

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2021

5:00 P.M.

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VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Agenda
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Calling of the roll
3. Corrections to the journal of the preceding meetings, if needed
 - a. *February 2, 2021 Sunshine Meeting*
 - b. *February 9, 2021*
4. Public comment.
5. Communications from elected officials, other officials, or agencies of the County
6. Reports from committee(s)
7. Ordinances relating to appropriations
 - i. ROC 2021-009 Ordinance Establishing Sex & Violent Crime Offender Fees & Fund (Joint Ordinance 2021-02)
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 - iii. Salary Ordinance 2021-04; ROC 2021-007 LIT/PSAP
 - iv. Salary Ordinance 2021-05; ROC 2021-007 LIT/PSAP
 - v. Salary Ordinance 2021-06; ROC 2021-008 Reassessment
8. Honorary resolutions
9. Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council
10. Appointments
11. Adjournment

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Vigo County Council will meet on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Vigo County Annex, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, for a Sunshine Meeting.

Notice is also hereby given the Taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana, that the Vigo County Council will meet on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Vigo County Annex, 127 Oak Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

NOTE: There were no additional appropriations requested for March meeting. Therefore, no publication was required. This notice was placed on the Vigo County website and emailed to Howard Greninger.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SEX AND VIOLENT CRIME OFFENDER FEES AND FUND AND ALLOWING THE VIGO COUNTY SHERIFF TO CHARGE ANNUAL SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEES AND SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER ADDRESS CHANGE FEES

Whereas, Vigo County, Indiana, acting by and through the County Council and Board of Commissioners for the County of Vigo, State of Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-13-5.6 and at the request of the Vigo County Sheriff, desires to adopt an Ordinance allowing the Vigo County Sheriff to charge annual sex or violent offender registration fees and address change fees for sex or violent offenders; and

Whereas, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-13-5.6, the annual sex or violent offender registration fee is hereby established as Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per year for the registration of sex or violent offenders and Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each time a sex or violent offender registers an address change with the Vigo County Sheriff's Department; and

Whereas, Vigo County, Indiana now establishes a county sex and violent offender administration fund and all funds collected for sex or violent offender registration fees and address change fees for sex or violent offenders shall be deposited into this fund. The County Auditor shall monthly deposit ninety percent (90%) of any such fees collected into said fund and transfer ten percent (10%) of any such fees collected to the treasurer of the State of Indiana for deposit in the state Sex and Violent offender Administration Fund under Indiana Code 11-8-8-21.

The Vigo County Council may appropriate money from the County Sex and Violent Offender Administration fund to defray the expense of administration or ensuring compliance with the laws concerning the Indiana sex and violent offender registry.

BE IT NOW, THEREFORE, ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Vigo County, State of Indiana, as follows:

Vigo County, Indiana now establishes a non-reverting County Sex and Violent Offender Administration Fund and all funds collected for sex or violent offender registration fees and address change fees for sex or violent offenders shall be deposited into this non-reverting fund. The County Auditor shall monthly deposit ninety percent (90%) of any such fees collected into said fund and transfer ten percent (10%) of any such fees collected to the treasurer of the State of Indiana for deposit in the State Sex and Violent Offender Administration Fund under Indiana Code 11-8-8-21.

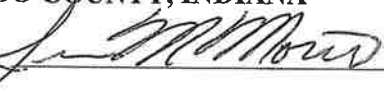
The Vigo County Council may appropriate money from the County Sex and Violent Offender Administration fund to defray the expense of administering or ensuring compliance with the laws concerning the Indiana sex and violent offender registry.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption of the same by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Vigo and the Vigo County Council.

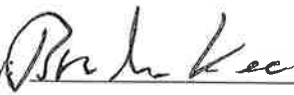
ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED, ENACTED, AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF VIGO THIS 20th DAY OF January, 2021.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners of Vigo County, Indiana:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA**

By: 
Mike Morris, President

By: 
Chris Switzer, Commissioner

By: 
Brendan Kearns, Commissioner

Approved by a majority vote of the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana:

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Aaron Loudermilk, President

Attest:

By: _____
James W. Bramble, Auditor

Date: _____

SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-03

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2021, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the LIT/PSAP Fund the following:

	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>LIT/PSAP (1235)</u>		
Delete One (1) Civilian POLE C Shift Supervisor Position	\$19.90/hr.	

