

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Sunshine Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

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; Marie Theisz – present; Travis Norris – present; David Thompson – present; and Todd Thacker – present.

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

Commissioner Mark Clinkenbeard said the Commissioners would like to withdraw the request for Additional Appropriation 2024-76 and will resubmit next month. He said the Commissioners had awarded the bid for jail demolition and road construction this morning. Renascent, Inc. was awarded the demolition bid for \$858,000 and Dennis Trucking was awarded the road construction bid for \$505,276. The total cost is roughly \$1 million less than had been anticipated. There was a brief discussion. Commissioner Clinkenbeard also said the jail has not been powered down yet because IPSC was not able to get their fiber lines moved. This will put the demolition timeline behind a little bit but should start in November.

Reports from committees

Vicki Weger gave a brief update on the budget and reported it was nearly complete.

Marie Theisz gave a short report on proceedings taking place at the State House with various counties seeking approval for an additional magistrate. Councilwoman Theisz is on the committee for the request from Vigo County.

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.

i. Petition to Appeal for an Increase Above the Maximum Levy: Lost Creek Fire Protection District

President Thacker said the Lost Creek Fire Protection District wanted to expand the 3-year growth factor by \$15,000 on their maximum levy. John Hendricks with the Seelyville Fire Department was present to answer any questions Council members might have. Council had no questions. Mr. Hendricks did note that at this point, they have secured all the petitions necessary to bring Nevins Township into the Lost Creek Fire Protection District.

ii. Resolution of Reallocation of Existing Appropriation 2024-15 – Prosecutor

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts said with the increased staffing in their offices and with the move of Adult Protective Services, there had been some painting and moving going on to better use space. During the process it was discovered that some of the desks (which had been there since before Mr. Roberts started working there in 2000) were falling apart and would need to be replaced. In order to do that, he would like to move some funds from Office Supplies to Office Furniture which requires an out of series transfer. Council had no questions. Mr. Roberts then gave an update on the status of Adult Protective Services. FSSA had decided to issue an RFP to be submitted by anyone who would like to run the program. This was just posted yesterday. The prosecutors are going to submit an RFP in the hope that they would continue to be involved in Adult Protective Services. There is no way to tell if this will be awarded to the lowest bidder or the most qualified. There was a short discussion.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

i. Salary Ordinance 2024-72A: Parks – Stipends

Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk said the appropriation for this salary ordinance had been approved last month. The Salary Ordinance was in the packet but was overlooked during the meeting. This will fund the appropriation. It was noted that the effective date had been requested to be July 1, 2024.

ii. Additional Appropriation 2024-75: LIT/Correctional Rehab – Land Acquisition

Commissioner Chris Switzer said that Council had given permission last month to obtain appraisals on ground for prospective purchase. An appraisal had been obtained from Nature's Trail Property (which is Howard Junker Realty) for \$472,500. The second appraisal was from Sycamore Realty in the amount of \$230,000. The average of those two would be \$351,250. Per statute, the purchase price of the prospective real estate cannot exceed the average of the two appraisals. The purchase price for this land is \$220,000 which is well below that average. An additional \$5,000 is being requested to cover closing costs. He did obtain three estimates on closing costs and they ranged from \$1,500 to \$2,000 along with some possible additional costs by the County attorney. Council had no additional questions. Commissioner Switzer and Chief Deputy Prosecutor Rob Roberts then gave a short status update on the possibility of a new Community Corrections building.

iii. Additional Appropriation 2024-76: ARPA Grant Fund – New Equipment

This request was withdrawn.

iv. Salary Ordinance Amendment 2024-77: Sheriff Department – Stipends

Before addressing his salary ordinance request, Sheriff Derek Fell made several comments about the jail overcrowding, Community Corrections expansion, the additional magistrate request, and other matters regarding steps that are being taken to prevent

recidivism. This Salary Ordinance request is actually a reduction in dollars due to some restructuring. A first sergeant was recently promoted to lieutenant. It has been their intention to do away with first sergeant positions through attrition. They are not reducing positions, just restructuring. With that first sergeant position now vacant, they want to turn that vacancy into a sergeant position which is a \$1,500 reduction to the salary grade. Council had no further questions. There was then a discussion about the number of inmates being held awaiting transfer to the Indiana Department of Corrections.

