TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2011

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 8:30 a.m. on January 11, 2011 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Andrew S. Gutwein, Vice-President Roland K. Winger, John R. Basham II, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Kevin L. Underwood, and David R. Williams. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Kay Muse. Absent was: Councilmember Kathy Vernon.

President Gutwein called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. He stated that Councilmember Vernon had called and would not be in attendance due to work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Dave Luhman requested nominations for the office of President.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to nominate Andrew Gutwein for the office of President, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Attorney Dave Luhman requested nominations for the office of Vice President.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to nominate Roland Winger for the office of Vice President, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

ASSIGNMENTS

President Gutwein said that in 2010 various departments were grouped by related functions to facilitate budget discussions. Having received positive feedback from the directors of those departments the Council assignments have been realigned to coincide with the department groups. President Gutwein asked for questions or comments. There were none.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to adopt the 2011 Council Assignments as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

See Appendix A

APPOINTMENTS

President Gutwein said that the Auditor's office has confirmed that current appointees are willing to serve another term. Councilmember Basham asked if a Councilmember could serve on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) Board. President Gutwein said those appointments are made annually by the Commissioners and by the Council and must balance political parties. He did not think the appointments could be council members.

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the 2011 Appointments as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

See Appendix B

2011 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

President Gutwein asked for further discussion on the matter of evening meetings in 2011. In December, the Council discussed quarterly evening meetings to allow increased public attendance. After much discussion, President Gutwein stated that in the absence of Councilmember Vernon this item would be moved to the scheduled February meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the December 14, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Auditor Weston said since there are no general fund requests on this agenda the financial report will not be presented until February. She went on to say that although the Council looks forward to seeing the uncommitted balance there are still several factors weighing into that balance. The General Fund cash balance is positive and 97% of the settlement was distributed by year-end with the remaining 3% still being balanced out. The $500,000 appropriated in November for health insurance was needed and moved to Fund 310, along with an additional $40,000 from the Economic Development Fund. The County is beginning to see credits from CIGNA due to billing errors. Beginning January 1, 2011 the insurance provider changed to Anthem. There will be many factors, such as the opening of the Wellness Center, affecting the health insurance budget in 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Plantenga said the Treasurer's Report shows interest totals through the month of November and include interest from two Certificates of Deposit (CD's) that came due. With another month of interest yet to be collected, the County could exceed the estimate of interest for 2010 by approximately $100,000. The average interest rate remains unchanged. However, the weighted average of .673% is down from last month. This is mostly due to property tax monies being placed in the low interest account at Lafayette Bank & Trust. The reason for the increased deposits to Lafayette Bank & Trust is due to maximum balances having been reached at Lafayette Savings Bank and First Financial Bank, which do offer a higher interest rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

President Gutwein asked for public comments on agenda items.

None

CIRCUIT COURT
Alt Dispute Resolution Fund 545

Attorney Cindy Garwood requested an appropriation of funds for mediation services for families involved in divorce and paternity cases. The funding for this item comes from additional filing fees. Fees collected in 2010 totaled just over $15,000. Councilmember Basham asked when those expenditures are reported. Ms. Garwood said an annual report is sent to the state that outlines expenditures and other data.

Appropriation $16,000

$16,000	Court Expenses / Mediation

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation for Fund 545 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 3
Grant Fund 519

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson said this is a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for the Saturday School Program. This is the third year for this program and is the first of its kind in the state. The program has been very successful.

Appropriation $ 24,500

$24,000	Contract / Consultant
$ 500	Dept / Education Materials

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation for Fund 519 as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

PROBATION
Grant Fund 513

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson said this transfer would move funds from equipment to other line items where there is a greater need.