SECTION 3. Effective March 10, 2021.

Approved on this 9th day of March, 2021.

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Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-04

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2021, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the LIT/PSAP Fund the following:

	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>LIT/PSAP (1235)</u>		
Add three (3) Assistant Supervisor stipends	\$500	

SECTION 3. Effective March 10, 2021.

Approved on this 9th day of March, 2021.

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Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-05

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2021, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the LIT/PSAP Fund the following:

	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>LIT/PSAP (1235)</u>		
Add one dispatcher Civilian POLE B position	\$18.19/hr.	

SECTION 3. Effective March 10, 2021.

Approved on this 9th day of March, 2021.

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Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-06

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the salaries of Vigo County Indiana, that for the salaries of the County Government Office Holders and the employees for the year ending December 31, 2021, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be otherwise expressly stipulated for by law provided, however, that disbursements from each appropriated are further limited to the amounts listed for the detailed accounts making up such appropriation unless said accounts are increased or decreased in another ordinance or resolution by the County Council.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year, there is appropriated out of the Reassessment Fund the following:

<u>REASSESSMENT (1224)</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
PTABOA members compensation	\$150/day	

SECTION 3. Effective March 10, 2021.

Approved on this 9th day of March, 2021.

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Attest:

James W. Bramble
Vigo County Auditor

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

President Aaron Loudermilk called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Brenda Wilson, Travis Norris, Marie Theisz, Don Morris, Vicki Weger, David Thompson, Aaron Loudermilk.

Public Comments

There were none.

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

Commissioner Brendan Kearns gave a quick update regarding COVID. The County is doing better numbers-wise and a contract is now in place with Haute City Center for use of the former Sears for a vaccination site. Mr. Kearns has received very positive feedback on how well that is working.

President Loudermilk welcomed two new Council members, Brenda Wilson and Travis Norris, to the Council. President Loudermilk then addressed an email that was sent to department heads and elected officials concerning some expectations this year regarding additional appropriations and what that might look like. We want to make sure that what we are funding is necessary with the chance for budgets and revenue streams to be tighter this year. The email essentially asked that prior to approving any additional appropriations outside the budget, the department heads and elected officials submit somewhat of a 5-year plan in order to see what we are looking at moving forward. Councilman Morris asked about how to obtain financial statements/information. County Auditor James Bramble responded that the year-end financial reports are in process right now and will be published on Gateway. Any other questions can be addressed directly with the Auditor's Office. Mr. Bramble also noted that in this year's Budget, a capital improvement plan had been included which essentially was a 5-year projection of what revenues are expected to be. There was additional discussion about this subject.

Reports from standing committees

There were none.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

President Loudermilk stated that this is the first Sunshine meeting of the Council. As such, he would do the first reading of the items to be covered before getting into the ordinances individually:

ROC 2021-001, Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-03, Juvenile Center Non-Reverting Fund. The ask is \$15,000 in Institutional Supplies; \$3,000 Wearing Apparel; \$5,000 Other Supplies; \$5,000 Education and Training; \$12,000 Building Repair for a total of \$40,000.

ROC 2021-002, Salary Ordinance 2021-01 and Reduction of Appropriation Ordinance 2021-01, Prosecutor's Office General Fund. Eliminate one part-time trial deputy and increase salary for six part-time deputy prosecutors.

ROC 2021-003, Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-01, Sheriff's Department E-Share Asset Forfeiture Fund. Additional Appropriation ask for \$29,994.

ROC 2021-004, Salary Ordinance 2021-02, Auditor's Office General Fund. Create two additional positions.

ROC 2021-005, Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-02. County General Fund. COVID Relief.

ROC 2021-006, Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-04, Honey Creek Fire Protection District out of the Cumulative Fire Fund for new equipment for \$230,000.

