

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING – TIPPECANOE ROOM  
TUESDAY, July 14, 2015  
8:30 A.M.**

The Tippecanoe County Council met Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building. Council members present were: President David R. Williams, Vice-President John R. Basham II, Bryan E. Metzger, Sally J. Siegrist, Kevin L. Underwood, and Roland K. Winger. Others present were: Auditor Bob Plantenga, Attorney Doug Masson, and Recording Secretary Michelle Richardson. Councilmember Kathy Vernon was absent.

***PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE***

President Williams called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Bob Plantenga***

Auditor Plantenga reviewed the General Fund and COIT Fund Financial Statement for June, 2015 stating the beginning Cash Balance for the General Fund is \$9,564,171.62. With 2015 Projected Miscellaneous Revenue, Property Taxes, and the Circuit Breaker Estimate, funds available total \$40,885,204.62. Deducting encumbrances, the approved budget, and the minimum balance, the beginning net balance is \$1,327,809.62. The appropriations for this year total \$88,197.00 and miscellaneous expenditures of \$1,676.32; the amount available for appropriation in the General Fund is \$1,237,936.30. The COIT Fund beginning cash balance was \$2,293,808.98. Adding the Miscellaneous Revenue, deducting the encumbrances and the budget; the total balance available for appropriation in the COIT Fund is \$453,847.98. The two funds together equal \$1,691,784.28 available for appropriation.

<b>Financial Statement Through June 30, 2015</b>				
		General Fund	COIT Fund	Combined Funds
Cash Balance (01/01/2015)		\$9,564,171.62	\$2,293,808.98	\$11,857,980.60
DLGF Approved 2015 Projected Miscellaneous Revenue		\$10,157,505.00	\$8,397,574.00	\$18,555,079.00
Property Tax Approved Abstract (99%)		\$21,935,914.00	\$0.00	\$21,935,914.00
Less: Abstract Circuit Breaker Credit Estimate		\$772,386.00	\$0.00	\$772,386.00
<b>Total Funds Available</b>		<b>\$40,885,204.62</b>	<b>\$10,691,382.98</b>	<b>\$51,576,587.60</b>
Less: 2015 Encumbrances		\$895,474.00	\$49,454.00	\$944,928.00
Less: DLGF Approved 2015 Budget		\$32,661,921.00	\$8,688,081.00	\$41,350,002.00
Less: Council Approved Minimum Balance (Res 2013-24-C1)		\$6,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$7,500,000.00
<b>Beginning Net Balance</b>		<b>\$1,327,809.62</b>	<b>\$453,847.98</b>	<b>\$1,781,657.60</b>
<b>Additional Appropriations</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Granted</b>
January	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
February	\$28,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
March	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
April	\$39,871	\$39,871	\$0	\$39,871
May	\$10,911	\$3,868	\$0	\$3,868
June	\$958	\$958	\$0	\$958
July	\$105,500			\$0
August				\$0
September				\$0
October				\$0
November				\$0
December				\$0
<b>Total Additional Appropriations</b>	<b>\$225,740</b>	<b>\$88,197</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$88,197</b>
<b>Budget Reductions</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Gen Fund Granted</b>	<b>COIT Fund Granted</b>	<b>Total Granted</b>
June	\$33,322	\$0	\$0	\$0
Year to Date	\$33,322	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Miscellaneous Expenditures (year to date total)</b>		<b>\$1,676.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,676.32</b>
<b>Available for Appropriation</b>		<b>\$1,237,936.30</b>	<b>\$453,847.98</b>	<b>\$1,691,784.28</b>

Auditor Plantenga continued, saying June was a good revenue month with property taxes distributed. The General Fund Property Taxes has 55.28% of the budget estimate; almost \$12 million was deposited in the month of June. Excise Tax is over 50% at \$804,192.81 remaining and \$917,307.19 received in June. CVET – Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax on semis was distributed and Financial Institutions received \$80,198.49 for the month of June. Total taxes are at 55.10%, 50% into the year. The General Fund total is at 53% and the COIT total is at 47.99%.