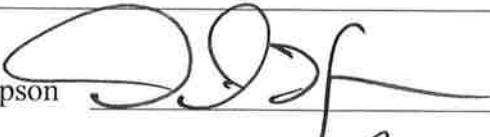
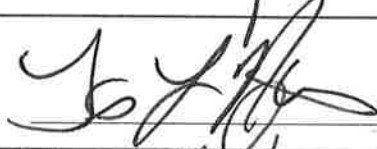
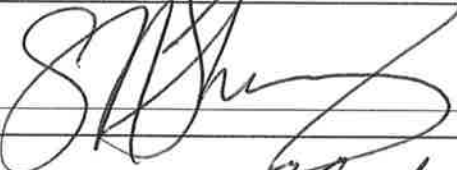

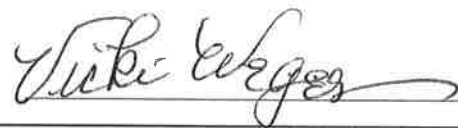

Public Comments

Flo Evinger had several comments regarding injection wells and WVR. She also asked that an article regarding Underground Injection Control Program be submitted for the record.

Vicki Weger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 6-0, the motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
SUNSHINE MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2024

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 12th day of November, 2024.

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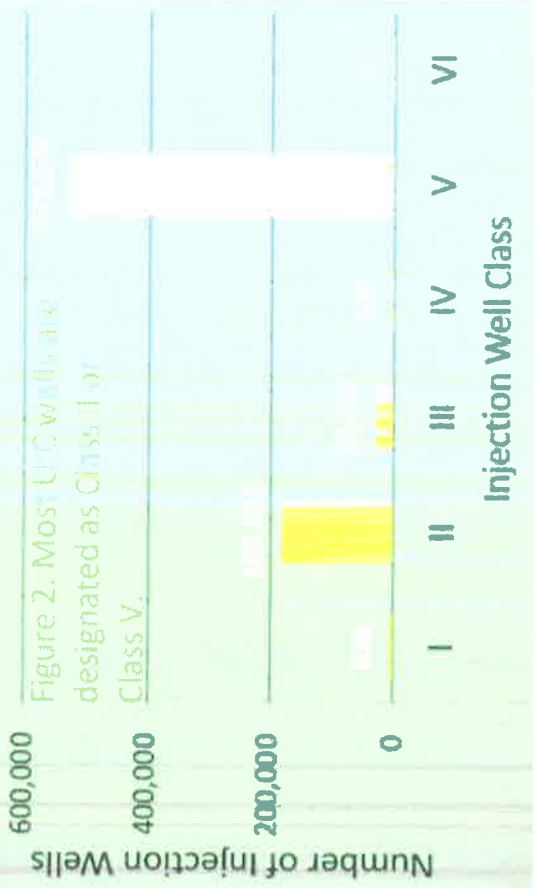
James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor



Underground Injection Control Program

Number of Wells by Class

Figure 2. Most UIC wells are designated as Class I or Class V.



https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/documents/uic_fact_sheet.pdf

Necessary components of community engagement

- Impact on decision-making
- Early and frequent
- Transparent, inclusive, and accessible
- Understand the community
- Project impacts match community priorities

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-09/August%202022%20CCS%20Information%20Session.pdf>

Types of Injection Wells

- **Class I** wells are used to inject hazardous and nonhazardous waste into deep, confined rock formations below all underground sources of drinking water. The fluids may include municipal, industrial, or radioactive wastes.
- **Class II** wells are used to inject fluids related to oil and gas production. The majority of Class II wells are used to enhance recovery of oil and gas or dispose of wastewater co-produced with oil and gas into rock formations. Class II wells represented approximately 25% of wells in 2018.
- **Class III** wells are used to inject fluids to aid in the extraction of minerals such as uranium, salt, copper, and sulfur.
- **Class IV** wells are allowed in limited circumstances for injection of groundwater treated as part of environmental cleanup. Class IV wells are used to inject hazardous and radioactive wastes into or above underground sources of drinking water.
- **Class V** wells are used to inject fluids that are not classified as Class I, II, III, IV, and VI. Fluids injected into Class V wells include stormwater and a wide variety of other fluids. The construction of many Class V wells is simple compared to Class I, II, III, and VI wells. Many Class V wells may be little more than a shallow dug well with a soil bottom. A minority of Class V wells are constructed to be higher technology, especially if the wells inject into deep rock formations.
- **Class VI** wells are used to inject carbon dioxide deep underground for long-term storage.