TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2008 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President Kevin Underwood, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Betty J. Michael, Kathy Vernon, David S. Byers, and Andrew S. Gutwein. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve minutes from the June 10, 2008 meeting, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

AUDITOR – Jennifer Weston

Beginning Net Balance	$1,659,421.22
Total Additional Appropriations	$ 971,104.00
Total Budget Reductions	$ 70,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures to date	$- 7,770.79
Uncommitted Funds	**$ 750,546.43**

Auditor Weston stated today's request for consideration are for $79,250 and reductions of $67,250 mostly from funds transferring from Township Assessors to the County Assessor.

TREASURER – Robert Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga reported the average interest rate is down to 2% for May. He reported 14 Certificates of Deposit were purchased from 6 different banks in the community with an interest rate as high as 3.85%. With a change in collection agencies, personal property collections have increased substantially.

SUPERIOR COURT 3

Sup 3 CIP Training Fund 637

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval for an additional appropriation for Superior Court 3 to attend the Court Improvement Program Training in South Africa.

Additional Appropriation: $4,900
$4,900 Training Costs/Conference Registration

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

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Amy Hutchison

Public Defender Amy Hutchison requested approval for a salary statement for Part-Time Secretaries to be paid up to $12.00 per/hr.

Salary Statement: up to $12.00 per/hr

Up to $12.00 per/hr	Part-Time Secretary

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

SUPERIOR COURT 5

Salary Statement: up to $15.00 per/hr

Up to $15.00 per/hr	Court Reporter

Councilmember Kemper questioned the amount written on the salary statement. The request is for up to $15 per/hr but $12 is written on the form as well.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to table the request, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to bring the request to the table, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

Judge Meade said he wrote $12 because that is what he intends to pay. However, he has no problem stating the recommended range of $15 per/hr.

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

COURT SERVICES

Substance Abuse Fund 575

Director Cindy Houseman requested a transfer for Contracts/Legal Services.

Additional Appropriation: $4,000

$4,000	Equip/Capital Outlay to Contracts/Legal Svs.

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

Drug Court Grant Fund 551

Additional Appropriation: $2,370

$2,270	General Operating/Drug & Alcohol Test
$100	Office/Operating

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

Court Services Donation Fund 113

Additional Appropriation: $420

$420	Contracts/Contracts-Educator

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

PROSECUTOR – Pat Harrington

Prosecutor Pat Harrington requested approval of a salary statement to hire prospective attorneys in the Prosecutor's office. Attorneys will be paid $25 per/hr until they have passed the bar exam.

Salary Statement: up to $25.00 per/hr

Up to $25.00 per/hr	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Pat Scowden

Director Pat Scowden requested approval for the Community Corrections 2008/2009 budget as set by the state. The budget for $2,524,420 represents a 4% increase.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the 2008/2009 Community Corrections budget as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

Director Scowden also recommended approval of salary statements for 2008/2009 for Community Corrections. Salaries will be paid from Project Income in the amount of $1,304,317.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the salary statements as requested, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

CORONER

Transfer: $2,153

$2,000	Autopsies to Part Time
$153	Autopsies to Social Security

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

VETERANS SERVICES – Randy Fairchild & John Knochel

General Fund 001

Commissioner John Knochel spoke regarding a new vehicle for Veterans Services. He reported Director Randy Fairchild has requested assistance from the commissioners regarding a new van for transporting veterans to area hospitals. The government has established new guidelines on the amount of mileage a transport vehicle can reach. Director Fairchild confirmed the Disabled Veteran's Chapter in Tippecanoe County has raised approximately $6,000 to assist in purchase of a new van estimated to cost approximately $15,000. He will only spend the difference between cost and what is raised by the DAV.

Additional Appropriation: $12,000
$12,000 Equipment/Vehicles

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

PARKS & RECREATION – Allen Nail

Battle Ground Fence Fund 480

Parks Director Allen Nail requested an additional appropriation for reimbursement of printed materials for the Battle Ground Fence Project.

Additional Appropriation: $200
$200 General Operating/Misc.

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

Recycled Product Purchasing Fund 270

Director Nail requested approval of the appropriation for the Parks Foundation match for recycled product plastic picnic tables. A grant was awarded previously and this is the Parks Foundation match.

Grant Appropriation: $5,299
$5,299 Equipment/Parks

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

MITS – Diane Hawkins

Director Diane Hawkins requested approval of a salary statement for a GIS Technician which changed classifications earlier in the year as recommended by Wagner, Irwin, and Scheele. The position went from an SO to a PAT III.