Referring to the handout for Court Services Revenue and Expenditures, Auditor Plantenga said there have been changes and the Cash Balance has gone down, the revenue for July is also anticipated to go down.

Councilmember Winger said since this budget year is the first time the revenue estimate was paired back to reflect past history, and knowing it is at 55% of total budgeted on Property Tax after the first draw, it would seem like it wasn't paired back too far. Auditor Plantenga said the revenue estimate wasn't necessarily pulled back, the budget was greater than the revenue estimate overall. The State will not allow the collection of property taxes to be more than the levy.

President Williams said Judge Graham's appropriation request will be heard next to accommodate her schedule.

***SUPERIOR COURT III – Judge Graham***  
**General Fund 001**

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation request of \$100,000 in expenses for Pauper Attorneys for Superior Court III, second by Councilmember Underwood.

Judge Graham said she requested \$180,000 which was the original budgeted amount. The funds are for the Superior III Courtroom and the Juvenile Magistrate who handles CHIN cases. Pauper Counsel funds are being spent at a rapid rate, partially due to an increase in case load. In 2014, there were 336 CHIN cases filed; currently there are over 150. The expectation is the number will reach 400 in 2015. In addition, there were 53 Termination of Parental Rights trials in 2014; currently there are nearly 50. The Termination of Parental Rights trials take the most time and have the highest minutes. There is also a statutory right to the appointment of counsel regardless of indigency. In addition, the case laws evolving on the CHIN side are much like they did with the contempt of court for nonpayment of support – Pauper Counsel must be appointed if the person is indigent. Unfortunately, poverty is an underlying issue in most of the CHIN cases. Judge Graham said she currently has approximately \$21,500 waiting to be paid, the \$180,000 budget was spent in half a year and she estimates it will take at least \$180,000 to get through the rest of the year.

Councilmember Metzger said he and President Williams discussed the issue with Judge Graham at the Department Head meeting and decided it was best to request \$100,000 now and return later in the year with a projection for the rest of the year.

Judge Graham said the reason why funds were split between the Juvenile Magistrate and Superior Court III was due to a misunderstanding about Pauper Counsel money being reimbursable under the Cooperative Agreement. They are not reimbursable under the IV-D Cooperative Agreement; however, Public Defender Amy Hutchison has now included CHIN and Termination cases in the Public Defender reimbursement – 40% of the money is reimbursed to the County through the Public Defender's office.

Judge Graham said a CHIN case has multiple stages – an initial hearing, a detention hearing and initial hearing of fact finding, a review hearing, and a permanency hearing. If the person is indigent; they qualify for the appointment of Pauper Counsel. If the CHIN case goes badly and a Termination of Parental Rights case starts, that is the statutory right to the appointment of Counsel, regardless of indigency.

Judge Graham said for the 2016 budget, she doubled the request to \$360,000 as she does not see the case load decreasing.

**Appropriation \$100,000**

\$ 100,000 Court Expenses/Pauper Attorney

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for Superior Court III.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Jennifer Weston**

Treasurer Weston reported on the bank accounts through June, 2015 noting Lafayette Bank and Trust dropped from \$148,532,711.00 to \$66,229,741.65 with the distribution of property taxes. The average interest rate and weighted average rate are unchanged from May at 0.33% and 0.34% respectively. The Morgan Stanley and First Empire accounts have approximately \$23 million in investments; about \$8.2 million was new at the beginning of the year. With semi-annual interest distribution, the interest will be visible the second half of 2015.

