunshine Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 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 – present.

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

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts approached the Council and gave an update on the status of Adult Protective Services. Rob said the funding portion of potential legislation discussed during a previous Council meeting was stripped out at the last second and would not be going to Vigo County. He said FSSA accepted a request from “PCG Indiana” to handle Adult Protective Services. He said the criteria changed for proposals and the Prosecuting Attorneys Council withdrew their bid to handle Adult Protective Services because there would be no way to professionally run the services at the budget requested. Rob expressed his concern about the future of the program and PCG Indiana’s ability to carry out services.

Council Attorney Michael Wright provided the Council with reports on ongoing litigation related to the jail. He said these were defendant’s monthly status reports. Michael then said he would answer any questions from the Council related to the reports. There were no questions.

Council President David Thompson noted Indiana House Bill 1001 had been signed into law, and Section 126 states any employee at a community mental health center making over \$400,000 a year would make the community mental health center ineligible to receive funding from local property taxes, state programs, or grants. He said this would go into effect June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025. Michael Wright said the Hamilton Center would have to make changes to comply with the statute. Steve Ellis asked if the Council should advise the Hamilton Center about the new law. Michael Wright said there would be no problem advising the Hamilton Center, but he felt they would probably be aware of the new law. Randy Gentry asked how often funds were distributed to the Hamilton Center. Michael Wright was not aware of the specifics of the fund distribution to the Hamilton Center. Randy asked if the County would be prohibited by law to distribute funds after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Michael confirmed this was accurate.

**Reports from Committees**

There were none.

**Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations – First Reading**

There were none.

## **Ordinances Related to Appropriations – First Reading**

### **a. Additional Appropriation 2025-29: Surveyor's Office – Request for New GPS Units**

Vigo County Surveyor Bruce Allen approached the Council with a request for \$68,500 from the Surveyor's Cornerstone Fund to be used for new GPS units. He said the current units are over 10 years old and are no longer supported. Steve Ellis asked if there were multiple sources for multiple quotes. Bruce said the quote is from Seiler Geospatial and there was a letter included in his request from Trimble Navigation stating that Seiler was the only company in the state of Indiana that can sell these units and service them. Steve then asked if there were other brands at a more competitive price. Bruce said there were other brands, but for this type of equipment they were not comparable. Randy asked about the day-to-day use of the equipment. Bruce briefly described how money is collected for the Cornerstone Fund. He then said the Surveyor's Office was required by law to maintain section corners. He says this equipment will produce coordinates to fulfill legal requirements. David confirmed this fund could only be used for certain items. Bruce confirmed this was accurate.

### **b. Additional Appropriation 2025-30: Lost Creek Fire Protection District – Special Fire General Fund Request**

This was a request from the Lost Creek Fire Protection Board for \$15,000 to be appropriated from the Special Fire General Fund. No representative of the Lost Creek Fire Protection District Board was present for this meeting.

### **c. Additional Appropriation 2025-31: Juvenile Justice Center – Medical Services Provider Contract Costs and Security System Request**

Interim Director of the Juvenile Justice Center Andrea Moeller approached the Council with a request for \$200,000 to be appropriated from the Juvenile Justice Center Non-Reverting Fund. \$165,000 of this request would be for contractual services. Andrea said the medical services provider for both the Jail and Juvenile Center was now Comprehensive Correctional Care (3C) following a contract signed in 2024. She said in previous years, the Juvenile Justice Center was not separately recognized in the contract, and the jail covered its medical expenses. However due to increased costs associated with the new contract, the jail is no longer able to subsidize the Juvenile Center's medical fees. Andrea briefly described how money is collected for the Juvenile Justice Center Non-Reverting Fund. She said at the time of last year's budget discussions a change to a new medical provider was unforeseen. This requested transfer would cover costs including a full time nurse, Cadmus medical software system, and the base cost of the medical contract. She said additionally, \$35,000 would be needed to cover the remaining costs of the Sally Port Expansion Project. During the initial architectural design, the security system was inadvertently omitted from the estimated renovation costs. These requested funds would provide and install a new IP camera system, interior and exterior intercoms, and a door card reader. Randy Gentry asked about the status of the previous contract. He asked if it would be possible to hire contractors from the Health Department to fulfill the

juvenile center's needs. Andrea clarified this was an issue who was going to pay for the contractual services since the Jail was no longer able to provide the funding. Brad Anderson asked if the budget was still the same for both the Jail and Juvenile Center. Andrea stated that when the Jail and Juvenile Center did their budgets in the previous cycle they were not aware the provider was going to change to 3C and 3C is more expensive. Andrea briefly described the day-to-day services a nurse provides for the Juvenile Center. Randy encouraged discussion with Health Department Administrator Joni Wise about a potential working relationship and services between the Health Department and Juvenile Justice Center.

**d. Additional Appropriation 2025-32: Health Department – New Life Fellowship Compassion Ministries Food Pantry**

This was a request for \$25,000 to be appropriated from the Local Public Health Services Fund to assist with healthy food options for the New Life Fellowship Compassion Ministries Food Pantry. Bill and Angela Treadway with the pantry briefly described the functions and operations of the Food Pantry. Vicki Weger and Randy Gentry expressed their appreciation for the pantry's service to the community.