Transfer $415

$ 300	Equipment / Data Processing Hardware to General Operating / Mileage Reimbursement
$ 115	Equipment / Data Processing Hardware to Office Expense / Office Supply

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the transfer for Fund 513 as presented, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

TEMA
LEPC HMEP Grant fund 421

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson said the Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) prepares the planning and public education of handling hazardous materials. There is a 20% match, which would be met with wages paid to attending personnel. It is for $51,662 and would be used to fund the cost of many training and planning projects. The Department of Homeland Security will reimburse the total amount. Attendees would include personnel from departments such as the Purdue Fire, Lafayette Fire, TEMA, Task Force members and St. Elizabeth is having a decontamination class. The $30, 600 is the fee for a consultant to do a commodity flow study. It is required by the state and would be reimbursed by the state. Auditor Weston asked if in-kind hours of non-County employees are documented. Ms. Wilson said that all personnel who attend the training are tracked for the grant match. The related agencies provide payroll documents as needed. Those hours are documented and provided to the state through the Indiana Grants Management System (IGMS).

Appropriation $82,262

$51,662	Training Costs / Travel & Training
$30,000	Contracts / Consultant

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation for Fund 421 as presented, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

CARY HOME
DMC ICJI Grant Fund 146

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson said the $20,000 grant for Cary Home would fund the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) program in conjunction with the Juvenile Detention Alternative Imitative (JDAI) program. Marion County was the first county in the state to implement a JDAI project. Tippecanoe County was chosen as one of three pilot counties to participate in the program. When additional funding became available to supplement that program they choose to direct those funds towards the DMC project. Rebecca Humphrey is very instrumental in the program and partners with many community leaders to form the JDAI committee and address the DMC program.

Appropriation $20,000

$20,000	Contracts / Misc

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation for Fund 146 as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

HEALTH
North Central / Chronic Health Fund 119

Auditor Weston said the original funding source for this fund was North Central Health Services. However, the Health Department is looking to other sources at this time in order to continue the research/database. St. Vincent Hospital donated $2,500 and this appropriation would allow that donation to be used.

Appropriation $2,500

$ 2,500	Administrative / Other Professional Services

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation for Fund 119 as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Gutwein welcomed Councilmember David R. Williams to the Council.

Auditor Weston asked the Council if they would consider a scheduling a joint meeting with Greg Guerrettaz and the Commissioners and asked that they consider when such a meeting could happen in conjunction with considering any proposed evening meetings.

COMMISSIONER FYI

Commissioner Murtaugh welcomed Councilmember Williams to the Council.

Commissioner Murtaugh said that Smokey Anderson has been appointed the TEMA Director position and the Commissioners look forward to working with him.

Commissioner Murtaugh reported that the Wellness Center is on schedule to open February 14, 2011. There will be informative meetings scheduled for County employees on January 25, 2011.

Commissioner Murtaugh spoke on behalf of Sheriff Brown who could not attend today's meeting to say that the E-911 software project would be on the February agenda. The cost of the E-911 upgrade is approximately $800,000. The cost of that software will come from grant money and E-911 fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilmember Williams moved to adjourn.