		Interest Rate Weighted Average	
<b>June 2015</b>			
	<u>Account Balance</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Interest</u>
<b><u>Chase Bank</u></b>			
Property Tax	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
Chase Total	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b><u>Lafayette Bank &amp; Trust</u></b>			
Savings	\$47,577,836.34	0.35%	\$26,757.91
Primary/sweep	\$4,592,823.05	0.30%	\$1,074.05
Flex Benefits	\$81,331.91	0.00%	\$0.00
Claims/sweep	\$4,632,616.91	0.30%	\$2,035.21
Cary Home	\$427.65	0.35%	\$0.12
Cumulative Bridge	\$2,649,389.37	0.35%	\$445.05
Local Road & Street	\$398,069.12	0.35%	\$110.93
Drain Maintenance	\$1,287,884.68	0.35%	\$387.41
Gen Drain Main	\$1,187,183.43	0.35%	\$222.32
Hwy Escrow	\$55,151.96	0.35%	\$14.14
MVH	\$2,113,155.63	0.35%	\$610.57
E-Check	\$12,321.28	0.35%	\$36.90
Law Enforcement Warrant	\$1,641,550.32	0.19%	\$473.79
Lafayette Bank & Trust Total	\$66,229,741.65		\$32,168.40
<i>Note: Claims Balance does not include Outstanding checks</i>			
Average Interest Rate		0.33%	
This Month (Weighted Average Rate)	\$66,229,741.65	0.34%	
Last Month (Weighted Average Rate)	\$148,532,711.00	0.34%	
<b><u>Morgan Stanley</u></b>			
EDIT Landfill	\$4,725,187.08	n/a	\$1,514.15
High Balance	\$14,577,624.21	n/a	\$5,775.42
Morgan Stanley Total	\$19,302,811.29		\$7,289.57
<b><u>First Empire</u></b>			
High Balance	\$3,864,745.66	n/a	\$2,812.00
First Empire Total	\$3,864,745.66		\$2,812.00
<b>Total Month-End Interest</b>			<b>\$42,269.97</b>

Treasurer Weston reported the distribution of \$42,270.09 through June with \$21,452.35 for the General Fund. 50% of the year has lapsed with 58.8% of forecasted budget interest collected – \$16,738.58 higher than the budget indicated.

## 2015 Tippecanoe County Treasurer Interest Summary

Fund Name	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
001 General Fund	15,230.87	10,878.84	14,996.92	13,026.19	36,003.41	21,452.35	111,588.58
010 Cumulative Capital Development	844.26	607.89	781.56	416.67	502.22	1,308.95	4,461.55
* 011 Cumulative Bridge	743.87	614.37	565.29	513.61	472.83	445.05	3,355.02
014 Title IV-D Incentive	0.00	30.55	37.72	24.91	30.05	54.95	178.18
* 101 Highway	521.07	456.43	508.33	517.76	587.55	610.57	3,201.71
* 102 Local Road & Street	138.53	113.12	125.28	116.85	123.77	110.93	728.48
* 104 Highway Escrow	14.53	13.13	14.54	14.08	14.55	14.14	84.97
* 126 Naturalist Program Gift	0.00	33.81	44.97	25.08	31.40	59.88	195.14
162 IV-D 1099 Child Support	0.00	10.11	11.92	10.53	12.12	21.07	65.75
172 ID Security Protection	68.23	45.44	60.71	30.64	38.64	74.19	317.85
191 County 911	866.91	666.45	924.86	533.27	662.42	1,317.84	4,971.75
241 F-Lake Detention	56.20	41.37	55.02	30.69	38.42	73.26	294.96
* 242 Drain Maintenance	432.54	389.73	431.05	399.06	407.15	387.41	2,446.94
* 243 General Drain Improvements	283.56	256.25	283.63	268.81	255.63	222.32	1,570.20
247 Phase II Stormwater	717.97	527.64	692.90	388.39	483.58	913.70	3,724.18
248 Berlovitz Detention	2.60	1.88	2.01	1.12	1.41	2.68	11.70
256 IV-D Prosecutor Incentive	0.00	49.73	64.19	41.75	50.71	93.69	300.07
263 Federal Drug Forfeitures	23.99	17.66	22.32	5.86	0.53	1.02	71.38
266 Law Enforcement Warrant	434.04	392.08	434.14	420.19	434.25	473.79	2,588.49
280 Reassessment 2017	59.44	29.80	33.24	13.74	12.83	120.95	270.00
301 EDIT	6,502.33	4,458.22	6,072.33	3,452.74	4,362.24	8,539.83	33,387.69
305 Southeast Industrial TIF	450.51	312.61	408.67	213.37	266.70	921.77	2,573.63
310 Self Insurance / Insurance	151.81	88.67	116.82	85.99	132.61	120.95	696.85
311 Self Insurance / Public Officials	107.68	78.38	103.60	56.83	70.01	132.60	549.10
312 Self Insurance / Commissioners	74.28	53.90	71.51	39.88	49.93	95.21	384.71
313 Self Insurance / Highway	58.15	43.20	58.55	31.84	39.49	76.07	307.30
314 Self Insurance / Sheriff	186.13	131.82	174.97	97.58	121.61	230.55	942.66
* 320 EDIT Landfill	0.00	0.00	4,058.32	9.12	2,495.42	1,514.15	8,077.01
322 Parking Garage Maintenance	134.62	99.67	133.69	74.70	94.65	182.81	720.14
333 Wabash River Hydrology	3.31	2.43	3.24	1.81	2.26	4.31	17.36
480 Battle Ground Fence	9.12	6.71	8.93	4.98	6.23	11.88	47.85
481 Capital Park	12.77	9.40	12.50	6.97	8.73	16.65	67.02
708 Innkeepers	433.04	344.92	509.45	273.23	200.63	460.70	2,221.97
709 J&C Highway Escrow	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.24
743 Congressional School Interest	17.79	13.09	17.41	9.70	12.15	23.16	93.30
* 750 Frances Powers Trust	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.74
780 Project (Revolving)	843.50	1,205.12	1,595.97	887.34	1,000.76	1,889.82	7,422.51
835 Great Lakes	222.98	164.13	218.29	121.75	152.43	290.65	1,170.23
Total	29,646.76	22,188.66	33,655.10	22,167.15	49,179.45	42,270.09	199,107.21