**e. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-13: Auditor's Office – Position Change**

Vigo County Auditor Larry Hutchings approached the Council with a request to eliminate the position of Financial/Grant Administrator (Grade 10 – \$49,922.60/yr) and to replace it with the new position Deputy Auditor – Financial Supervisor – Grant Administrator (Grade 12 - \$56,626.07/yr). The difference between the two Pay grades is an increase of \$6,703.47. Larry said he would consider cutting the overtime budget for the Auditor's Office from approximately \$40,000 to \$33,000 during the next budget cycle. Vicki Weger expressed her support for the grant administrator position. Randy Gentry expressed concern over changing an employee's pay grade outside of budget determination meetings. Randy asked Larry why the pay grade change needed to be done at this time. Larry noted that during the initial Baker Tilly study, this position was already rated higher than a Grade 10, and there are two other positions in the county with the same duties at a Grade 12. Randy and Larry clarified the Auditor's Office included Larry, a Chief Deputy Auditor, and 11 Deputies. Randy asked what additional duties the position in question would be responsible. Kara Wright with Human Resources explained the employee had acquired additional duties supervising employees and the tasks they are responsible for in addition to being rated higher by the Baker Tilly study anyway. Randy expressed concern for setting a precedent with adjusting pay grades outside of the budget cycle. David Thompson asked if Kara had reviewed the position adjustment and agreed with the change. Kara confirmed she did. Vicki Weger said a lot of the financial dependencies of the county will rely more and more on grants. David Thompson asked if Larry had used most of the overtime budgeted for last year. Larry confirmed the office did. Nancy Allsup asked if Larry would be willing to give up the roughly \$7,000 additional expense out of the overtime budget each year going forward. Brad Anderson noted budget time was approaching and the employee in question has experience in the budget committee process and would be valuable during that time.

**f. Additional Appropriation 2025-33: Auditor's Office – Position Change**

This Additional Appropriation would fund the \$6,703.47 increase for the position change outlined above.

**g. Additional Appropriation 2025-34: Drug and Veterans Court – New Computers, Parking, Drug Screen Payments.**

Charles Johnson with the Vigo County Division Court approached the Council with a request for \$1000 to be appropriated from the Veteran's Court Fund for a new computer for staff and \$500 that would pay for parking for staff. This request is also for \$2,000 to be appropriated from the Drug Court User Fees Fund for new computers for staff and \$10,000 for drug screen payments. Randy Gentry asked for clarification of the parking situation. Taylor Trinkle with the Courts explained the only parking option for the court employees outside of two hour parking was a lot owned by First Financial Bank. She said the parking tags were \$20 per month. Randy asked if the drug screens for each court were funded separately. Charles confirmed this was true.

**Public Comment**

Mark Clinkenbeard approached the Council to follow-up on the Hamilton Center funding conversation from earlier in the meeting. Mark confirmed the County did provide funds to the Hamilton Center every month. He said in 2023 the County provided more than \$714,906. In 2024 the County provided more than \$737,000, and in 2025 the total funding the county will provide is more \$760,000. Mark said the County pays the Hamilton Center \$63,374.33 a month. Randy asked if these payments would automatically stop July 1<sup>st</sup>. Michael Wright confirmed this was accurate. Randy asked what the Council's legal obligations are. Michael said before a payment is made in July the Hamilton Center would need to be brought into compliance with the new law, but the responsibility ultimately would fall to the Commissioners' Office. Brenda Wilson asked what would happen to the budgeted funds if the Hamilton Center is not in compliance. Michael said the County would have to seek guidance with the State Board of Accounts or the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Brad Burbrink expressed concerns from local farmers about the recent assessed property values for Vigo County and the property tax rates in comparison to neighboring counties.

**Adjournment**



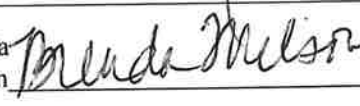
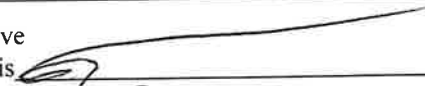
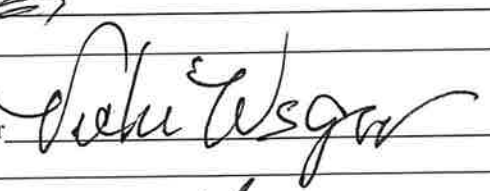

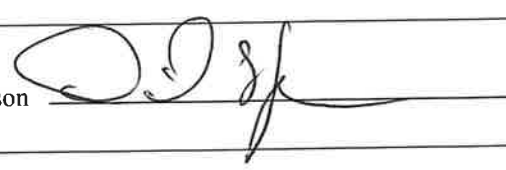
Randy Gentry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0 the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:08p.m.

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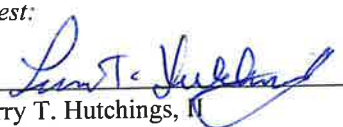
## MEETING

### May 6, 2025

*Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.*

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

  
 Larry T. Hutchings, II  
 Auditor