Council Attorney Robert Effner asked President Loudermilk to also indicate the Ordinance number while reading the requests.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

i. Salary Ordinance 2021-01; ROC 2021-002 Prosecutor

There was no one present from the Prosecutor's Office. This matter was tabled.

ii. Salary Ordinance 2021-02; ROC 2021-004 Auditor

At the request of the Auditor, this matter was tabled.

iii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-01: ROC 2020-003 E-Share Asset Forfeiture

Sheriff John Plasse was present to discuss this request. He stated that the money being requested is already in his Seized Assets account from the Drug Task Force Detectives. He is asking to use \$29,994 of those funds in order to purchase a vehicle. This has been done in the past with E-Share money. This is not an additional request from the Council or the taxpayers but to transfer money from one account to another for use for this purchase. David Thompson asked if this was an additional vehicle or were they replacing another one. This purchase will replace a 2017 Dodge Ram currently in use. The 2017 Dodge Ram will in turn replace a 2007 Chevy Silverado that is used for maintenance and

hauling of supplies. The 2007 Silverado was traded in because it had outlived its purpose and was no longer worth fixing. Councilman Thompson expressed some reservation about using the funds for a vehicle purchase when he thinks there are other expenses coming up that may require a large expenditure, specifically body cameras. Sheriff Plasse indicated that he would be coming to the Council for funding for body cameras. Although not yet submitted, he did have information that the cost would be about \$550,000 for five years or \$110,000 per year. That will require other steps before it can come to the Council. A lengthy discussion then took place. President Loudermilk raised the question regarding what type of trade in value was received for the 2007 Silverado. The use of the 2017 Dodge Ram was also discussed. President Loudermilk suggested that perhaps it might be better to trade the 2017 Dodge Ram in on the purchase of the new truck to get some value out of it instead of using it as an extra vehicle. Discussion continued. The subject of the cost of body cameras and funding was also briefly touched upon again.

**iv. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-02; ROC 2021-005
County General Fund**

This concerns the remaining monies of the CARES Act Fund. We need to appropriate what wasn't used at the end of last year. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk stated that the \$2.7 million figure should be fairly accurate as to the amount that is left after the end of 2020 and will need to be reappropriated for those continuing COVID expenses. Mr. Bramble stated that we will need to continue paying contact tracers for the foreseeable future and now expenses are ramping up for vaccinations. That will probably be ongoing throughout the year. Final costs are unpredictable. For the benefit of the new members of the Council, Mr. Bramble gave a brief history of the CARES Act Fund.

**v. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-03; ROC 2021-001
Juvenile Justice Center Non-Reverting Fund**

Norm Loudermilk, Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Center was present to discuss this request. He stated that this is also a request for use of existing funds and no tax dollars are being requested. The monies in this non-reverting fund come from money paid to Vigo County for housing out-of-county detainees. At present, no budget exists for the expenditure of these funds but he is hoping that such will be set up in the future. The \$15,000 for institutional supplies would be used for clothing, bedding, and hygiene products. \$12,000 for building repair will be used for repair/upgrades to heating/cooling equipment, doors replacement, cell equipment, lock replacement, etc. \$5,000 for Education and Training of staff to meet statement requirements. \$5,000 for Safety would include duty belts, handcuffs, radios, and other things that detention officers use. \$3,000 for Clothing would be uniforms and such. Funds they currently have and expect to receive was explained. A lengthy discussion then took place about prior funding and what it was used for as compared to what was being asked for now. Mr. Loudermilk explained that the Juvenile Center had not been maintained and he had a large laundry list of things that needed to be done for the safety of the detainees and the employees. There was also a discussion about the progress of the new security system installation. Mr. Loudermilk indicated that he had received an email today from the vendor indicating that everything is on-site now except for the two servers. The vendor indicated that they

estimate installation should begin on the 22nd with a projected timeline of finishing in about six weeks once installation begins. The final cost for the system was an additional \$3,000 above what was approved and granted by the County Council last year. The monies being requested today will help offset that cost. Councilwoman Brenda Wilson asked if the doors being purchased by the Commissioners approved earlier today would change the amount of the funds being requested for building repair. Mr. Loudermilk stated that although that money will not now have to be used for doors, there are any number of other repairs/replacements that the requested money would be used for and gave examples. Additional lengthy discussion continued including money currently in the budget for 2021.