\* Fund has its own bank account which retains the interest earned

## 2015 Tippecanoe County Treasurer Interest Summary

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Average Interest Rate	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%
Weighted Avg Interest Rate	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.34%	0.34%	0.33%
Current Year Actual - Total	29,646.76	22,188.66	33,655.10	22,167.15	49,179.45	42,270.09	199,107.21
Last Year Actual - Total	25,397.69	26,341.67	30,222.22	24,097.75	59,408.18	53,692.39	443,769.26
Change from Last Year	4,249.07	(4,153.01)	3,432.88	(1,930.60)	(10,228.73)	(11,422.30)	
Current Year Actual - General Fund	15,230.87	10,878.84	14,996.92	13,026.19	36,003.41	21,452.35	111,588.58
Last Year Actual - General Fund	13,549.62	11,150.58	12,407.19	14,125.72	41,732.45	26,184.76	237,212.46
Change from Last Year	1,681.25	(271.74)	2,589.73	(1,099.53)	(5,729.04)	(4,732.41)	
General Fund Monthly Budget Allocation	15,808.33	15,808.33	15,808.33	15,808.33	15,808.33	15,808.33	
General Fund Over/(Under) Budget	(577.46)	(4,929.49)	(811.41)	(2,782.14)	20,195.08	5,644.02	16,738.58
% of Year Lapsed	8.3%	16.7%	25.0%	33.3%	41.7%	50.0%	
% of Forecasted Budget	8.0%	13.8%	21.7%	28.5%	47.5%	58.8%	

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items) - none****CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – June 9, 2015

