

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE**

**Agenda**

**Friday, May 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**Vigo County Government Center**

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Calling of the roll
4. Public comment
5. Communications from elected officials, other officials, and agencies of the County
6. Requests of Council
  - a. Coroner
  - b. Public Defender
  - c. Auditor/Treasurer
7. Adjournment



SUSAN S. AMOS, M.D.

VIGO COUNTY CORONER

183 Oak Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47807  
(812) 462-3360  
Fax: (812) 231-4429

April 6, 2018

Honorable Jim Bramble  
Vigo County Auditor

Please place this request before the Vigo County Council at their meeting on May 15, 2018.

I am re-submitting my letter in regards to an additional appropriation of \$50,000 for Curtis Lyle, Vigo County's sole transportation for all body removals. This amount is for over 994 removals that were done from April 2010, through February 12, 2018 at \$325.00 per removal.

The agreement that was made with Mr. Lyle in February 1, 2006 was that he was to be paid \$375.00 per removal. The fee was lowered without the authorization of the Vigo County Coroner in 2008.

I feel that Mr. Lyle is entitled to receive the money he has been without.

I sincerely request your support in my effort to attain this request.

Respectfully,

Susan S. Amos, MD  
Vigo County Coroner

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VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

**VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS  
111 OAK ST.  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47807  
(812) 462-3309**

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May 1, 2018

Vigo County Council Budget Committee  
Vigo County Annex  
127 Oak Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

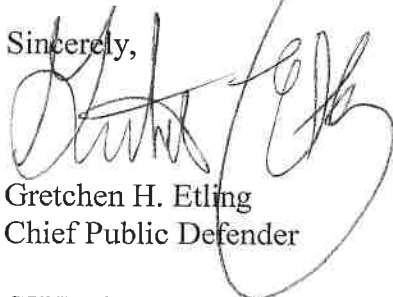
RE: Addition appropriation to the 2018 budget

Dear Members of the Vigo County Council:

I am requesting an additional appropriation in the Supplemental Public Defender Budget in the amount of \$11,471.85 to purchase a 2015 Nissan Sentra for the Vigo County Public Defender's Office. The money would be appropriated from the Public Defender Supplemental account.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Gretchen H. Etling  
Chief Public Defender

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**VIGO COUNTY POLICY CONCERNING THE PENALTY PORTION OF  
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code (I.C.) § 6-1.1-37-15 provides that the County Auditor and County Treasurer may implement a policy to waive, negotiate, or settle penalties that have accrued on delinquent property taxes if that Policy has been approved by the Fiscal Body of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Vigo County Treasurer and Vigo County Auditor deem it advisable to develop a policy for the waiver, negotiation, or settlement of penalties on delinquent property taxes that have accrued to Vigo County.

NOW THEREFORE, the following policy concerning the waiver, negotiation, or settlement of the penalty portion of delinquent property taxes is hereby proposed as follows:

A. Any Agreement for the forgiveness of the penalty portion of delinquent property taxes must be in writing, it must be approved by both the County Treasurer and County Auditor and the taxpayer or the taxpayer's authorized representative. (I.C. § 6-1.1-37-15 (b)).

B. Any Agreement for the forgiveness of the penalty portion of delinquent property taxes must be documented by the County Auditor in the form prescribed by the State Board of Accounts and this policy. (I.C. § 6-1.1-37-15 (c)).

C. All documentation related to the waiver, negotiation, or settlement of penalties under this Policy shall be turned over to the Indiana State Board of Accounts upon request. (I.C. § 6-1.1-37-15 (d)). Furthermore, all documentation related to the waiver, negotiation, or settlement of penalties under this policy shall be turned over to the Vigo County Council upon request.

D. This policy is meant to ensure that businesses or individuals have a chance to work with the County on the penalty portion of their delinquent property tax issues. No part of this policy authorizes any person to attempt to negotiate the true property taxes which have accrued against the property, as those are not negotiable by law.

E. Forms approved by the County Auditor and County Treasurer should be developed for the efficient processing of these requests. The guiding factors for the County Auditor and County Treasurer should be whether the negotiation on the penalty portion of property taxes is in the best interest of the County, can have a positive economic impact in the community, save jobs, or other worthy considerations.

F. The County will consider waiving penalties for tax payers that are unable to make a timely payment of a tax bill due to the following:

1. Death or hospitalization of the taxpayer or family member within six months of the tax due date. Family member may include, spouse, child, step child, parent, civil union partner, in law or other dependent.
2. Incapacitation, illness, injury or disability of the taxpayer or family member when the taxpayer provides written proof that the incapacitation, illness, injury or disability impacted the taxpayer's ability to make a timely tax payment.
3. Absence from the County due to military service.
4. The tax payer has been the victim of a fire or natural disaster.

G. Penalty waivers will be considered for government units and non-profit organizations that acquire property upon a determination that the entity performed its due diligence in the payment of all outstanding taxes and, if applicable timely application of for tax exemption.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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**, President**

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**, President Pro-Tem**

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**Attest:**

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**James Bramble, Auditor**