**vi. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-04; ROC 2021-006
Honey Creek Fire Protection District**

Joe Shackelford, Chairman of the Honey Creek Fire Protection District Trustees, was present to discuss this request from their 2021 Cumulative Equipment Fund. This money is to purchase six Lifepack 15 defibrillator units, costing \$29,000 each, one service protection plan for one year for the six units, and two CPR compression systems. They currently have \$273,000 in their Cumulative Equipment Fund plus a certificate of deposit. The money is there. HCFPD attempted to obtain a grant for this equipment last Fall but in order to receive that grant, the department needed a tax exemption status of 501c3 which is not what their current tax exempt status is. Therefore the grant was denied. The Department will be working on a status change in the upcoming year. However, the defibrillators they now have are 15 years old, no longer able to be serviced and updated to today's standards and will not last for another year. The Department currently has one CPR compression system but is requesting two more systems.

**vii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-05; ROC 2021-004
Auditor**

At the request of the Auditor, this matter was tabled.

**viii. Reduction of Appropriation Ordinance 2021-01; ROC 2021-002
Prosecutor**

There was no one present from the Prosecutor's Office. This matter was tabled.

**ix. Ordinance Establishing Sex & Violent Crime Offender Fees &
Fund**

Sheriff John Plasse was present to speak about this request. President Loudermilk advised the Sheriff that he could go ahead and speak on this request but didn't think there would be any action on the request this month since it was submitted after the deadline. Sheriff Plasse indicated that nearly every county in Indiana, except Vigo, currently has this Fund in place. It requires the offender to pay a \$50 fee to register. It is believed that the numbers registered here are higher because people from other counties are registering here because they don't have to pay. Therefore, the numbers registering might decline somewhat if a fee is instituted. The monies paid would go to the non-reverting account that is up for consideration but in order to spend any of that money, the Sheriff would still have to have Council approval. The purpose of this request is to set up this fund.

Councilwoman Weger asked the approximate number of sex offenders in a month. Sheriff Plasse indicated that the number is about 200 yearly. They are required by law to register every year. Sheriff Plasse indicated that the Commissioners had approved this at their meeting last week. Councilman Morris asked why Vigo County has never had a fee. Sheriff Plasse believed that it had never been brought before the County or the Commissioners. Councilman Thompson asked if \$50 was the usual and customary fee and Sheriff Plasse replied in the affirmative. Councilwoman Theisz asked what the repercussions were if the fee was not paid. Sheriff Plasse indicated that they would not issue a warrant but would try to suggest to the offenders that they needed to register. If they did not comply, it would be up to the Prosecutor's Office to pursue that. The Sheriff's Department's goal is to get them to register like they are required to do. The timing issue was discussed in detail.

Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. David Thompson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

President Aaron Loudermilk called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Brenda Wilson, Travis Norris, Marie Theisz, Don Morris, Vicki Weger, David Thompson, Aaron Loudermilk.

Approval of Minutes

December 8, 2020

President Loudermilk raised the question of who should sign these minutes since there were several new members of the Council who were not present at that meeting. Council Attorney Robert Effner responded that if the new members had any questions about the minutes that they should feel free to ask and that they could go ahead and approve/sign the minutes. There were no corrections to the minutes. David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

January 5, 2021

There were no corrections to the minutes. David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Morris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Public Comments

Art Fuller, Executive Director and Corporate Achievement Project Director, with Hamilton Center, was present to talk to the Council about a new federal grant program Hamilton Center has received and how it can best help Vigo County. He was accompanied by several team members who also spoke. An in-depth presentation was given regarding the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. These services are available for both children and adults in the community. They are trying to act as a central hub to coordinate care for everyone for whatever the need happens to be. They are working on ways to get the word out to the community. They can be reached by calling 1-800-742-0787 twenty-four hours a day.

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

President Loudermilk stated that there were some concerns with the Council rules adopted in January. Council Attorney Robert Effner stated that these are changes that were brought about based upon the rules for a Sunshine meeting. The proposed changes are set forth to assure compliance with the Open Door Law and the requirement for