Tippecanoe County Council

Andrew S. Gutwein, President

Roland K. Winger, Vice President

John R. Basham II

Jeffrey A. Kemper

Kevin L. Underwood

Kathy Vernon

David R. Williams

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor 2-8-2011

APPENDIX A

2011 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

Budget Group	DEPARTMENTS	COUNCIL LIAISONS	
Courts	Court - Circuit	Kemper / Underwood	
Courts	Court – Magistrate		
Courts	Court – Superior 1		
Courts	Court – Superior 2, Ancillary		
Courts	Court – Superior 4		
Courts	Court – Superior 5		
Courts	Court – Superior 6		
CRS	Clerk		
CRS	Court Services		
CRS	Election & Registration		
CRS	Probation		
CRS	Prosecutor, IV-D		
CRS	Public Defender		
Comm	Commissioners	Gutwein	Kemper
Comm	County Extension	Gutwein	Underwood
Comm	Fairgrounds	Gutwein	Underwood
Comm	Health Department, WIC	Gutwein	Williams
Comm	Human Resources	Gutwein	Vernon
Comm	Maintenance	Gutwein	Kemper
Comm	MITS/GIS	Gutwein	Winger
Comm	Parks & Recreation	Gutwein	Vernon
Comm	Tippecanoe Villa	Gutwein	Basham
Comm	Veterans Service	Gutwein	Basham
Comm	Weights & Measures	Gutwein	Basham
Comm	Soil and Water	NA	NA
Dev	Area Plan	Winger / Basham	
Dev	Building Commission (Permits)		
Dev	Highway Department, Cumulative Bridge		
Dev	Surveyor, Drainage Board		
Prop Svcs	Auditor		
Prop Svcs	Assessor		
Prop Svcs	Recorder		
Prop Svcs	Treasurer		
Juv Svcs	Court – Superior 3, Juvenile Magistrate, CASA	Vernon / Williams	
Juv Svcs	Youth Services (Cary Home, Juv. Alternatives)		
PubSafe	Community Corrections		
PubSafe	Coroner		
PubSafe	Emergency Management		
PubSafe	Sheriff/Jail, E-911		

OTHER COUNTY COMMITTEES

Revenue Generating	Williams	Kemper
Personnel/Reclassification	Vernon	Underwood

LOCAL TAXING DISTRICTS

Cities Bus	Gutwein, Kemper
Un-incorporated Towns Wildcat Creek Solid Waste	Basham, Underwood
Libraries Schools Conservancies	Williams, Vernon, Winger

APPENDIX B

COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Administrative Transportation Committee (Area Plan) (Annual)	Council President
Alcoholic Beverage Commission (Annual)	Vicki Pearl
Area Plan Commission (Term of office)	Councilmember Roland K. Winger Councilmember Kathy Vernon
Cary Home Board (Annual)	Councilmember David R. Williams
Emergency Management Advisory Council (Annual)	Councilmember John R. Basham II
Convention and Visitors Bureau 2 years/odd year (1-1-10 through 12-31-11)	Councilmember David R. Williams Bob Mindrum (Hotel rep.) Rachel Johnson (Travel rep.)
Area IV Agency on Aging (Annual - no term limit)	Anne Painter
Community Corrections Board (Annual)	Councilmember Kevin L. Underwood
GIS (Annual)	Councilmember Kevin L. Underwood Councilmember Roland K. Winger
Lafayette Economic Development Commission 4 years (1-01-08 to 12-31-11)	Councilmember Jeffrey A. Kemper
MITS Board (Annual)	Councilmember Kevin L. Underwood Councilmember Roland K. Winger
Wabash River Enhancement Corp. (Annual)	Councilmember Andrew S. Gutwein
Wabash River Parkway Commission (Annual) (Ord 84-11-CM)	*Dissolved by Interlocal Agreement 08/08*
Wabash Valley Hospital Board 3 years (3-1-09 to 3-1-12)	Sue Teder
Wildcat Solid Waste District Board (Annual)	Councilmember Kevin L. Underwood Councilmember John R. Basham II (Alt.)
Tippecanoe Co. Economic Development Commission 4 years (2-1-10 to 1-31-14)(Ord. 80-1-CL)	Charles Shook
Tippecanoe Co. Park Board 4 years (2011 through 2014) 4 years (2009 through 2012) (1 Republican, 1 Democrat)	Scott Rumble (R) Robert Probasco (D)

Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Advisory Council (Annual)	Councilmember John R. Basham II
Tippecanoe County Library Board Appointed in 2004 for 4 years (1-1-08 to 12-31-11) (4 consecutive term limit)	Jerry Withered
West Lafayette Public Library Board Appointed 7-12-2005 for 4 years (7-12-2009 to 6-30-2013)	A. G. Altschaeffl
TERF Board (Annual)	Councilmember Kevin L. Underwood
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)* (Annual) (1 Republican, 1 Democrat)	Kevin Bol (R) Jim Malady (D)

**Council PTABOA appointments are subject to appointments by Board of Commissioners*

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