

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chamber – Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro Tem Marie Theisz called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Calling of the roll

Present: Aaron Loudermilk, Nancy Allsup, Vicki Weger, Marie Theisz, Travis Norris, and David Thompson. President Thacker was caught in traffic and was on his way.

Correcting of the journal of the preceding meeting if needed

June 4, 2024 Sunshine Meeting

June 11, 2024 Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Sunshine Meeting. Travis Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Sunshine Meeting. David Thompson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting. David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard said the final coat was put on the first phase of the Riley Trail today. They will come back and do some gravel work on the sides. There will be a ribbon cutting scheduled in the next couple of weeks. The trail starts at Louisville Road in the Town of Riley and goes to Lama Road, which is right behind the old Snack Shack. He also participated in a meeting at the old jail today regarding demolition. They expect to have 5 entities submit bids for the demo work. They hope to award the bid in early September with demolition starting in early October. He also noted that the secure room in the Court House is ready to go except for the benches (which they are waiting on). That should be operational within the next couple of weeks.

Reports from committee(s)

Due to the death of Sheriff Plasse, the Budget Committee was not able to meet last week. They are in the process of coordinating schedules.

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.

i. Resolution 2024-12 – Resolution Modifying Local Income Tax Rates

Marie Theisz said this concerned the fire departments in the County and the amounts that will be coming in based on the calculations used. Aaron Loudermilk asked if it had been

calculated as in the past. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said it had been calculated in the exact same way using the 65/35 split. She reminded that the Nevins portion was small but it would be going to Lost Creek. Nevins FPD will be taken over by Lost Creek Fire Protection District. Todd Thacker made a motion to approve as presented. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

i. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2024-70: Clerk Perpetuation Fund – Contractual Services

This request was discussed extensively. Marie Theisz questioned the amount in the Perpetuation Fund versus the cost of the request and said she didn't know how you could appropriate something from a fund that did not have the money in it even to cover the project if done in stages. Auditor James Bramble said that it cannot be done. Todd Thacker said he had talked to IT and some of the other department heads and record storage seems to be a problem for everybody. He believed this might be an opportunity to standardize record retention and work with IT and possibly get our own cloud-based storage instead of paying someone else. He said he had been asked how many bids had been received for the project. Leanna Moore said they did not put it out for bid. They talked with this provider a couple of years ago at a conference, had a conversation and it just all started from there. Todd Thacker suggested forming a committee to come up with a standard practice for this situation. Nancy Allsup asked if the Clerk's Office had talked with any other offices around the State who had done this. Ms. Moore said Knox County had taken on the project in-house and got it accomplished. She said that it would be a huge undertaking and they would not have enough staff to do this and keep up with their day to day duties. They also would not have the knowledge to build a program for the computer system to hold information and be usable. ArcaSearch does this for a lot of different counties and states and has worked with the Clerk's Office over a long period of time to prepare a plan. David Thompson asked for the balance in the Perpetuation account. Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said it was \$322,635 as of today but there is \$60,000 appropriated to come out of it. Next year's budget is set to be \$110,000. Revenue in 2023 was \$47,000. Revenue is consistently between \$45,000-\$47,000 annually. There is also a salary paid out of this fund. She said the Perpetuation Fund would not be able to do a project of this magnitude. Another source of funding would need to be found for a project of this size. Discussion continued. Marie Theisz asked what the best way would be to move forward. Council Attorney Michael Wright said options included to table it. Or it could be called for a vote and if it's defeated and comes back in a different fashion it would be a totally new and different ordinance. It would not be hindered by the rule that if something is defeated it cannot come back for a year. Or it could also be withdrawn by the Clerk's Office. Mr. Wright said if Council wanted a committee formed to go further, it was his opinion that such should be driven by the Executive Branch of the government and should be done by the Commissioners. Discussion continued. The question was asked if it was too late to request any portion of the funding for the 2025 budget. The Council and the Auditor's Office said if the Clerk's Office could have the addition in to the Auditor's Office no later than Friday of this

week, it could be considered. The Clerk's Office withdrew the request for the additional appropriation at this time.

ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-71: Solid Waste Management Fund – Employee Benefits, Special Events, Equipment

This request was briefly reviewed. Council had no further questions. David Thompson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2024-71. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

There were none.

Public Comments

There were none.

Adjournment

David Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 10th day of Septembert, 2024.

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August 6, 2024

The Honorable Sarah Mullican
Judge, Vigo Circuit Court, Division 3
33 S. 3rd Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Re: Vigo County Council Support 2nd Magistrate Position

Dear Judge Mullican:

Please accept this letter as written acknowledgement of the Vigo County Council's support of Vigo County's application for a 2nd Magistrate Position through the Indiana Supreme Court.

