

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

December 8, 2020

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Agenda
Thursday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Calling of the roll
3. Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed
 - a. *November 10, 2020*
4. Public comment.
5. Communications from elected officials, other officials, or agencies of the County
6. Reports from standing committees
7. Reports from select committees
8. Ordinances relating to appropriations
 - a. *Annual Budget Committee*
 - i. Review of Broadband Project ROC 2020-43 for Additional Appropriation
 - ii. Review of CARES Act ROC 2020-44 for Additional Appropriation
 - b. Vigo County Treasurer – Account Adjustment
9. Other Ordinances and Resolutions
10. Honorary resolutions
11. Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council
12. First Reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions
13. Appointments
14. Adjournment

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana, that the Vigo County Council will meet at the Vigo County Government Center, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, Indiana at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to consider the following appropriations in excess of the budget of the current year.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>EDIT/1112</u>	
1112.33315.000.0000-Contractual Svcs/ Broadband	\$ 2,844,943
TOTAL EDIT	\$ 2,844,943
<u>General Fund/Coronavirus Relief (9800)</u>	
1000.10010.000.9800 – Payroll Salaries	\$ 135,465
1000.15210.000.9800 – SS/FICA	10,365
1000.15220.000.9800 – PERF	19,240
1000.39990.000.9800 – COVID – 19 Expenses	<u>3,254,697</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND/CORONAVIRUS RELIEF	\$ 3,419,767

Pursuant to State of Indiana Executive Order 20-09 (the “Order”), the meeting will be made available by electronic means. Any votes conducted will be by roll call vote. In accordance with the Indiana Open Door Law and the Order, media and members of the public are encouraged to observe the meeting at <https://www.vigocounty.in.gov/departments/division.php?structureid=71> . Members of the public may submit comments prior to the meeting to county.council@vigocounty.in.gov

JAMES W. BRAMBLE
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, November 27, 2020.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2020-23

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now, therefore:

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the EDIT Fund, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	<u>ADVERTISED</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>
<u>EDIT Fund/1112</u>		
1112.33315.000.0000-Contractual Svcs/Broadband	\$2,844,943	\$ 2,844,943
Total EDIT Fund	\$2,844,943	\$ 2,844,943

Approved on this 8th day of December, 2020 .

Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Morris, President _____

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2020-24

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now, therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the General Fund, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	<u>ADVERTISED</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>
<u>General Fund/Coronavirus Relief (9800)</u>		
1000.10010.000.9800 - Payroll Salaries	\$ 135,465	\$ 135,465
1000.15210.000.9800 - SS/FICA	\$ 10,365	\$ 10,365
1000.15220.000.9800 - PERF	\$ 19,240	\$ 19,240
1000.39990.000.9800 - COVID-19 Expenses	\$ 3,254,697	\$ 3,254,697
Total General Fund/Coronavirus Relief	\$ 3,419,767	\$ 3,419,767

Approved on this 8th day of December, 2020.

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Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

**JOINT RESOLUTION 2020-01 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF VIGO COUNTY
AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VIGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Board of Accounts (“SBOA”) has advised the Treasurer and Auditor of Vigo County that an adjustment to Vigo County’s Cash Book is necessary in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars and 91/100 (\$2,550.91). This discrepancy has existed since June of 2017 and the adjustments to Vigo County’s Cash Book is as follows:

<u>Bank Account</u>	<u>Difference/Adjustment needed in Vigo County Cashbook</u>
First Financial Bank PR	\$2,063.19
First Financial Bank AP	\$ 487.28
Old National Bank	\$ 0.49
Fifth Third	\$ (0.04)
First Farmers Bank & Trust	\$ (0.01)

WHEREAS, the SBOA’s requested that the Treasurer balance back to the same figure for six (6) months and Vigo County has been balancing back to the figure referenced above since May of 2019. Additionally, with the adoption of more robust internal controls between the Auditor’s Office and Treasurer’s Office balancing now occurs daily; and

