

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Government Center

Pledge of Allegiance

President David Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Calling of the Roll

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

Correcting the Journal of the Preceding Meetings if Needed

December 3, 2024 Sunshine Meeting

December 10, 2024 Meeting

January 7, 2025 Organizational Meeting

Council Attorney Michael Wright explained there would be no motion necessary to accept the minutes for the December, 2024 meetings due to 4 current county council members not being on the council at the time of the December meeting.

There were no corrections to the January 7, 2025 Organizational Meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Communications from Elected Officials or Agencies of the County

Vigo County Parks Superintendent Adam Grossman took the podium and gave an update on for the Vigo County Parks Department. He noted that a skid steer was in need of repairs and he would be approaching the council in the near future for a request for a reallocation of funds to cover repairs.

Adam said that there was an overlook coming to Dewey Point and said this was possible due to ARPA funds and thanked the Vigo County Commissioners for their role in the project. He said they are looking to complete the project in the fall due to waiting for a permit from the state. Adam said West Terre Haute Little League Football has moved into Bicentennial Park and has been doing work on the park to accommodate the League. He said the parks department has closed on the old AMVETS property a couple of weeks ahead of the meeting and would own the property in July. Adam mentioned a new shelter and new trail connection would be coming to Bicentennial Park and that the pedestrian walkway has been very popular. He said at the time of the meeting there was no delineated connection between the pedestrian walkway and the existing Wabashiki Trail. He said the largest project the department was working on at the time of the meeting was a new building at Griffin Bike Park. He said the cost of the new building project would be more than expected, but the department would be able to do several change orders to

get the price lowered and several donations had come in for the project. He said the bike park currently had little to no storage and thanked the Council, Health Department, and Commissioners for making the new building project a reality. Adam noted a vendor would move into the new building and the department would be getting lease space as a byproduct of the new building. He noted the Fowler Park Gatehouse and Hawthorn Park Overlook were both going to get new roofs and that a disc golf course was coming to Fowler Park and Prairie Creek Park. He said there was a donation of \$120,000 to get the course completed at Prairie Creek Park. Adam said they had applied for a grant to get the Fowler Park disc golf course complete. He said there are new rental cabins and a rental wagon at area parks. Adam noted a new playground was coming to Fowler Park. He said more than 400 people attended the department's Pancake Breakfast the weekend before the meeting. He said the syrup produced from the syrup making operation at Prairie Creek Park sells out almost as soon as it is made. He thanked the Council for their role in assisting with these projects.

Reports from Committees

There were none.

Resolutions and Ordinances Other than Appropriations

a. Ordinance 2025-1: Authorizing and Approving the Investment of Public Funds by the Vigo County Treasurer

Council Attorney Michael Wright explained this ordinance authorized the treasurer of Vigo County to invest public funds allowed by Indiana Code 5-13-9-5.7. He said in 2022 a resolution was passed that outlined the circumstances in which public money could be invested. Michael said the resolution allowed the policy to extend up to four years. He said the ordinance allowing the investment of public funds had expired each year on December 31st. Michael said this ordinance would allow the treasurer to invest public funds until December 31, 2025. Michael noted that near \$8,000,000 had been earned on the investment of public funds during the last calendar year. Brad Anderson made a motion to approve the Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Investment of Public Funds by the Vigo County Treasurer. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Ordinances Relating to Appropriations

a. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-01: Council Administrator

This amended salary ordinance would add the Council Administrator position back to the 2025 Salary Ordinance. This matter had been discussed at the Sunshine Meeting. Council had no further questions. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-01. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

b. Additional Appropriation 2025-01: Council Administrator

The additional appropriation would appropriate the funds for the Council Administrator position. Council had no further questions. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-01. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

c. Additional Appropriation 2025-02: Council Member's Insurance

This matter had been discussed at the sunshine meeting. Council had no further questions. Randy Gentry made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2025-02. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup – aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

d. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02: Assessor's Office (Eliminate a Position)