Commissioners –General Fund 001 Transfer	\$	1,890	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Administrative / Other
Professional Service	\$	144	Social Security / Social Security to Administrative / Other Professional Service
	\$	212	Retirement / PERF to Administrative / Other Professional Service
Circuit Court – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$	300	Court Expenses / Pauper Attorney to Office Expense / Office Supplies
	\$	200	Court Expenses / Law Book Subscriptions to Administrative / Other Professional Service
Clerk – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$	25,000	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Salaries & Wages / Part Time
Juvenile Alternatives DOC JDAI '15Grant Fund 210 Transfer	\$	945	Contracts / Miscellaneous to Departmental / Miscellaneous
Health – Local Health Dept. Trust B Fund 766 Transfer	\$	1,393	Salaries & Wages / Part Time – Other to Utilities / Miscellaneous
	\$	107	Social Security / Social Security to Utilities / Miscellaneous
Community Corrections – DOC Adult Grant "A" Fund 217 Transfer	\$	163	Utilities / Miscellaneous to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	44	Contracts / Miscellaneous to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	784	Departmental / Uniforms & Clothing to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	9,700	Departmental / Miscellaneous to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	22	General Operating / Postage to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	310	General Operating / Miscellaneous to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	58	Training Costs / Travel & Training to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	92	Office Expense / Office Supplies to

	\$	378	General Operating / Equipment Lease Office Expense / Operating to
	\$	2,698	General Operating / Equipment Lease Maintenance / Cleaning Supplies to
	\$	137	General Operating / Equipment Lease Office Expense / Operating to
	\$	4,525	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee Garage / Maintenance to
	\$	1,761	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee Maintenance / Preventative to
	\$	2,060	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee Office Expense / Office Supplies to
	\$	1,714	Salaries & Wages / Appointed Official Office Expense / Office Supplies to
	\$	330	Salaries & Wages / Part Time Office Expense / Office Supplies to
	\$	30	Social Security / Social Security Office Expense / Office Supplies to
	\$	88	Retirement / PERF Office Expense / Office Supplies to
	\$	112	Insurance Benefit / Long Term Disability Office Expense / Office Supplies to
			Insurance Benefit / Life
Community Corrections – Comm Transition “A” Fund 219			
Transfer	\$	318	Office Expense / Office Supplies to Social Security / Social Security
	\$	64	Office Expense / Office Supplies to Retirement / PERF
	\$	31	Garage / Maintenance Retirement / PERF
	\$	385	Maintenance / Cleaning Supplies to Retirement / PERF
	\$	611	Maintenance / Cleaning Supplies to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	2,500	Departmental / Food to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
	\$	2,528	Departmental / Uniforms & Clothing to Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee

- Councilmember Siegrist moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

**PROSECUTOR – Pat Harrington**

**Law Enforcement Warrant Fund 266**

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation for Warrant Fund 266 in the amount of \$75,000, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Prosecutor Harrington said \$25,000 would be paid to the Indiana Excise Police for the participation in the raid and investigation of El Rodeo. As part of the court order, they did not ask for money but have since submitted a request. The \$25,000 will purchase body armor/bullet proof vests. The actual amount needed was \$50,000.

The Prosecutor from Dearborn County in Ohio did a similar investigation three years ago and will provide \$25,000 from his Forfeiture Funds.

The remaining \$50,000 will sit in the account to pay for law enforcement needs as they arise throughout the remainder of the year.

**Appropriation \$75,000**

\$ 75,000      General Operating / General Operating-Misc.

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the \$75,000 appropriation for the Prosecutor.

**Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 260**

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation request for Fund 260 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Prosecutor Harrington said Fund 260 is a non-General Fund that allows for part time wages per statute. He has needed to hire additional part time employees to cover the influx of reports from law enforcement. The numbers are staggering with a record number of 16,756 law enforcement case numbers pulled this year. 90% of the cases go to the Prosecutors office for review and filing of criminal charges. Currently he is staffing with part time employees; however, if the trend continues, next year he will ask for additional full time employees. As of today, Lafayette Police Department has received over 168,000 public telephone calls this year; 53,000 of those required a 911 response by law enforcement. The more police reports, the more cases go to the Prosecutor's office.

**Appropriation \$21,530**

\$ 20,000      Salaries & Wages / Part Time  
\$ 1,530      Social Security / Social Security

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for Fund 260.

*CLERK – Christa Coffey*

**Clerks Record Perpetuation Fund 160**

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation for Record Perpetuation Fund 160 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Clerk Coffey stated the request is an additional appropriation from Record Perpetuation Fund 160 to help the Clerk's office prepare for the transition to Odyssey this year and e-filing in 2016.

