

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Calling of the Roll

Brenda Wilson – absent; David Thompson – present; Nancy Allsup – present; Brad Anderson – absent; Randy Gentry – present; Vicki Weger – present; Steve Ellis – present.

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

Steve Ellis expressed gratitude for Nancy Allsup and Randy Gentry's vote related to funding an unnamed project at the previous month's meeting.

a. Thrive West Central Update Presentation

Ryan Keller provided a presentation on Thrive West Central Operations and Vigo County development and housing programs. He said 560 housing units had been awarded as of January 2026. He discussed goals of the organization for 2026 and various housing programs both in progress and planned for the future. Vicki Weger expressed her concern for food deserts in the Vigo County Area and the difficulty in some groups in transportation to these areas. Ryan confirmed Thrive West Central was thinking about how to solicit the private sector into investing in food markets in these areas. Ryan confirmed Thrive West Central's core district was 7 counties and the organization does business with 15 counties in some way. He confirmed 71% of the organization's budget is funded from government dollars. Ryan said thanks to a grant matching request, Vigo County contributed approximately \$200,000, and in 2024 the organization received ARPA funds.

b. Hamilton Center Update

Hamilton Center Chief of Clinical Outreach Emily Owens approached the Council and provided a requested update of the amount of certificates of completion for discharges of the center. She said about 1,200 had been discharged due to successful treatment, and this was about 30% to 40% of patients served.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations – First Reading

a. An Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County, Indiana

Council Administrator Devan Gackle explained these proposed amendments to the sections of the salary ordinance detailing Pre-Trial screener's compensation, clarifications to deputy coroner's compensation schedule, and clarifications to election board stipends were tabled at the last Council meeting and are not before Council to discuss at this meeting. She said these changes were requested by the Human Resources Department and the Council had been presented letters requesting these changes from HR.

Ordinances Related to Appropriations – First Reading

a. Additional Appropriation 2026-5: Courts – Pre-Trial Screener Salary Funding

Devan explained this Additional Appropriation of \$2,448 in the "payroll salaries" line item in the Circuit Court budget, \$188 in the "FICA" line item, and \$348 in the "PERF" line would fund the amendment to the Pre-Trial screeners discussed at the February 3rd and February 10th Council meetings. Director of Court Services Bill

Watson explained there were two pre-trial screener positions funded by the State, and two of the exact same positions funded by the County and in an effort to keep the pay lined up across the positions, the budget is adjusted in this manner in the following year once the compensation for the two state-funded positions is known. Bill confirmed the Annual Budget Committee was notified about this every year.

b. Additional Appropriation 2026-13: Community Corrections – Employee Benefits

A version of this request to appropriate \$100,394 for “FICA,” \$186,351 for “PERF,” and \$407,963 for Group Insurance to fund benefits for Community Corrections employees was presented before Council at the February 3rd, 2025 Sunshine meeting and the February 10th, 2025 Council meeting. Randy noted the Council does not budget Community Corrections, but the Community Corrections Board does. He requested the Community Corrections Board make budget adjustments in the future budgeting process to assist the County in covering this cost.

c. Additional Appropriation 2026-14: Assessor’s Office – New CAMA System

Kevin Gardner approached the Council and explained this request for \$231,306 to be appropriated in “Service Agreements” in the Reassessment Fund would pay for the transition and change of CAMA system providers. Kevin had approached the Council, notified, and explained this request at the February 3rd Sunshine Council Meeting. Kevin noted there would not be a requirement for payment to the new provider until January 2027. There was brief discussion on the appropriate way to appropriate these funds due to the payment not being required until January 2027.

d. Additional Appropriation 2026-15: Prosecutor’s Office – City Hall to Courthouse Office Relocation Costs

This request was to appropriate \$1,350 in the “contractual services” line, \$3,848 in the “office machines” line, and \$6,500 in the “office furniture” line in the Prosecutor’s budget in the County General Fund. There was no representative from the Prosecutor’s office to further explain this request.

e. Additional Appropriation 2026-16: Terre Haute Mayor’s Office – Re-Appropriating Unencumbered Funds for Warming Center

This request before Council was to re-appropriate \$15,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to pay for warming center costs. These funds were appropriated at the very end of 2025, but not encumbered into the next budget year.

Public Comment

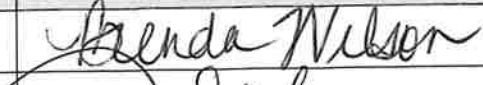
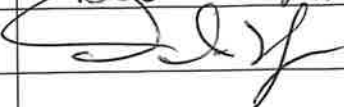
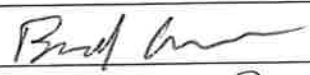

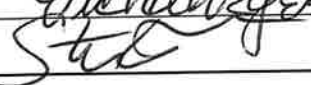

There was none.

Adjournment

Randy Gentry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MARCH 3, 2026 SUNSHINE MEETING MINUTES

Presented to the Vigo County Council and adopted this 14th day of April, 2026

ADOPTION INFORMATION			
Official Vote		Name	Signature
Aye	Nay		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Wilson	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Thompson	
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Attestation by Secretary of Governing Body			
Date			4/14/26