Vigo County Assessor Kevin Gardner said the open position in the Harrison Township Assessor's Office had been vacated since January 2024. He said the office has been attempting to fill the position, but the role remains vacant. Kevin said he received questions about how the County General Fund and the Reassessment Fund would be impacted. Kevin said this would be putting \$33,821 back into the General Fund and it would need an Additional Appropriation of \$22,915.01 from the Reassessment Fund. Kevin said this would be a total savings to the county of \$10,905.99. Kevin said since the Sunshine Meeting he had conversations with another office holder and members of the Council. He said he understood there were reservations based on the Baker Tilly study placing the Assessor's Offices in their respective pay grades. Kevin said the county no longer has a contract with Baker Tilly, so any changes to the pay grades going forward will be decided by the Council. Randy Gentry made a motion to table **Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02, Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-03, Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-04, Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-05, Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-01, and Additional Appropriation 2025-03**. These would encompass all of Kevin's Gardner's request. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion was passed.

e. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-03: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

f. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-04: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

g. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-05: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

h. Resolution of Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriation 2025-01: Assessor's Office Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

i. Additional Appropriation 2025-03: Reassessment Fund – Assessor's Pay Increase

This Amended Salary Ordinance request was discussed and tabled as part of the vote above.

j. Additional Appropriation 2025-04: Security Cameras at the Courthouse

Mark Clinkebeard and Director of Building Security Tom Little approached the podium provided the Council members with documentation related to the cost of adding new interior security camera in addition to the proposed exterior camera and opened the floor to the Council for any additional requests related to the initial request. Randy Gentry said he searched for the model numbers for the cameras on the internet to compare prices and he said the cost provided by the quote for the project. Steve Clark with Innovative Communication Solutions said the model numbers on the quote are the primary model number of the camera and he did not include the mounting hardware and items associated with the camera and if he included the items there would be multiple pages of parts that would not have impacted the specs. These parts would be assumed when installing the cameras outdoors. The differences in prices of cameras quoted from Innovative Communication Solutions and cameras Randy had found on the internet was briefly discussed. Randy asked if there was a way to get the pricing for the cameras lower and maybe try to get a lower price on a larger project installing security cameras not only on the exterior of the courthouse as requested but in the interior at the same time. Steve said all the cameras listed were at the manufacturer suggested retail pricing and they are manufactured by Axis Communications and are National Defense Authorization Act compliant. Randy reiterated he had found cameras with the exact model number as much as 40% cheaper in some cases online. As an example, Randy said Steve was quoting a camera for \$2,799 and Randy said found the same camera for \$1,590. Steve said he probably couldn't buy the camera for \$1590 and doesn't know where Randy received his pricing from and said he did not have such a high markup on any of his products. Licensing costs for the cameras was briefly discussed. Steve Clark said the price had come down due to the client not needing an Enterprise IP Camera licensing and lowering it to a "Professional" license near \$240. Randy said it would make more sense to him to install new cameras in the interior and exterior at the same time instead of only the exterior even though this would result in a price increase. Steve said that initially this project was just installing seven new cameras, but adding new interior cameras to the project would create an issue where the older server would not be able to handle multiple new video streams from multiple new cameras. He said this is why there was a new line item for a new server in the quote for the proposed exterior and interior camera project. Steve Ellis said he would like to see new cameras at the courthouse, but suggested tabling this request to acquire more bids for the project and the council could pick the best price. Mark Clinkenbeard noted the county had used Innovative Communication Solutions for cameras before and they were asked to get pricing on exterior cameras only. He said this is why this proposal only factored in proposed new exterior cameras. Randy Gentry said

