

To The Vigo County Council President Steve Ellis And The Vigo County Council,

I Proudly Serve as The Secretary to The Vigo County Council, The Vigo County Commissioners and The Capital Improvement Board (CIB). In addition to those roles , I also serve as The Chief Financial Officer of Vigo County, as The Elected Vigo County Auditor.

Over the last 2 years, it has become increasingly evident that the decisions that are made in The Vigo County Auditor's Office are increasingly challenging. We have had a divided Council. That is your prerogative. I have made a commitment to be ethical and honest as I Traverse in my new role as The Vigo County Auditor.

Over the last year, I have been told by The current Legal Counsel to The Vigo County Council, and yes one of my staff was told this last night, that they do not represent The Vigo County Auditor's Office. We deal with ever changing laws and legislation now more than ever. There are many Department Heads and Elected Officials that do ask us questions about current laws and procedures throughout the course of the year. We do Utilize DLGF & SBOA resources when they are available. We need Legal representation to help us interpret IC Codes as they are literally changing month to month.

I currently do have a Lawyer to represent us on The Tax Side, and this has helped save Vigo County an innumerable amount of litigation and money.

The Financial side of what we do is as equally important.

I am requesting an Additional Appropriation of \$2,500 a Month from Fund 1000, under Legal Services (30700) Under The Auditors Office (002) 1000.30700.000.0002 to Secure Legal representation for The Vigo County Auditor's Office.

This appointment will be a Local Attorney that will be readily available for Budgets, Council & or Commissioner's Meetings. This appointment will be by my selection, and My staff will have access to them by request for matters that pertain to The Vigo County Auditor's Office and The Obligations that We are required to fulfil to be in Compliance with The Indiana State Board of Accounts and The Department of Local Government Finance.

Therefore, we are requesting to appear before The Vigo County Council at The October 6th, 2026, The Vigo County Council Sunshine Meeting to present this request before The Council for their consideration.

Thank You,

Larry T. Hutchings II
Auditor