

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Sunshine Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Aaron Loudermilk called the meeting to order at 5:00. Before reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, he asked for a moment of silence.

**Calling of the roll**

R. Todd Thacker – present, Travis Norris - present, Marie Theisz - present, Vicki Weger - present, David Thompson - present, and Aaron Loudermilk - absent.

**First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions**

- i. ROC 2021-032, Out-of-Series Transfer: Reassessment II Fund – reallocation of appropriation from Service Agreements to Vehicles
- ii. ROC 2021-033, Out-of-Series Transfer: Sales Disclosure Fund – reallocation of appropriation from Professional Services to Vehicles
- iii. ROC 2021-034, Resolution Modifying Local Income Tax Rates, annual allocation to Township Fire Safety agencies
- iv. ROC 2021-035, Resolution 2021-11, Steel Dynamics Heartland, LLC 10-year Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement
- v. ROC 021-036, Fourth Amendment to Vigo County Police Retirement Plan

**Public Comments**

There were none.

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

There were none.

**Reports from committees**

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

**i. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-06;  
ROC 2021-32: Reassessment II**

Kevin Gardner, Vigo County Assessor, explained that this request and the following request for Sales Disclosure are part of the same request. He currently has funds in both Sales Disclosure and Reassessment to purchase, if the transfer is approved, a vehicle for the County Assessor's Office. Mr. Gardner gave an overview of the number of assessments performed and the miles that need to be covered each year. He doesn't feel

that it's fair to ask an employee to put the kind of mileage required on their personal vehicle. He noted that he had asked for a vehicle for his 2022 budget but if this request for transfer was granted, that particular item would be removed from his 2022 budget request. There was a brief discussion about the revenue stream for the line items he was asking to transfer from. It was also noted that it would take approximately three months to get a vehicle once the order was placed due to shortages being experienced throughout the country.

**ii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2021-07;  
ROC 2021-033: Sales Disclosure**

See prior paragraph.

**iii. Resolution 2021-05 Resolution Modifying Local Income Tax  
Rates; ROC 2021-034**

David Thompson explained that this is not a resolution adjusting the tax rate, it is a modification to the allocations. The rates are based upon 65% runs/35% levy to the various fire protection districts. This had to be accepted by those agencies on or before June 30 and accepted by the Council on or before September 1. This will be voted on next week.

**iv. Resolution 2021-11 Steel Dynamics Heartland, LLC 10-year  
Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement**

Zach Klutz of the Taft Law Firm was present representing Steel Dynamics Heartland, LLC ("SDH"). Roberto Bohrer, the Operations Manager, and Brad Greenwell, the Controller, of SDH were also present. Mr. Klutz noted that Steel Dynamics employed approximately 225 individuals with an annual wage of \$95,000 or more. SDH currently pays nearly \$1 million each year in real and personal property taxes. SDH currently has a need to expand its paint and galvanizing lines and Vigo County is its first choice for that expansion. The expansion would consist of nearly \$197 million in equipment, construction of a new 390,000 square foot expansion to its existing facility at a cost of nearly \$35 million, and the addition of 80-85 new jobs with an average wage of \$80,000 annually plus the continuation and retention of its current 225 employees. If this expansion occurs, they expect additional companies to locate close to this facility. This expansion is supported by the Terre Haute Economic Development Corporation and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. Roberto Bohrer gave a presentation, including a video, of what the company currently does and what the expansion would entail. They are asking for a 100% abatement for both real and personal property. There was a lengthy question and discussion period. Brad Greenwell, controller of SDH, noted that they initially contributed about \$50,000 locally to various organizations but that number has increased each year. It was determined that about 40% of their workforce was from Vigo County, 30% from Parke County and 30% from Sullivan County. They estimate that they would be up and running by 2023. The question was raised whether the company would be amenable to a sliding scale on an abatement or whether they would only consider a 100% abatement for the entire ten years. Mr. Bohrer stated that the company was looking for a total abatement and that they did have other options.

They are currently fully staffed with an additional five new employees starting next month.

**v. Fourth Amendment to Vigo County Police Retirement Plan**


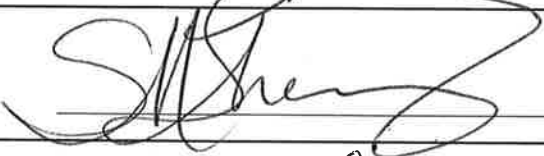



Officer Derek Fell explained that on April 6, 2020, the Vigo County Sheriff's Office Merit Board approved this Fourth Amendment to the retirement plan. The amendment concerns the issue that previously, if a deputy was killed in the line of duty with less than 10 years of duty and being vested, the spouse would only receive \$200 per month. It was felt that this amount was not appropriate in that circumstance and it was requested that this section be amended. The Merit Board approved the amendment. The actuary came up with a formula based on 2021 and that additional appropriation last year would have been \$8,484.00. That number does fluctuate based on the years of service. That money was granted for their budget last year but it was determined that this amendment had to be approved by the Council in order for it to take effect. Approximately 40%-50% of the current deputies have less than 10 years on the job.

Councilman Thompson took this opportunity to welcome R. Todd Thacker as the new Council member and congratulated him on the completion of his first meeting.

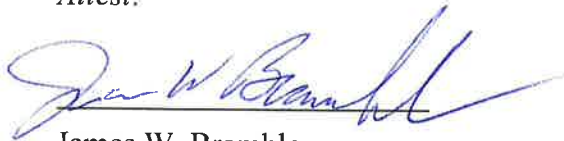
Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Marie Theisz seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

**MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SUNSHINE MEETING**  
**August 3, 2021**

*Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.*

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Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>		Travis Norris	
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Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>		Aaron Loudermilk, President	
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*Attest:*



James W. Bramble  
Vigo Auditor