**Appropriation \$15,000**

\$ 15,000      Office Expense / Office Supplies

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for Fund 160.

**Election/Voter Registration – Christa Coffey, Jared Bond & Brian Mangus**

**General Fund 001**

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$5,500 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Clerk Coffey requested \$5,500 from the General Fund, stating that \$15,000 was budgeted for machine equipment; however, the estimate from the vendor is closer to \$19,000. Also, additional funds would be needed for equipment repairs, if applicable.

Councilmember Winger said \$37,000 was budgeted in 2014 for the Hardware Maintenance line item. In mid-year 2014, only \$2,500 had been spent. Clerk Coffey said there was not a lot of equipment maintenance last year knowing 2015 would be a municipal year where all the equipment is not used. For the Primary, only 100 of the 300 machines were taken out; slightly more will be used for the General Election. All equipment will be used in 2016 for the Presidential cycle. The appropriation will cover the maintenance for all the voting equipment.

**Appropriation \$5,500**

\$	5,500	Contracts / Hardware Maintenance
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- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the \$5,500 appropriation for the Clerk.

***CASA – Coleen Connor*****GAL CASA Grant Fund 501**

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for CASA Grant Fund 501 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham.

CASA Director Connor said the request is the additional funding from the State budget money received every year. The appropriation will carry them through the end of the year.

**Grant Appropriation \$21,105**

\$	15,816	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
\$	1,115	Social Security / Social Security
\$	1,374	Retirement / PERF
\$	1,000	Office Expense / Office Supplies
\$	1,000	Departmental / Miscellaneous
\$	800	General Operating / Mileage Reimbursement

- All Councilmembers voted in favor of the grant appropriation for CASA Fund 501; motion carried.

***WIC – Alicia Keen*****WIC NSA Grant “B” Fund 881**

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve Grant Fund B 881 for WIC as presented, second by Councilmember Basham.

WIC Director Keen said after the 2015 budget was approved, the previous Director noticed a full time position was omitted. Following some modifications to the budget, the State approved an additional amount of \$9,883.

There have been staffing changes after the approval and Director Keen said she no longer requires all the money to go into personnel. She is requesting some of the money to go into other accounts; approved by the State Finance team.

**Grant Appropriation \$9,883**

\$	3,500	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
\$	3,083	Departmental / Medical
\$	200	Training Costs / Travel & Training
\$	500	Buildings / Building Lease
\$	2,500	Utilities / Miscellaneous
\$	100	Insurance Benefit / Long Term Disability

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the grant appropriation for WIC Fund 881.

***JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES – Rebecca Humphrey***

**DMC ICJI Grant Fund 146**

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the request from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Grant Fund 146 for Juvenile Alternatives in the amount of \$47,490 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham.

In the absence of Director Humphrey, Councilmember Metzger said the grant is funding from the State.

**Grant Appropriation \$47,490**

\$	19,490	Contracts / Miscellaneous
\$	28,000	Equipment / Data Processing-Software

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the grant appropriation for Juvenile Alternatives in the amount of \$47,490.

***HIGHWAY - Opal Kuhl***

**Revolving Highway Fund 780**

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation for Revolving Highway Fund 780 for GE Incentive and Road Improvement in the amount of \$1,000,000, second by Councilmember Underwood.

Highway Director Kuhl said the appropriation covers two items: 1) the GE Incentive which is part of the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed over a year ago for the GE project. It's \$500,000 per year for three years to help with development of the GE site and facilities. 2) the remaining \$500,000 is part of the second amendment to the Joint Economic Development Agreement in the Southeast Industrial TIF District. Each year, Highway has a list of TIF projects to complete each year; this year is replacement of two culverts.

**Appropriation \$1,000,000**

\$	1,000,000	Roads / Infrastructure-Paving
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- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the \$1,000,000 appropriation for Highway.

