

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Calling of the Roll

Present: Randy Gentry, Nancy Allsup, Brenda Wilson, Steve Ellis, Vicki Weger, Brad Anderson, David Thompson

Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed

February 3, 2026 Sunshine Meeting

February 10, 2026 Meeting

There were no corrections to the February 3, 2026 Sunshine Meeting minutes, David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Sunshine Meeting minutes as presented. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – abstain; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

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Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County

Jeff Fox with the Sheriff's Department provided a brief update on the tower project approved by the Commissioners and County Council in late 2025. He said Vigo County had received State and National recognition for this project. He said the three sites identified for the project would be the Hawthorn Site at 6066 E. Old Maple Ave, St. Mary's Site at 4241 US Highway 150, and the Pierson Township Site at 7607 Firehouse Dr. He outlined efforts to survey the sites, obtain a special exception in lieu of rezoning the sites, and planning for Duke Energy to supply power to the completed towers. He said an independent contractor had been secured to serve as a subject matter expert to insure the county receives appropriate services. Jeff noted Motorola had agreed to provide 10 radios with "Smart Connect" technology suggested by Councilperson Randy Gentry at a previous meeting to test performance of that technology for Vigo County.

Steve Ellis noted the Council had received a list of encumbrances fat the previous meeting for 2026.

a. Vigo County School Oversight Committee February Report

Steve Ellis noted the language attached the Appropriation funding the school oversight committee stipulated the Council's appointment would be the one providing an update to Council. He said Mark Metheny providing the update for this meeting was fine.

Mark Metheny provided an update of the Vigo County School Oversight Committee activities for the month. He said the Committee had finalized agreements with the Law Firm Barnes and Thornburg and Crowe Accounting. He said these agreements were established not to exceed the \$100,000 allocated by the Council. Mark said there had not been a bill for any of these services as of the meeting. Mark said the Oversight Board meetings had hosted presentations explaining the School Corporation can afford bonds up to \$160 million without raising taxes. He said the Committee had been told the Tax Rate for Vigo County is very low compared to other school districts in the state. He discussed modeling software projecting the School's financial situation into the future. There was discussion on the Vigo County School population decline over the decades. He noted approximately 800 students in Vigo County do not attend Vigo County Schools. Mark said the Committee is trying to find the best outcome for the students, schools, and taxpayers. There was discussion on the gap between the income from property tax and state funding and the cost of maintaining school facilities. He briefly went over potential consolidation and modernization options for the school corporation. Mark said the least expensive option would be one high school for all of Vigo County, renovating the North High School for this. Mark said the most expensive option would be keeping all three high schools, but this would still have the maintenance cost deficit of three buildings. Mark said the option endorsed by the school board would be to build a brand new high school east of the river, and renovate the West Vigo High School. Mark expressed that the Oversight Committee had not made any conclusions in their assessment of the options.

Public Comment

There were none.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Devan Gackle clarified the Section 10 amendment to this Ordinance now contains clarification and language changes reflecting requests from the Human Resources Department and Payroll. She said those departments requested the compensation be outlined as an "annual" rate instead of a "daily" one. She clarified the Section 13 amendment was additional clarification of when Election Board Stipends would be distributed and not any changes to the compensation. Devan then explained the Pre-Trial Screeners discussed in this ordinance were the Screeners being paid from the County General Fund. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies for Vigo County Indiana. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There were no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-5. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-13. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. There was discussion on which fund the Council would be voting to approve this Appropriation. Vicki Weger withdrew her motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-13. Vicki Weger then made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-13 from the County General Fund. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. In discussion, Randy Gentry expressed his concerns with the financial cost of this appropriation for Community Corrections. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – nay; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 6-1, the motion passed.

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

This request was discussed at the sunshine meeting. There was brief discussion on the logistics of appropriating funds for this request and the timing of the first payment. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-14 “deferring to the department head on how he would like to distribute those funds to the service provider. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts approached the Council and explained an amendment to his request for \$11,698 to be appropriated to the Prosecuting Attorney Budget in the County General Fund. He said instead of \$6,500 being appropriated to the “Office Furniture” line, he would need \$5,000 instead. He said two desks had been moved as part of the relocation, and the larger amount of funds would no longer be needed. This would take the total appropriation down to \$10,198. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-15. In discussion, Rob clarified the Office Machines cost was due to the legal secretaries no longer using city computers due to the move. Rob gave a brief history of the relocation. He said misdemeanor cases are filed in Vigo Superior Court Division 5 instead of Terre Haute City Court. Rob said due to the volume of cases the department felt it was important for the legal secretaries to be housed in the Courthouses. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – aye; David Thompson – aye; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

Director of Public Works and Safety Jesse Tohill with the City of Terre Haute approached the Council and explained this request was originally approved at the December 29, 2025 Council Special Meeting. He said this was a request to “re-appropriate” or appropriate the funds approved at that meeting for 2026 that were neither encumbered nor expended in 2025. There were no further questions from Council. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2026-16. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Brenda Wilson – nay; David Thompson – nay; Nancy Allsup – aye; Brad Anderson – nay; Randy Gentry – nay; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye. With a vote of 3-4, the motion failed.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

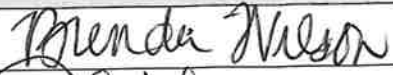


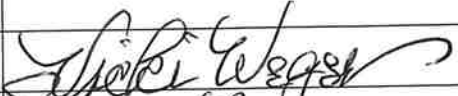
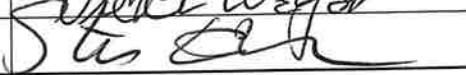

There were none.

Adjournment

Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. With a vocal vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MARCH 10, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

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

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