this was an opportunity to complete upgrades on interior cameras and add exterior cameras at the same time. Council Attorney Michael Wright then clarified that projects over \$150,000 would require a formal bid process, and anything under is supposed to get three quotes. Michael advised that he didn't think the requestor needed to get additional quotes for an expansion of this project as long as the Council felt the prices reflected the quality of the services provided. Brenda Wilson asked if the proposed security camera provider was the same as the provider for the current jail. Steve Clark verified they were. Vicki Weger expressed concern over not having exterior cameras at the courthouse and said she would see this request approved. The logistics of getting exterior cameras first and then replacing the interior cameras was briefly discussed. Brad Anderson asked for details on the warranty for the proposed cameras. Steve Clark said the warranty was five years and included parts and labor. He then asked if there would be a problem with the new cameras working with the current software. Steve clarified there would not be an issue. Randy asked if there was a way to vote on the complete project at the current meeting. Council Attorney Michael Wright said the new requested amount of the project including replacement interior cameras and exterior cameras would have to be advertised to taxpayers ahead of time before the March meeting. Brad Anderson asked for clarification on the amount advertised. Michael clarified \$38,151 had been advertised from LIT Special Purpose Fund for the interior cameras only. He said to get a project approved that would include the cost of both interior and exterior cameras would require a new request. Steve Ellis said multiple quotes should be obtained for this project. Mark Clinkenbeard clarified they did get another quote for the project but the current system would not be compatible with the other quoted provider. Tom Little said the other vendor was more of a home security provider. David Thompson asked Michael if a rule change was necessary if the Council wanted bids to be a part of every project. Michael said the rule already existed by statute. Commissioner Chris Switzer noted that the request from the LIT Special Purpose Fund was \$38,151 and the fund was near \$9,000,000 at the end of last year. He said this particular fund can only be used to improve county buildings related to the court and judicial system. Randy Gentry then made a motion to table Additional Appropriation 2025-04. Steve Ellis seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion was passed. A brief discussion on the logistics of bringing a new request for the courthouse security camera request was held.

k. Additional Appropriation 2025-05: Health Department – New Equipment: Life Vac Units, IFAK kits, CERT kits.

This request was withdrawn.

l. Additional Appropriation 2025-06: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.2)

This request was withdrawn.

m. Additional Appropriation 2025-07: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.3)

This request was withdrawn.

n. Additional Appropriation 2025-08: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.4)
This request was withdrawn.

o. Additional Appropriation 2025-09: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.5)
This request was withdrawn.

p. Additional Appropriation 2025-10: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.6)
This request was withdrawn.

q. Additional Appropriation 2025-11: Health Department – New Equipment (pt.7)
This request was withdrawn.

**r. Additional Appropriation 2025-12: Health Department – CPR training
Mannequins, Free CPR Training**
This request was withdrawn.

**s. Additional Appropriation 2025-13: Health Department – Intrepid Phoenix
Fitness Program and Application, Purdue Extension Growth Club, Deming
Park Summer Yoga, Fall Prevention Program**
This was explained at the Sunshine Meeting. Health Department Administrator Joni Wise said there were concerns brought to her about the Intrepid Phoenix Application so she was fine with the approval of all the items on this request except for the application. Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the amended Additional Appropriation 2025-13 without the amount for the Intrepid Phoenix Application in the new amount of \$34,279. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote for the pending motion, voting was as follows: Nancy Allsup –aye; Vicki Weger – aye; Steve Ellis – aye; Randy Gentry – aye; Brenda Wilson – aye; Brad Anderson – aye; David Thompson – aye. With a vote of 7-0, the motion was passed.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions Relating to Fiscal Policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

David Thompson noted that Randy Gentry had been appointed to the Thrive Board.

Public Comment

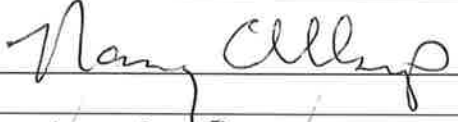
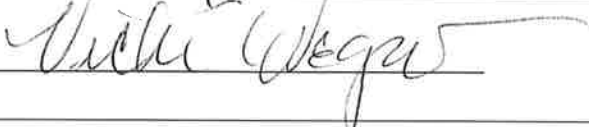

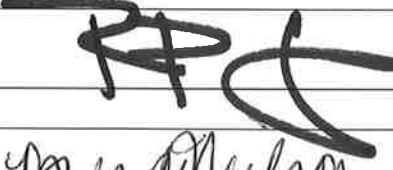


There were none.

Adjournment


Randy Gentry made a motion to adjourn. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02P.M.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 11th day of March, 2025.

Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Allsup	
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Attest:


Larry T. Hutchings, II
Auditor