WHEREAS, as indicated above, this issue first presented itself in June of 2017 and considerable work hours have been spent trying to reconcile Vigo County’s cash book to the respective bank account. During this time both the Auditor’s Office and Treasurer’s office have instilled in their respective employees the necessity of balancing daily and communicating early on when there are questions between the departments regarding reconciliation of Vigo County’s Cash Book to Vigo County’s Bank Accounts

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of Vigo County and the Board of Commissioners of Vigo County as follows:

1. A ledger correction to the cash book of Vigo County totaling Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars and 91/100 (\$2,550.91) shall be made and Vigo County’s Cash Book accounts referenced in this Joint Resolution shall be adjusted as indicated above.
2. Internal Controls have been instituted to ensure an issue similar to this one does not occur again in the future.

ADOPTED this ____ day of December, 2020.

VIGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Brad Anderson, President, Commissioner

Judith A. Anderson, Commissioner

Brendan Kearns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

James Bramble, Vigo County Auditor

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 8th day of December, 2020.

Aye <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Spence-Bunnett	_____
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Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>		

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor



THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VIGO COUNTY

Commissioners

Brendan Kearns, 1st District
Judith A. Anderson, 2nd District
Brad Anderson, 3rd District

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Dear Members of the Vigo County Council,

The Vigo County School Corporation recently received \$1.4 million through a GEERs grant through the Governor's office to expand access and connectivity to the students of Vigo County by identifying 244 community access locations where Joink fiber would be terminated on school corporation equipment. The Vigo County project was one of the highest funded projects in the state – a huge win for our students. Although we're grateful to be one of the highest funded projects, the construction costs required to create the most comprehensive strategy possible, providing the best outcome to all Vigo County taxpayers, requires additional funds.

Therefore, the project has focused in on 84 of the 244 key connectivity points across the City of Terre Haute and Vigo County that the Vigo County School Corporation believes provides safe zones for children and families to visit, get online, and enjoy school corporation and guest wifi access.

To our knowledge there is no other community looking at this type of comprehensive approach in collaboration with their city, county, school corporation, higher education institutions and provider. This approach, utilizing local, state and private dollars, would position Vigo County in a unique driver's seat for future broadband grants and overall infrastructure for more and enhanced connectivity. With commitments from the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, the Vigo County School Corporation, and Joink, the collaborative outcome could create immediate results for the students and citizens of Vigo County. Although we always knew broadband deserts existed, COVID-19 drew new attention to the connectivity concerns impacting households in Vigo County. In the survey (5,212 responses) taken over the summer as part of the VCSC GEERs grant application, it was learned that nearly half of respondents indicated that their service was not fast enough nor reliable enough for distance learning and 14% did not have access at all.

The Vigo County Commissioners request the Vigo County Council to utilize monies and request an appropriation out of the edit fund to cover \$2,844,943 of the total project cost. This, combined with the City's commitment and the state grant dollars will provide much-needed access to broadband for the citizens and students of Vigo County, enhancing quality of life, infrastructure development, economic development, quality of education, and access to broadband.

Best regards, /

Judith A. Anderson
Brendan Kearns

Vigo County Commissioners

NANCY S. ALLSUP
TREASURER OF VIGO COUNTY

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VIGO COUNTY ANNEX
191 OAK STREET
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47807

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November 19, 2020

Dear Vigo County Council Members:

I would like to request the opportunity to discuss making adjustments to the Treasurer's Cash Book for the net amount of \$2,550.91.

The cashbook and some bank accounts haven't balanced since June 2017. Prior to that, balancing was not a significant issue. I believe this is mostly due to staffing changes that occurred in the Treasurer's and Auditor's office at that time. This amount includes:

Bank	Difference/Adjustment needed
First Financial Bank PR	2,063.19
First Financial Bank AP	487.28
Old National Bank	0.49
Fifth Third	(0.04)
First Farmers Bank & Trust	(0.01)
TOTAL (net)	\$2,550.91

I have discussed the issue with the State Board of Accounts. It was recommended that we balance to the same figure for at least six months, which we have since May 2019, and then request the County Council to allow an adjustment.

I have taken steps to ensure this never happens again. I have made staffing changes and balancing occurs daily.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Nancy Allsup

Treasurer of Vigo County