

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday March 12, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Thomas, Council President called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Rick Burger, Mike Morris, Ed Ping, Bill Thomas, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

- *February 12, 2013*

Motion: To approve minutes as published, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Public comment

Several community members addressed the Council expressing their support for the proposed Vigo County Sheriff's Safe Schools Taskforce. Those individuals who spoke included:

- Tom Balitewicz, West Vigo High School Principal
- Susan Shackelford, Rio Grande Elementary School Principal
- Molly Meeks, Parent of Sugar Creek Consolidated School students
- Mindy Shore, Riley Elementary School Principal
- Sara Ritter, Chief Clinical Officer, Hamilton Center
- Ray Azar, Safety Specialist for the Vigo County School Corporation
- Julie Lautenschlager, West Vigo Middle School Principal
- Mel Hayes, Parent of Lost Creek Elementary student
- Danny Tanoos, Superintendent, Vigo County School Corporation

Communications from elected officials of the County

There were none.

Communications from other officials or agencies

There were none.

Reports from standing committees

There were none.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations

Special Projects Committee

Juvenile Center – Refinance Lease

Michael Wright, County Attorney explained the figures and the savings the County will incur in the event the lease for the Juvenile Center building is refinanced. This refinance will not lengthen the number of years of the lease. If the Council chooses to continue to pay the current payment amount, the bond will be paid off one year earlier than the original bond.

Motion: To approve the refinancing of the Juvenile Center, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Annual Budget Committee

Additional Appropriation 2013-10

Sheriff Greg Ewing is requesting an additional appropriation in the CAGIT fund to support the Safe School's Taskforce. This plan would place a Special Deputy in each of the rural county schools in an effort to ensure the safety of the schools. The original request was in the amount of \$135,000, however, Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor has offered to contribute \$30,000 from the Infraction Deferral fund if the Council would allow the appropriation.

Motion: To approve \$105,000 in Interlocal Agreement in the CAGIT fund, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-11

Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor has offered to contribute \$30,000 from the Infraction Deferral fund in support of the Sheriff's Safe School Taskforce program.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

President Bill Thomas called for a five minute recess.

Additional Appropriation 2013-12

During the preparation of the 2013 budget, calculation errors were made that need to be corrected. An additional appropriation is needed in the Cumulative Bridge fund in personal services totaling \$4,104.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-13

During the preparation of the 2013 budget, calculation errors were made that need to be corrected. An additional appropriation is needed in the Local Road and Street fund in personal services totaling \$4,746.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-14

During the preparation of the 2013 budget, calculation errors were made that need to be corrected. An additional appropriation is needed in the Highway fund in personal services totaling \$59,617.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-15

During the preparation of the 2013 budget, calculation errors were made that need to be corrected. An additional appropriation is needed in the Parks and Recreation fund in personal services totaling \$606.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2013-02

During the preparation of the 2013 budget, personal services in various departments within County General were over appropriated. These overages will be transferred into the Council's Group Insurance account to be available for future fluctuations in personal services accounts within County General.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2013-04

During the preparation of the 2013 budget, personal services in a few departments within County General were under appropriated. Since extra appropriations are available in the Council's budget in Group Insurance, the shortage can be transferred into the necessary personal service accounts.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Budget Adjustment Committee

Additional Appropriation 2013-04

The Parks & Recreation department is requesting an additional appropriation in the Non-Reverting Operating fund for the Recreation Trails Project in the amount of \$8,833. This is needed for the final project to complete the West Terre Haute Levee Trail in the Wabashiki State Fish and Wildlife Area.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-05

Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor is requesting an additional appropriation in the Plat Mapping department for Service Agreements in the amount of \$5,850. This is needed to proceed with the conversion of the coal maps of Vigo County to a digital format.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-06

The Prosecutor's office is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 to purchase a vehicle. The vehicle would be used for duties relating to investigations, as well as daily errands of the Prosecutor's office.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-07

The Sheriff's department is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$13,101 to replace a vehicle that was totaled during a snow storm. The insurance settlement from the company whose driver was responsible for the accident paid a portion of the cost to replace the vehicle.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Personnel Committee

Vigo County 2013 Elected Official Salary Ordinance

Councilman Ed Ping explained that the Coroner's salary was set fairly and legally. Dr. Amos stated that over the past eight years, Dr. Kohr was paid at the rate of the majority of other elected officials including the County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder, Surveyor and Treasurer. She pointed out the salaries of coroner's across the state of Indiana. She believes Dr. Kohr's salary was a straight salary and there was no mention of a stipend being a part of his salary for his ability to perform autopsies. She also mentioned that "the Indiana Supreme Court has previously rendered an opinion that all physicians, regardless of specialty, are qualified for Coroner-Physician salary." Dr. Amos feels that the only difference between her and Dr. Kohr is that she is female and she is being discriminated against. She stated that when she was previously Coroner, her salary then was set at the rate of the other elected officials. She also feels the requested amount for autopsies in the Coroner's budget was \$50,000 and does not know why it was increased to \$100,000. Councilman Mark Bird pointed out Coroner salaries reported in the Association of Indiana Counties Fact Book are lower than what Dr. Amos previously stated and doesn't understand where she is getting her figures. Dr. Amos replied that they come from the Indiana Coroner's Association. President Bill Thomas clarified with Bob Effner, Council Attorney, that according to the Indiana Code, the Coroner (non-physician) salary is set by the Council and a licensed physician shall be paid one and a half times that set rate. Dr. Amos agreed with Mr. Thomas and also confirmed that she is currently being paid one and a half times the set rate.

Motion: To deny the request to increase the Coroner's salary, **Action:** Deny, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2013-03

During the preparation of the 2013 budget, personal services in the Coroner's budget within County General were over appropriated. These overages will be transferred into the Council's Group Insurance account to be available for future fluctuations within County General.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-08

Councilman Ed Ping stated more information is needed before a decision can be made and would like to postpone the request.

Motion: To postpone for further review, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Additional Appropriation 2013-09

Councilman Ed Ping stated more information is needed before a decision can be made and would like to postpone the request.

Motion: To postpone for further review, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Salary Ordinance 2013-03

Councilman Ed Ping stated more information is needed before a decision can be made and would like to postpone the request. Councilwoman Kathy Miller commented that she would like to see the Annual Budget committee review the number of employees affected by the resetting of the part-time hourly rate of \$10.

Motion: To postpone for further review, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Salary Ordinance 2013-01

Councilman Ed Ping stated more information is needed before a decision can be made and would like to postpone the request.

Motion: To postpone for further review, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Salary Ordinance 2013-02

Councilman Ed Ping stated more information is needed before a decision can be made and would like to postpone the request.

Motion: To postpone for further review, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Rick Burger.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.

Honorary resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

President Bill Thomas assigned the requests of Council for further review.

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Rick Burger, Tim Curley.