**HEALTH – Craig Rich**  
**Local Health Trust “B” Fund 766**

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve Local Health Trust “B” Fund 766 grant appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Metzger.

Health Director Rich said the request is for carryover money from the Trust “B” account. The money is for the return of the Irish interns; new software for the food division; and new billing (Upps) software for insurance/billing.

**Grant Appropriation \$28,558**

\$	7,200	Utilities / Internet Access
\$	4,800	Contracts / Consultant
\$	9,558	Equipment / Data Processing Equipment
\$	7,000	Equipment / Miscellaneous

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the grant appropriation for Fund 766.

**2015 Salary Statement – Health**

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the 2015 Salary Statement for a part time nurse for the Health Department as presented, second by Councilmember Basham.

Director Rich said when the part time nurse was hired he used the 2014 Pay Chart in error which allowed up to \$20.00 per hour. The 2015 Pay Chart rate was lowered to \$18.00 per hour. He contacted the State and there is no objection as long as the money is budgeted. Director Rich said the part time nurse Jeanette Balaz has her degree and is doing a fabulous job. He requested the increase be retroactive to June 23, 2015.

**2015 Salary Statement**

Up To \$20 Part Time Nurse (Rate Increase)

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the 2015 Salary Statement for the Health Department.

**TC SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – Thomas Murtaugh**  
**TCSWMD Operations Fund 730**

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation for Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Management District Fund 730 to add budget to meet projected shortfall due to increased recycling services provided by Heritage Environmental and Safety-Kleen and also add budget to miscellaneous contracts allowing early payoff of the Transfer Station Building Fee as presented, second by Councilmember Metzger.

Commissioner Murtaugh said the Solid Waste District met recently and put together the 2016 budget. One of issues is the increase in the collection of hazardous waste, which is a good issue to have as it keeps it out of the fields and waterways. The increase in collection causes a shortage of funds so the request is for an additional \$20,000 to cover the shortfall. When the new facility was built, Tippecanoe County partnered with South Side who provided a ten year, 0% interest loan for the Hazardous Waste Collection site. Payments have been made

on the loan and the Board proposed to pay off the loan and use those funds to apply to the hazardous waste collections. The second appropriation request of \$67,672 will pay off the debt; leaving the District debt free and balancing the 2016 budget.

**Appropriation \$87,672**

\$ 20,000	Contracts / Contractual Services
\$ 67,672	Contracts / Miscellaneous

***2015 SALARY STATEMENT – ASSESSOR***

- Councilmember Siegrist moved to approve the 2015 Salary Statement for the Assessor’s Office for a new position of Project Manager, second by Councilmember Winger.

The new position for Project Manager was presented to the Council at the June meeting.

**Salary Statement \$46,136**

\$ 46,136	Project Manager (New Position)
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- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the 2015 Salary Statement for the Assessor.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

- Councilmember Basham provided an update of the Romney Regional Sewer District. They have two grants – State Revolving Fund and Rural Development, drawings have been submitted and approved by the State Revolving Fund. Rural Development wants to set a grinding pump at each of the 130 homes. The grinding pump requires electricity and reduces the pipe size to 2”.
- Councilmember Siegrist reported on the Warrant Amnesty Program, saying it was heartening to see the judges and law enforcement work together so well to bring the project to fruition. Initially, it was reported that 71 warrants cleared, that number was reduced to 66. One person came in who had no warrants and four others were not processed. The cost was around \$3,700 and the savings in man hours and time to locate the people has not been calculated but is estimated to be up to \$60,000 of potential savings.
- Auditor Plantenga reported all budgets for 2016 have now been turned in. As a comparison, 2015 Revenue for the General Fund and COIT combined was about \$40.3 million; the approved budget was \$41.3 million. For 2016, the Revenue estimates are almost \$40.9 million; a 1.43% increase. The budget requests for the General Fund and COIT are about \$44.3 million; a 7.1% increase. In 2015, about \$1 million above for budgets compared to revenue; currently we are at \$3.4 million for the budgets above the revenue. To get to the \$1 million difference, \$2.3 to \$2.4 million would need cut. There are revenue challenges and legislative changes that haven’t been experienced before.

