TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 2:00 p.m. on January 13, 2009 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: Vice President Andrew S. Gutwein, Jeffrey R. Kemper, John R. Basham II, and Kathy Vernon. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Councilmember Kemper called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the minutes from the August 25, October 29, and December 9, 2008, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Dave Luhman opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Gutwein nominated Kevin Underwood for President. With no other nominations, Kevin Underwood was voted President.

Councilmember Kemper nominated Andrew Gutwein for Vice President. With no other nominations, Councilmember Gutwein was voted President.

- ➢ As the new President Pro-Tem Councilmember Gutwein conducted the meeting.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Jennifer Weston

Auditor Weston provided a preliminary General Fund Financial Statement. She reported settlement is not completed for 2008 therefore the figures are not complete.

Cash Balance 1/1/09	-$10,978,609.12
Projected Property Tax Levy 2008 (98% of estimated)	$17,465,900.00
LESS: Advance of State HEA 1001 HSC	$ 919,073.76
LESS: Advance of State PTRC/HSC	$ 2,008,680.47
LESS: 2nd Advance of State PTRC	$ 993,919.50
Projected Property Tax Levy 2008 – Balance Due	$13,544,226.27
Cash Balance w/Property Tax	$ 2,565,617.15
Council Approved Projected Misc Revenue 2009	$18,766,771.00
Projected Property Tax Levy 2009 (98% of estimated)	$18,130,000.00
Total Available	$39,462,388.15
Less: Encumbrances (as of 1/12/09)	$ 989,763.00
Less: Council Approved 2009 Budget	$ 37,266,771.00

Beginning Net Balance	$ 1,205,854.15
Total Additional Appropriations	$ 0.00
Total Budget Reductions	$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures (to date)	$ 0.00
Uncommitted Funds	**$ 1,205,854.15**

A summary of Welfare Funds was provided to the council for reference for the Department of Child Services additional appropriation request.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga reported interest rates continue to drop; interest rates on high balance accounts are 15 basis points above the federal rate. In November, interest was deposited into the Local Road and Street Fund from Cumulative Bridge Fund interest. General Fund interest for 2008 was $1.32 million; the projected budget for 2008 was estimated to be $1.375 million.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES – Angela Smith Grossman

Children's Psych Res Treat Fund 569

Director Angela Smith Grossman requested an additional appropriation to pay year-end expenses for 2008. She reported the state will assume the responsibility for payment of child welfare services in our community beginning in 2009. Any unused funds available at the end of April 2009 will be returned to the county for use in property tax relief.

Additional Appropriation: $100,000

$100,000	Children's Psychiatric

Welfare Family & Children Fund 570

Additional Appropriation: $1,080,351

$260,088	Institutions
$69,747	Probation Institutions
$132,059	Therapeutic/Foster
$712	Probation Therapeutic
$373,062	Preservation
$5,960	Probation Preservation
$21,839	Misc
$21	Probation Misc
$216,863	Adoption

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

Councilmember Vernon thanked Director Grossman for her continued commitment to the children of Tippecanoe County. She said, "It has been a pleasure working with Angela. The last few years have been tough and a real learning curve for all parties involved. We all wanted to work together with the same ending in mind and we successfully got there. And I think we have taken care of the children of Tippecanoe County very well and DCS has done a great job as well." She thanked Director Grossman for being a good steward of the county's money as well.

Director Grossman stated she is grateful to the council for pushing DCS hard. She thanked the council for preparing DCS for the economy and other budget changes DCS will encounter now and in the future. She said she appreciates the council for the hard work they do and the difficult decisions they have to make on behalf of taxpayers in the county.

MAINTENANCE – Frank Cederquist

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist requested approval of a salary statement for part-time maintenance staff.

