

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 8, 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

- ✓ *August 13, 2013*
- ✓ *September 10, 2013*
- ✓ *September 30, 2013*

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

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

Mick Love, Harrison Assessor, discussed the cyclical reassessment that will begin in July of 2014. Mr. Love explained his request for an additional full-time position for 2014 was denied, however, he desperately needs another person. He reminded the Council that he cut a position for the 2008 budget when the Council asked for cuts to be made not knowing the state would require this reassessment in 2014. The State is requiring 25% of the parcels be completed each year which equals approximately 6,000 parcels. He asked the Council to reconsider their decision. Council President Bill Thomas instructed Mr. Love to submit a request to the Auditor's office which will be addressed in 2014.

Communications from elected officials

David Crockett, County Clerk introduced representatives from RBM Consulting who gave a brief demonstration of the voting equipment being considered by the Election Board.

Communications from other officials or agencies

There were none.

Reports from standing committees

Budget Adjustment Committee

Additional Appropriation 2013-34

The Public Defender's office requested an additional appropriation for gasoline in the amount of 1,300.

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.

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2013-09

The Public Defender's office requested to transfer \$3,500 from Legal Services into Office Furniture to purchase filing cabinets.

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

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2013-10

The IT department requested to transfer \$50,000 from Telephone (\$10,000), License (\$20,000) and Repair Equipment (\$20,000) into Equipment New.

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

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2013-11

LEPC requested to transfer \$6,000 from Ed, Counseling, and Training into Equipment New.

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.

Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2013-12

The Surveyor requested to transfer \$1,950 from Repair Equipment (\$850) and Service Agreements (\$1,100) into Gasoline.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

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 2013-13

The Surveyor requested a transfer in the Cornerstone Perpetuation fund from Stakes & Field Equipment into Office Supplies in the amount of \$2,500.

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 2013-14

The Prosecutor requested to transfer funds from Law Books into Travel. The request was for \$2,253; however the appropriation balance in Law Books is \$1,052.44 which is the amount to which the ordinance was amended.

Motion: To amend the amount of the transfer to \$1,052.44, **Action:** Amend, **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.

Motion: To approve the amended resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **None seconded.**

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 2013-35

The Prosecutor's office requested additional appropriations totaling \$16,748 in the Prosecutor's County General fund.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rick Burger, **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 2013-36

The Prosecutor's office requested an additional appropriation in the Seized Assets fund in the Confidential Funds account in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

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 2013-37

The Prosecutor's office requested an additional appropriation in the Infraction Deferral fund in the Law Enforcement Grants account in the amount of \$90,000.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

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 2013-38

The Parks & Recreation department requested an additional appropriation in the Equipment New account in the amount of \$40,000 to begin replacing their current deteriorating fleet.

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 2013-39

The Parks & Recreation department requested an additional appropriation in the Non-Reverting Capital fund for Contractual Services in the amount of \$89,000. The department must comply with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, and their concern for the stability of the earthen dam at Fowler Park. In addition, four culverts, three at Hawthorn Park and one at Fowler Park, require immediate remediation.

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 2013-40

The Clerk's office requested an additional appropriation in the Clerk's County General fund for Professional Services in the amount of \$6,000 for a Title IV-D consulting firm to obtain unclaimed reimbursable expenses for the County.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **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.

Additional Appropriation 2013-41

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation for the Humane Society in the amount of \$20,000. The bill received was for retaining roosters that were confiscated from a rooster fighting ring and were being held as evidence for the Prosecutor's office. .

Motion: To table the ordinance, **Action:** Table, **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 2013-42

The Highway Department requested additional appropriations for Gasoline (\$75,000) and Vehicle (\$10,498) totaling \$85,498. A settlement check was received for a totaled truck in the amount of \$10,498.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **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 2013-43

Vigo County Sheriff Greg Ewing requested an additional appropriation in the CAGIT fund for Vehicles in the amount of \$7,744. Insurance settlement checks were received for two totaled patrol cars. To replace one of the vehicles, the amount requested is needed.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **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 2013-44

Vigo County Sheriff Greg Ewing requested an additional appropriation in the E-Share Asset Forfeiture fund to purchase a K-9 unit in the amount of \$10,000.

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.

Personnel Committee

Additional Appropriation 2013-45

The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation for Payroll and FICA in the Building Maintenance department of County General. This will be used for the part-time electrician and plumber.

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

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 2013-46

Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director requested an additional appropriation in the Guardian Ad Litem fund for Payroll and FICA for extra help in the amount of \$19,225.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **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 2013-47

Vigo County Sheriff Greg Ewing requested the hourly pay rate for the Process Servers be increased back to \$11 per hour. The rate was \$11 per hour in 2012, but was lowered to \$10 per hour in 2013. Mr. Ewing would like the rate to return to \$11 per hour and be retroactive to the first pay of 2013. This would require an additional appropriation in Payroll and FICA in the amount of \$3,770 in the Sheriff Sale fund.

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

Vigo County 2013 Salary Ordinance

The Vigo County 2013 Salary Ordinance amendments are displayed on Exhibit D. The part-time Process Servers shall receive an hourly rate of \$11 per hour. In addition, the Health Officer shall be considered part-time with no benefits with the salary of \$37,894.

Motion: To approve the Vigo County 2013 Salary Ordinance as amended,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **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.

Vigo County 2013 Sheriff Deputy Salary Ordinance

Sheriff Greg Ewing requested permission to employ a Temporary Deputy in the event of an extended Military or Family Medical Leave of a merit officer. If approved, the Vigo County 2013 Sheriff Deputy Salary Ordinance shall be amended to include the following: In the event of an extended Military or Family Medical Leave of a merit officer exceeding six (6) weeks, the Sheriff may employ a Temporary Deputy. A Temporary Deputy shall be compensated at a rate of ninety (90) percent of the base rate of a merit deputy. A Temporary Deputy shall not work more than 29 hours in a pay week and is not entitled to any benefits. A sufficient appropriation in Personal Services must exist in the Sheriff budget prior to the employment of a Temporary Deputy. The Sheriff should submit a plan detailing the anticipated period of time a Temporary Deputy will be required and

the number of hours for that period to the Auditor's Office for verification of sufficient appropriation. (As amended 10/08/13)

Motion: Approve as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **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.

Annual Budget Committee

Additional Appropriation Honey Creek Fire Protection District

The Honey Creek Fire Protection District requested an additional appropriation to establish a Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$100,000.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

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 Prairieton Fire Protection District

The Prairieton Fire Protection District requested an additional appropriation in Professional Services in the amount of \$6,000.

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.

2014 Binding Recommendations

- ✓ *Terre Haute International Airport*
- ✓ *Honey Creek Fire Protection District*
- ✓ *New Goshen Fire Protection District*
- ✓ *Lost Creek Fire Protection District*
- ✓ *Prairieton Fire Protection District*
- ✓ *Riley Fire Protection District*
- ✓ *Sugar Creek Fire Protection District*
- ✓ *Moveover Lake Conservancy District*

Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor cited the second reading of the 2014 binding recommendations.

Motion: To approve 2014 binding recommendations, **Action:** Approve, **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.

Additional Appropriation 2013-48

The Commissioners requested new appropriations in the newly created Solid Waste User Fees fund totaling \$85,000.

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.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations

There were none.

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

The requests of Council were assigned to committee for further review.

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

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