publication ten days prior to a public hearing regarding an appropriation ordinance. In order to allow discussion, particularly in regard to appropriation ordinances, ten days before, since they will be discussed at the Sunshine Meeting, it is being asked that the request be filed fifteen days prior to the Sunshine Meeting. The other changes just follow the same line of thinking in order to accomplish that. Don Morris made a motion to amend Council Rule 7 of the Council Rules. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0 the motion unanimously passed. President Loudermilk then asked for proposed amended language to Rule 7. There was a short discussion among the Council and the Council Attorney about how to accomplish the amendments. Don Morris made a motion to approve amended Rule 7. There was additional discussion with Mr. Effner advising it might be better to amend Rule 12 first. Don Morris made a motion to amend Rule 12 pursuant to the amendment to Rules of February 9, 2021. It was necessary to withdraw the open motion on the floor. Mr. Morris withdrew his motion to approve amended Rule 7. Mr. Morris then made a motion to amend Rule 12 as set forth in the Amendment to Rules dated February 9, 2021. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved. Travis Norris made a motion to amend Rule 7 as presented to full Council tonight. Don Morris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Theisz asked to take a moment to recognize the service and impact of John Robert "Bobby" Turner after his recent passing. His service began in the 1970's and continued into the 1990's. He took a break to tend to other matters but returned in 2010, eventually receiving the rank of captain and served until his final days. She wanted to thank Captain Turner for his years of service, his family, and the Otter Creek Fire Department for their wonderful tribute.

Reports from standing committees

There were none.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations

i. Salary Ordinance 2021-01; ROC 2021-002 Prosecutor

This matter was tabled until the March 9 meeting.

ii. Salary Ordinance 2021-02; ROC 2021-004 Auditor

This matter was tabled at the request of the Auditor.

**iii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-01: ROC 2020-003
E-Share Asset Forfeiture**

Sheriff John Plasse withdrew this request after the Sunshine Meeting..

**iv. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-02; ROC 2021-005
County General Fund**

This concerns the remaining monies of the CARES Act Fund. Auditor James Bramble stated that the final number that has been determined after posting all the COVID-related expenses is \$2,690,695. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the COVID relief appropriation in the amended amount of \$2,690,695 as presented by the Auditor. Robert Effner stated that it would be better to amend the appropriation first. Travis Norris made a motion to amend the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-02 to \$2,690,695. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed. David Thompson then made a motion to approve the amended Ordinance 2021-02. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**v. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-03; ROC 2021-001
Juvenile Justice Center Non-Reverting Fund**

Norm Loudermilk, Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Center, handed out some additional updated information. There was additional discussion and questions from various members of the Council. When there were no more questions by Council members, Don Morris made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-03. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Loudermilk then raised the question as to how he was going to be allowed to spend the money. This resulted in additional in-depth discussion during which Mr. Loudermilk commented that he had submitted a budget for this fund to the Council during last year's budget meetings but the Council did not set up the budget. Therefore he had to request the Council for any expenditures from this fund. Upon further discussion, Council Administrator Kylissa Miller stated that her notes indicated that the Council had, in fact, approved a budget for this non-reverting fund. Mr. Loudermilk stated that he was unaware of that fact, that no one had told him and if he had known, he would not have made this request and wasted everyone's time. President Loudermilk stated that since potential safety issues have been brought to light, he would still like to get that remedied as quickly as possible. Mr. Loudermilk stated that he would get estimates/information on the wall issue in the Council's hands next week. With the information that a budget is in place, this request will no longer be pursued.

**vi. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-04; ROC 2021-006
Honey Creek Fire Protection District**

This matter was discussed at the Sunshine Meeting and there was no further discussion or questions. Travis Norris made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-04. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**vii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2021-05; ROC 2021-004
Auditor**

This matter was tabled at the request of the Auditor.

**viii. Reduction of Appropriation Ordinance 2021-01; ROC 2021-002
Prosecutor**

This matter was tabled until the March 9 meeting.

ix. Ordinance Establishing Sex & Violent Crime Offender Fees & Fund

This matter was a late submission and will be heard at next month's meeting.

Honorary Resolutions

The final appointments have now been made as follows:

Emergency Management Advisory Council
Brenda Wilson – 1 year term expiring 12/31/21

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee
Aaron Loudermilk – 1 year term expiring 12/31/21

Local Emergency Planning Commission
Travis Norris – 1 year term expiring 12/31/21

Building Inspection Advisory Board
Brenda Wilson – 1 year term expiring 12/31/21

Vigo County Fair Board
Travis Norris – 1 year term expiring 12/31/21

Annual Budget Committee
Vicki Weger – Chair
Don Morris
Marie Theisz

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
David Thompson
Marie Theisz
Aaron Loudermilk

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

David Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.