Salary Statement: up to $10.00 per/hr
Up to $10.00 Maintenance Tech

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the salary statement as submitted, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-03-CL; Approving Interlocal Agreement Implementing NPDES Phase II Storm Water Quality Management Plan

Surveyor Steve Murray requested approval of Resolution 2009-03-CL; Interlocal Agreement Implementing NPDES Phase II Storm Water Quality Management Plan. Attorney Luhman stated the Interlocal Agreement between Tippecanoe County, Lafayette, West Lafayette, Battle Ground, Dayton, Purdue University, and Ivy Tech was created to implement our MS-4 Area NPDES Phase II Storm Water Quality Management Plan. The agreement assigns the administrative duties to the Tippecanoe County Surveyor and includes an agreement among the entities regarding the cost shared to implement the program and the schedule for implementation. This agreement is similar to the agreement signed five years ago with minor changes regarding the allocation of cost among the parties which reflects the individual impact they have on the program.

Surveyor Murray explained a project team will be comprised of two representatives from each of the seven entities to make decisions on project plans. He confirmed a majority of the cost will go towards the salary of a Storm Water Educator position with Soil & Water Conservation. Funding for the project will be provided from Economic Development Income Tax funds and fees imposed on new developments.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Resolution 2009-03-CL, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

Surveyor Murray requested the council grant approval to the President Pro-Tem to sign the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the council.

- Councilmember Vernon moved to authorize the President Pro-Tem to sign the agreement, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-04-CL; Approving Interlocal Agreement Lindberg Bridge

Attorney Luhman stated Resolution 2009-04-CL approves the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City of West Lafayette. The agreement states the County will pay for

construction of a bridge on Lindberg Road. A minor change has been made in the agreement which states the funds will be paid and disbursed through the county Treasurer instead of the Auditor.

Councilmember Kemper suggested postponing the Interlocal Agreement to discuss how this project fits into the Bridge Improvement Plan. Highway Director Opal Kuhl stated the 10-year plan can accommodate the new bridge; a few bridges may be pushed back but the overall rating for all bridges in Tippecanoe County is the second highest rating in the state for bridge safety. She offered to provide a list of all the bridges on the list at the next meeting. Councilmember Basham stated he is concerned about the timing of the construction for the proposed bridge.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Resolution 2009-04-CL, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Appointments & Assignments

Councilmember Underwood will be placed on the Personnel Reclassification Committee with Councilmember Vernon and also assigned to Human Resources.

APC Director Sallie Fahey asked if the council intends to assign new members to the Area Plan Commission.

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the 2009 County Council Assignments with changes as discussed, second by Kemper; motion carried.

Council members agreed to approve appointments to the Area Plan Commission for 2009.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appointment of Kathy Vernon and Roland Winger to the Area Plan Commission, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Meeting Dates

Councilmember Gutwein stated council members agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to hold future 2009 County Council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m., second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Blaas – said an 8:30 a.m. meeting is not convenient for taxpayers to attend meetings. She provided a list of petitioners that agree the meeting should be held in the evening to allow for more taxpayer participation.

Edward Bowden – said he agrees the council should meet in the evening to accommodate taxpayers.

Margaret Blaas – said she is a newly registered voter and would like the council to consider a meeting late in afternoon to allow students to also attend.

Terry Masterson – stated he also agrees the council should meet in the evening. He said the citizens of the county have not received information regarding Impact Fees and said taxpayers need to know the affect of Impact Fees. Mr. Masterson thinks the Trolley Tax should be on the ballot. He said he would appreciate it if council would consider the Trolley Tax and Impact Fees and also consider moving monthly council meetings to the evening.

Councilmember Vernon confirmed in the past, council has scheduled public meetings in the evening to allow taxpayers the opportunity to offer feedback on important issues.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to adjourn.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

Kevin L. Underwood, President

Betty J. Michael

Andrew S. Gutwein, Vice President

John R. Basham II

Roland K. Winger

Jeffrey A. Kemper

Attest:
Jennifer Weston, Auditor

Kathy Vernon