The Vigo County Council understands its obligation, if the application is approved, to support this request financially for the County Portion of the salary for the 2nd Magistrate Position which is listed at Forty-One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars (\$41,193.00).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Thacker".

Todd Thacker
President, Vigo County Council

RESOLUTION 2024-12
RESOLUTION MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES
VIGO COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Vigo County that a need now exists to modify the local income tax rates imposed in the following way:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.75%	0.75%
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.30%	0.30%
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.50%	0.50%
Property Tax Relief Rate ¹ (IC 6-3.6-5)	0.00%	0.00%
Special Purpose Rate ² (IC 6-3.6-7-25)	0.25%	0.25%
Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities ³ (IC 6-3.6-6-2.7)	0.20%	0.20%

The public safety allocation identified above includes revenue associated with an expenditure rate that was previously authorized for the purposes of funding the county’s public safety access point (“PSAP”). The revenue associated with this rate shall be directed to the PSAP prior to the distribution of the remainder of the public safety revenue.

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.30%	0.30%


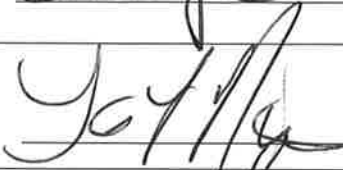


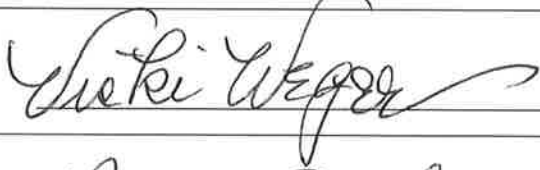


Local Income Tax Type	Existing PSAP Rate	Proposed PSAP Rate
Public Safety Access Point Rate	0.10%	0.10%

From the LIT amount generated by the Public Safety Rate (IC 6-3.6-6), the following qualifying service providers shall receive a specified amount of the tax revenue to be distributed under this section during the following calendar year.


Service Provider Name	Amount
Honey Creek Fire Department	\$120,803.80
Linton Fire Department	\$ 6,548.17
Nevins Fire Department	\$ 184.30
New Goshen Fire Department	\$ 15,442.04
Otter Creek Fire Department	\$ 30,668.88
Pierson Fire Department	\$ 9,294.99
Prairieton Fire Department	\$ 14,321.97
Riley Fire Department	\$ 25,770.89
Seelyville Fire Department	\$ 30,467.51
Shepardsville Fire Department	\$ 4,698.90
Sugar Creek Fire Department	\$ 50,883.82

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing was held on the proposed local income tax rate modifications on August 6, 2024. Proper notice of the public hearing was provided pursuant to IC 5-3-1.

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Vigo County Council this 13th day of August, 2024.

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Vigo Auditor

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-70

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 Clerk Perpetuation 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>CLERK PERPETUATION FUND/1119</u>		
1119.33300.00000.0000 Contractual Services	\$ 5,596,945	
Total Clerk Perpetuation Fund	\$ 5,596,945	

Approved on this 13th day of August, 2024 .

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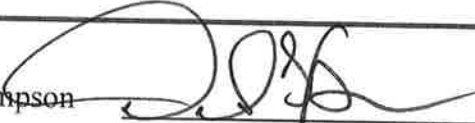

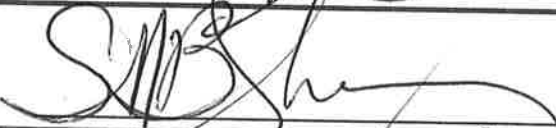

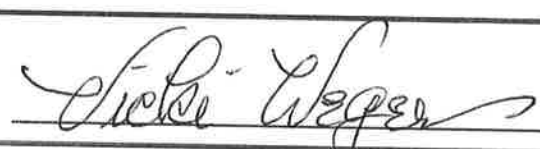
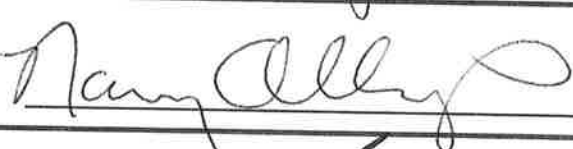

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-71

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 Solid Waste Management 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>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND/1194</u>		
1194.15210.00000.0000 Employee Benefits	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
1194.31001.00000.0000 Special Events	\$75,000	\$ 75,000
1194.44510.00000.0000 Equipment	<u>\$10,000</u>	\$ 10,000
Total Solid Waste Management Fund	\$90,000	<u>\$ 90,000</u>

Approved on this 13th day of August, 2024.

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