

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
City Court Room, City Hall – 17 Harding Avenue
Terre Haute, Indiana

Pledge of Allegiance

President Todd Thacker called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Calling of the roll

Aaron Loudermilk – absent; Nancy Allsup – present; Vicki Weger – present; Todd Thacker – present; Marie Theisz – present; Travis Norris – present; and David Thompson – present.

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

There were none.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

- i. Additional Appropriation 2023-15B: Vigo County Health Department – reimburse Recreational Trails
- ii. Additional Appropriation 2023-16B: Commissioners – Office Furniture
- iii. Additional Appropriation 2023-17B: Building Maintenance
- iv. Salary Ordinance 2023-19A: Veterans Assistance

Reports from committees

President Thacker gave a brief update on the Baker Tilly study. Communication had been sent out to the Department Heads. Jada Kent of Baker Tilly was present at the meeting and would be meeting with any Department heads who had set up an appointment for the next couple of days. This is to clean up or correct any information given for the study. Jada Kent introduced herself and spoke briefly. Norm Loudermilk asked what the next step would be after meeting with Baker Tilly. President Thacker said that if changes or alterations to the study resulted from the meetings, Ms. Kent would make recommendations to the Council and the Council will make the ultimate decision on what to do with that information. Mr. Loudermilk asked if the department heads would be notified of the results and, if so, by whom. President Thacker said the Council would make the notification. There was a short discussion.

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

- i. Additional Appropriation 2023-03B: Clerk – delete part time positions and add full time positions**

This additional appropriation is to fund Salary Ordinance 2023-03 which was approved last month.

- ii. Additional Appropriation 2023-05B: Juvenile Justice Center – Salary Increases, Stipends & Retention Bonuses**

This additional appropriation is to fund Salary Ordinance 2023-05 which was approved last month.

- iii. Additional Appropriation 2023-07B: Coroner – Add Chief Deputy Coroner Position**

This additional appropriation is to fund Salary Ordinance 2023-07 which was approved last month.

- iv. Additional Appropriation 2023-10B: Sheriff – Secretary (moved from Jail budget)**

This additional appropriation is to fund Salary Ordinance 2023-10 which was approved last month.

- v. Salary Ordinance 2023-20A: Sheriff – Add Corporal Stipend**

This was a request from the February Sunshine meeting that was inadvertently omitted from subsequent meetings in February and March. A copy of the page from the initial request was included in the packet. The amount is small enough that it will not require an additional appropriation but Council will need to decide whether or not to approve the request. Officer Derek Fell said they planned to request during their meeting with Baker Tilly for this to be the same level for this post as their jail officers staff.

- vi. Salary Ordinance 2023-11: Prosecutor – Amend Deputy Prosecutor Base Salary**

At the request of the Prosecutor's Office, this matter has been tabled until next month after their meeting with Baker Tilly.

- vii. Salary Ordinance 2023-12: Prosecutor – Add Deputy Prosecutor Percentage Increase**

At the request of the Prosecutor's Office, this matter has been tabled until next month after their meeting with Baker Tilly.

- viii. Salary Ordinance 2023-13: Prosecutor – Add Deputy Prosecutor Positions (3)**

At the request of the Prosecutor's Office, this matter has been tabled until next month after their meeting with Baker Tilly.

ix. Additional Appropriation 2023-14B: Prosecutor – Add Legal Secretary Position

This additional appropriation is to fund Salary Ordinance 2023-14, as amended, which was approved last month. This position will coordinate and perform record keeping for community service hours.

x. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2023-25: LIT/Public Safety – Mental Health America

Myra Wilkey said she would like to withdraw the request. The City has provided funds to cover the \$500,000. She may come back at a later time with a request.

NEW BUSINESS

i. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2023-15B: Vigo County Health Department – Reimburse Recreational Trails

Joni Wise, Administrator of the Vigo County Health Department, said they had received federal reimbursements for Covid-19 vaccine administrative costs. To date, they have used those funds to purchase a car, two trucks, and donated \$300,000 to all the fire districts for the purchase of Lucas 3 Stryker CPR devices for every district. The next reimbursement amount they have coming in, for the period of 1/1/22 through 3/2/23 will be \$213,781. They would like to give \$137,189 to the Vigo County Parks Department so they can complete their trails project. Expenditures of this type are approved under the guidelines of the Indiana State Board of Health, State Board of Accounts and Department of Local Government Finance. Adam Grossman, Parks Superintendent, gave a brief presentation of how the money would be used to complete the recreational trail program and the additional improvements that would be made.

ii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2023-16B: Commissioners – Office Furniture

Commissioner Mike Morris said they had an appropriation in their 2022 budget that was going to be used to replace the chairs in the Council chambers. Unfortunately, the money did not get encumbered and went back into the general fund. They are asking for an appropriation to pay for the new chairs.

iii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2023-17B: Building Maintenance

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard spoke on behalf of the Commissioners and expressed their support of this request. Ricky Hammond, Maintenance Supervisor, explained that these appropriation requests were needed to cover expenses in order to maintain the new Vigo County Jail. The preventive maintenance that will be supplied under the contracts that these appropriations will pay for will help cut the costs of replacing large ticket items that are needed to run the facility. His budget sustained large cuts for this year and he was given the task of maintaining this large new facility. He may have to come back again this year for additional money to be able to maintain the new facility along with all the other county buildings. He explained the need and reasoning behind the four items he wanted to contract out. He was also asking for some additional money in his payroll budget to pay for the overtime accumulated by his department due largely in maintenance

for the new Jail. It is hard for them to be able to use the comp time that is currently being accumulated and still keep the department running smoothly. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk explained that the contract expenses on this request were also advertised under LIT/Correctional Rehab since those expenses were solely for maintenance of the Jail and would allow the Council the option to have those items paid from either budget. There was a short discussion.

iv. Additional Appropriation 2023-18B: LIT/Correctional Rehab

See narrative on Item iii explaining this appropriation.

v. Salary Ordinance 2023-18A: Veterans Assistance

This item was withdrawn.

Public Comments

Marie Theisz expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for all their efforts and assistance that had been provided to Sullivan County in the aftermath of the tornado that had occurred over the weekend. Mark Clinkenbeard gave a brief update on further cleanup efforts that were planned.

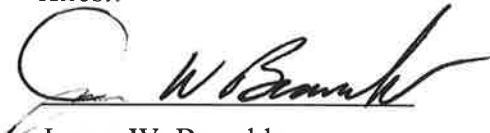
Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
SUNSHINE MEETING
APRIL 4, 2023

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 9th day of May, 2023.

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Attest:



James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor