

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 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, Brenda Wilson, Steve Ellis, Vicki Weger, Brad Anderson, David Thompson.

David Thompson noted Nancy Allsup was unable to make the meeting.

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

*April 1, 2025 Sunshine Meeting*

*April 8, 2025 Meeting*

*April 23, 2025 Special Call Meeting*

There were no corrections to the April 1, 2025 Sunshine Meeting, Brad Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Sunshine Meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

There were no corrections to the April 8, 2025 meeting Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

Randy Gentry asked Council Attorney Michael Wright if he had the ability to correct the previous meetings' journals or vote to approve them if he was not present in-person. He said he had viewed the meeting video since the meeting had taking place and did not feel there was a statute preventing him from voting. Michael Wright said if Randy did not feel the rules prevented him from approving the minutes, he was welcome to do so.

There were no corrections to the April 23, 2025 Special Call Meeting, Brad Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025 Special Call Meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

Michael Wright then noted his previous opinion on councilpersons' ability to vote to approve minutes of meetings was formed before the use of technology to view meetings remotely.

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

County Commissioner Mike Morris approached the Council to give an update on various ongoing projects throughout the County.

David Thompson asked Council Attorney Michael Wright if the Council could request an audit of the Hamilton Center from the State Board of Accounts. Michael Wright said he assumed the Hamilton Center was already subject to frequent audits due to the degree of taxpayer money involved in the operations. Michael said he felt it was a request the Council could make.

David said he would like the Council Administrator to send a letter requesting a representative from the Hamilton Center be present for the June County Council Meeting.

### **Reports from Committees**

There were none.

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

There were none.

### **Ordinances Relating to Appropriations**

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

This request was discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Randy Gentry noted in his own research he discovered Seiler Geospatial was the only dealer legally allowed to sell Trimble products due to stipulations from the manufacturer. Brad Anderson confirmed the Surveyor's Office needed this equipment to continue their day-to-day operations. Bruce Allen said this was true. Brad Anderson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-29. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was for \$15,000 to be appropriated from the Special Fire General Fund to “Other Services and Charges.” There were no questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-30. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Mark Clinkenbeard requested the part of the request \$165,000 to be appropriated to “contractual services” be tabled. He said parties involved in the request were out of town and he wanted a chance to meet with everyone involved to get on the same page. Mark then explained some of the background of the Juvenile Justice Center Sallyport addition. He said, due to a miscommunication, security cameras and replacement of the concrete slab were not included in the bid specification sheet. He said, additionally, there were also small unpredictable change orders involving electrical and plumbing. Mark said the change in leadership from former director Norm Loudermilk to interim director Andrea Moeller caused some minor difficulty. Andrea Moeller said the reason this project was over budget was due to the change orders involved in this project. Steve Ellis asked if this request was to purchase cameras and the other security measures mentioned in the request. Mark Clinkenbeard clarified that the cameras were one of several change orders that made the project over-budget, and this appropriation of \$35,000 would pay the overages. Brenda Wilson asked if the \$35,000 would take care of paying for the rest of the project. Andrea confirmed this was true. Steve asked if any money is owed to other vendors other than the camera supplier. Andrea confirmed the camera vendor was the last vendor the county owed money to in relation to this project. Randy expressed his confusion with how this \$35,000 request would be enough to cover the remaining project expense. He said he had reached out to the camera vendor and said their bid cost \$39,689.93. Andrea Moeller said there was still \$16,000 left of ARPA funds to use for this project that would help cover the remaining expense. Randy expressed his concern this appropriation would not be enough to cover the entire remaining expense of the project. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-31. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed. Randy Gentry made a motion to table the part of this request for \$165,000 to be appropriated. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a vocal vote.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-32. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Steve Ellis asked what justified a change in pay grade. Auditor Larry Hutchings said there were two other positions in the county with similar duties at a higher pay grade than the position he was requesting an adjustment for. Steve asked if this position was responsible for supervision of other employees. Larry confirmed this

was accurate. Vicki Weger noted this position had accumulated duties over the past year due to changeover of staff in the Auditor's Office. Brenda Wilson asked if Larry was willing to give up some of the overtime budget in the upcoming budget cycle. Larry confirmed he would give up near \$7,000 in the Auditor's Office overtime budget. Randy Gentry expressed concern about changing pay grades for positions outside of the budget cycle. He said asking for a lower overtime budget in the next budget cycle would not pay for the pay increase this year. Randy expressed concern about the amount of additional appropriations since he had joined the Council. Brenda Wilson asked if the initial Baker Tilly study had graded this position higher than it current stood. Larry confirmed Baker Tilly did grade the position higher, but the Budget Committee at that time decided to keep the position at a Grade 10. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-13. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – nay; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 4-2, the motion passed. David asked the Auditor's Office for an update on the amount of Additional Appropriations from the County General Fund since the year started. Brad Anderson noted the difficulty ahead in the Budget Committee due to changes in the Indiana State Government.

David asked Mark Clinkenbeard if there had been discussion with Baker Tilly. Mark said the goal was for Baker Tilly to have an update for the County mid-to-late the following month following changes with the state government.

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

This request would fund the request above. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-33. Brad Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – nay; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-34. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Randy Gentry – aye; Nancy Allsup – absent; Brenda Wilson – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 6-0, 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**

Pastor Tess Stephens approached the Council with concerns over Terre Haute Community Corrections receiving mental health funding. She said the community needs more transparency with how allocating these funds in this way would be beneficial to the community. She also expressed concern about what she called “demonization” of the Hamilton Center CEO’s salary. Tess expressed disappointment with not receiving ARPA funding. She said she was part of a committee of 13 people and drafted a plan to invest in combating mental health related issues in the community. She said a plan was drafted to invest \$12 million into underserved communities. Brad Anderson asked who Pastor Tess had presented to when applying for ARPA funds. Tess said she had gave a presentation to County Commissioner Chris Switzer and former Councilperson Todd Thacker. Chris Switzer approached the Council and explained the proposed Community Corrections expansion. He said the expansion has outgrown its space, and the goal of the operation would be to provide programs that help prevent people returning to the jail and contributing to jail overcrowding. He said a presentation is in the works to provide Council with more information, but it is on hold to assess impacts from changes in the state government. Director of Court Services Bill Watson then briefly explained the operations and purpose of Community Corrections. Pastor Tess reiterated the need for mental health and addiction care services for the County.

### **Adjournment**


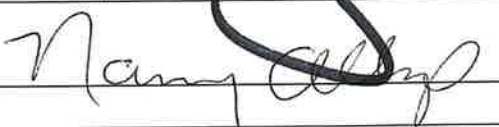


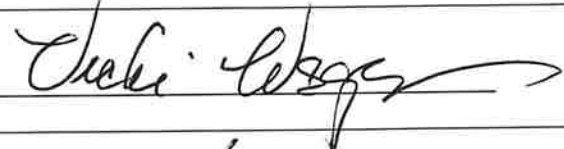


Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. With a vocal vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

## MAY 13, 2025

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

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Attest:

  
Larry T. Hutchings, Jr.  
Auditor