TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 8:30 a.m. on August 11, 2009 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Kevin Underwood, Vice-President Andrew S. Gutwein, Jeffrey R. Kemper, John R. Basham II, Roland K. Winger, Betty J. Michael and Kathy Vernon. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2009 regular meeting, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Jennifer Weston

Beginning Net Balance	$ 1,215,120.15
Total Additional Appropriations	$ 779,609.00
Total Budget Reductions	$ 188,514.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures (to date)	$ 3013.48
Uncommitted Funds	**$ 621,011.67**

Auditor Weston reported grant reimbursements are arriving as expected and the balance of all funds as of July 31 was $76,488,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga reported in June regular interest was over $15,000. The average interest rate is .44%; the weighted average increased slightly. Currently, there are 17 CD's outstanding for a total $22.2 million.

SUPERIOR COURT 2
General Fund 001

Additional Appropriation: $26,800

$14,000	Pauper Attorney
$12,800	Jury Expenses

Additional Appropriation: $6,468

$800	Salaries & Wages/Part-Time
$4,900	Salaries & Wages/Overtime
$437	Salaries & Wages/Social Security
$331	Salaries & Wages/Retirement

- Councilmember Kemper moved to able the request until the September 8, 2009 meeting, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 4
General Fund 001

Additional Appropriation: $3,950

$3,950	Pauper Attorney

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to table the request until the September 8, 2009 regular meeting, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 5
General Fund 001

Additional Appropriation: $4,000

$4,000	Pauper Attorney

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve $2,000, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

PROSECUTOR
Drug Enforcement Fund 257

Prosecutor Pat Harrington requested an additional appropriation for operating the Drug Task Force.

Additional appropriation: $15,000

$15,000	General Operating/Misc

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the additional appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 3
General Fund 001

Tammy Patrick, on behalf of Superior Court 3, requested a reduction of appropriation due to the transfer of the FOCUS program from the court to Juvenile Alternatives. FOCUS is the acronym for Families of Children Under Supervision, a program started by the juvenile court.

Reduction of Appropriation: $29,083

$25,422	Salaries & Wages/Full-Time
$1,945	Social Security
$1,716	Retirement

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the reduction of appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

JUVENILE ALTERATIVES
General Fund 001

Director Tammy Patrick requested an additional appropriation for the transfer of the FOCUS position from Superior Court 3 to Juvenile Alternatives.

Additional Appropriation: $29,083

$25,422	Salaries & Wages/Full-Time
$1,945	Social Security
$1,716	Retirement

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

FOCUS Program Fund 154

Director Tammy Patrick requested an additional appropriation to support the FOCUS program under Juvenile Alternatives. It was noted that this program generates revenue through a user fee ordered by the court.

Additional Appropriation: $2,000

$250	Office Expense/Office Supplies
$250	Departmental/Food
$1,500	Administrative/Other Prof Svs

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

JAG-Tobacco Free Partnership Fund 542

Director Patrick requested an additional appropriation for supplies and equipment to support the smoking cessation program.

Additional Appropriation: $4,229

$2,525	Departmental/Educational Supplies
$1,704	Departmental/Misc

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Master Tobacco Settlement Fund 762

Health Department Administrator Ron Cripe requested approval for a transfer for additional travel and training expenses for H1N1. These funds will be reimbursed by the state.

Additional Appropriation: $800

$800	Equipment/Misc to Travel/Training

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the transfer as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness Fund 476

A transfer was requested to purchase materials for a medical exercise.

Transfer: $2,000

$2,000	Full-Time Employee to Equipment/Emergency

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the transfer as presented, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

WIC
WIC "B" Fund 881

WIC Director Colleen Batt requested and an additional appropriation for grant funds received for WIC for the breastfeeding program.

Additional Appropriation: $614,756

$7,400	Salaries & Wages/Full-Time
$21,340	General Operating/Misc
$293,000	Office Expense/Office Supplies
$293,016	Departmental/Educational

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the additional appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

WIC Peer Counsel Fund 882

The transfer is requested in an effort to expend all breastfeeding grants funds.

Transfer: $10,963

$5,000	General Operating/Misc to Salaries & Wages/Full-Time
$3,675	Contracts/Misc to Salaries & Wages to Full-Time
$630	Contracts/Misc to Salaries & Wages/Social Security
$570	Contracts/Misc to Salaries & Wages/Retirement
$1,013	Contracts/Misc to Salaries & Wages/Health
$44	Contracts/Misc to Salaries & Wages/LTD
$31	Contracts/Misc to Salaries & Wages/Life

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the transfer as presented, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-22-CL; Transferring remaining Family and Children's Fund and Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund Balance from the Levy Fund to County Rainy Day Fund

Auditor Weston reported that 2009 legislation required a county's excess balance in the Welfare/Family and Children Fund and the Children's Residential Psychiatric Treatment Services Fund be deposited into

a Levy Excess Fund; however, in the most recent special legislative session, counties were given authority to transfer those balances from the Levy Excess Fund to the Rainy Day Fund through the adoption of a resolution, such as the one presented. Included with the resolution was acknowledgement of the fund balances by DCS Director Angela Smith Grossman and Auditor Jennifer Weston.

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve Resolution 2009-22-CL as presented, second by councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Rainy Day Fund 098

Auditor Weston reported any additional claims received after the transfer of Family and Children and Children's Residential Psychiatric Treatment Services funds become the responsibility of the county. She suggested appropriating an amount in order for the Auditor's office to expedite payment or waiting until such time that a claim is submitted to appropriate funds.

Additional Appropriation: $50,000

$50,000	General Operating/Misc

No motion made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murtaugh stated the jail bump-out bids are in; Phase I bids were opened last week and will be awarded later today. Bids received were 2% higher than expected, but within the 5% contingency. Bids for Phase II will be opened on Friday, August 21, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Wright – stated he has reviewed the 2009 budget and has also reviewed the proposed 2010 budget. He said there are many legal options for the council to increase the property tax rate, county employee salaries, and the budget by 5.3%. He recommended the council consider the economy when reviewing the budget and raises for county employees. He questioned the budget for the county parking garage; he added the large amounts in the budget for travel and training in each department suggest the county has the best trained employees.

Councilmember Kemper stated the council has not yet held budget hearings and is not assuming a raise for county employees. He added the budget needs to be cut significantly in order to be approved by the state. Councilmember Kemper suggested the council may have to consider cutting positions to decrease the budget.

Councilmember Basham stated Mr. Wright should rest assure the council will consider all his concerns and the economy will be considered when setting the 2010 budget.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to adjourn.

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Attest:
Jennifer Weston, Auditor

Kathy Vernon