Auditor Plantenga said budgets for the specific departments Council members represent were emailed; please let him know if you did not receive. A PDF of all the budgets and also the actual expenditures for the last two years plus the expenditures for the first six months of 2015 should be available (in Excel format) to email soon. The budget hearings will begin following the September 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and continue on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS** - none

**COMMISSIONER FYI**

**Amendment To & Renewal of Operating Agreement Tippecanoe County & South Side Landfill, Inc. Addendum to Lease**

Commissioner Murtaugh said in addition to the Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Management District he previously addressed, there is a Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Advisory Commission which is made up of Lafayette, West Lafayette, County, Councilmember Basham, and Purdue University. The Advisory Commission is the group to enter into the contract for the lease for the South Side Landfill location. By coincidence, the Hazardous Waste Collection site is there. The Amendment and Addendum deals with the lease and the extension of the lease which was heard by the Commissioners at their last meeting. The Addendum extends the current lease period to December 31, 2025.

Commissioner Murtaugh said last year, the County owned building on the site was damaged by fire. The insurance of South Side covered the fire losses. South Side paid for additional repairs at a cost of \$136,500 which included repairs to the roof, residing the entire building, and adding huge new doors. In return, the County extended the lease by five years.

Attorney Masson said because it involves the lease of County property, Council needs to approve the agreement by authorizing the President to sign the Amendment to the Operating Agreement and the Addendum to the Lease.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve authorization by the Council President to sign the Operating Agreement and Addendum between Tippecanoe County and South Side Landfill, second by Councilmember Metzger; motion carried.

Commissioner Murtaugh reminded everyone the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair starts this Saturday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

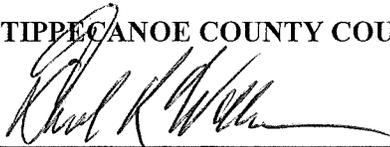
**Michael C. Morris** – 902 S 11<sup>th</sup> St., Lafayette and **Lynn A. Fisher** – 310 Castlewood Ct., Lafayette: Mr. Morris said he is present representing *Lafayette Citizens in Action* to talk about the Regional Cities Initiative, Regional Development Authority (RDA) and urges the Council to NOT adopt a resolution to create a joint or regional development authority. They are opposed based upon the July 25, 2015 statute updates. “It is a long term commitment with short term funding; the RDA has authority of eminent domain; they are appointed and not easily removed from the Board; transfer of funds does not require physical body appropriation; the State can change the rules any time; and once you’re in, leaving is not easy”. “This is all spelled out in IC 36-7.6. Most importantly, it assumes authority that should solely be left in the hands of elected officials who are directly accountable to taxpayers”. He urges all Councilmembers to do in-depth research, realizing that many people think it is a great idea; however, the Lafayette Citizens in Action group does not. He provided a set of talking points to the Council.

President Williams said the set of talking points would be added to the Councilmember packets.

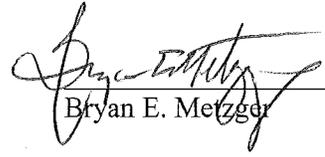
As there were no other Public Comments, Councilmember Siegrist moved to adjourn.

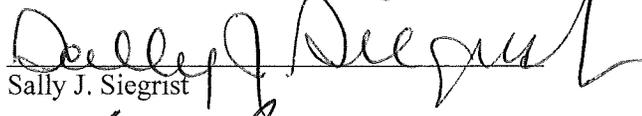
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

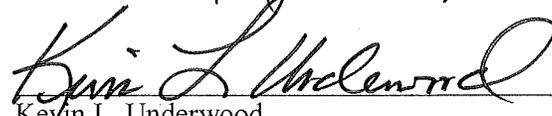
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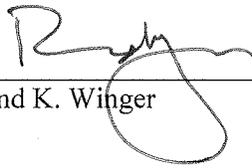
  
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Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 8/11/2015

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