Salary Statement: $39,196
$39,196 GIS Technician

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the salary statement as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

COUNTY ASSESSOR – Samantha Steele

General Fund 001

Assessor Steele requested approval of reductions and appropriations to comply with HB 1001. The salaries are being reduced from township assessor budgets and transferred to the county assessor's budget.

Reduction of Appropriation: $67,250

$17,348	Chief Deputy (Wabash)
$13,873	Full-Time
$978	Part-Time Other
$2,660	Social Security
$1,901	Retirement
$17,348	Chief Deputy (Wea)
$9,136	Part-Time Regular
$672	Part-Time Regular
$2,331	Social Security
$1,003	Retirement

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the reduction of appropriation from Fund 001 as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

Reassessment Fund 281

Reduction of Appropriation: $12,772

$11,157	Full Time
$890	Social Security
$725	Retirement

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the reduction of appropriation as presented from Fund 281, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

Sales Disclosure Fund 285

Reduction of Appropriation: $9,951

$9,244	Part-Time Other
$707	Social Security

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the reduction of appropriation as presented from Fund 285, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

General Fund 001

Additional Appropriation: $67,250

$17,348	Full-Time
$13,873	Full-Time
$978	Part-Time Other
$2,660	Social Security
$1,901	Retirement
$17,348	Full-Time
$9,136	Part-Time Regular
$672	Part-Time Other
$2,331	Social Security
$1,003	Retirement

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the additional appropriation from Fund 001 as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

Reassessment Fund 281

Additional Appropriation: $12,772

$11,157	Full Time
$890	Social Security
$725	Retirement

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the additional appropriation from Fund 281 as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

Sales Disclosure Fund 285

Additional Appropriation: $9,951

$9,244	Part-Time Other
$707	Social Security

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the additional appropriation from Fund 285 as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

CARY HOME – Rebecca Humphrey

General Fund 001

Director Rebecca Humphrey requested a transfer for repair of a chiller, salad bar, and walk-in freezer at Cary Home.

Transfer: $2,000

$2,000	Appointed Official to Maintenance/Maintenance Repair

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

COMMISSIONERS – Frank Cederquist

Cumulative Capital Fund 010

Sheriff Brown requested an additional appropriation for 911 Network Software. The software which links all area police, fire, and emergency personnel needs upgrading. Three payments of $149,000 will allow the Sheriff's Department to catch-up on all license agreements to provide software assurance. At the end of three years, the Sheriff's Department and MITS may combine services to create one agreement for the county.

Additional Appropriation: $149,000

$149,000	General Operating/Software

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

DRUG FREE COALITION – Laurie Wilson

Coalition SIG Fund

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval for the Drug Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County. The funds are for the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant.

Grant Appropriation: $218,300

$72,000	Administrative/Other Prof Services
$49,500	Contracts/Consultants
$2,500	Office/Office Supplies
$8,500	Office/Printing Supplies
$1,200	Equip/Data Processing Equip/Software
$31,500	Training Costs/Travel & Training
$900	Office Equipment
$1,000	General Operating/Incentives
$1,700	Departmental/Promotional Material
$49,500	General Operating

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the grant appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

COMMUNITY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER – Laurie Wilson

Healthy Children Grant Fund 671

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested a grant appropriation for the Community & Family Resource Center. This continuation grant is from the Indiana State Comprehensive Delinquency Prevention & Systems Improvement Plan.

Grant Appropriation: $25,084

$25,084	Contracts/Management

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the grant appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE ROMNEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval for the petition to establish the Romney Regional Sewer District. With approval from the council, the town of Romney will be eligible to apply for funds from the state to establish the district. No contributions from the county are required.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve Resolution-26-CL, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

EDIT Plan Update

Resolution 2008-25-CL; Amending EDIT Plan Project #59

Attorney Dave Luhman gave details of Resolution 2008-25-CL. The resolution details Project #59; Project Safety Network which links all public safety agencies into one centralized computer system divided into two parts with one server for critical function and a backup server for other functions.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to adopt Resolution 2008-25-CL, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Humphrey reported the council will hold a public meeting on July 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tippecanoe Room to discuss the Juvenile Justice Center. Councilmember Vernon requested Director Humphrey prepare a report detailing the cost to the community to have the Juvenile Justice Center and the cost to the community if the center is not built.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- Councilmember Underwood nominated Bart Burrell to Redevelopment Commission effective July 8, 2008, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

- Councilmember Kemper nominated Councilmember Andrew Gutwein to the Redevelopment Commission effective July 8, 2008, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve Resolution 2008-28-CL; Appointing Members to the Redevelopment Commission, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Auditor Weston reported the Department of Local Government Finance has scheduled a public hearing for 2008 budgets for Tippecanoe County taxing units on July 23, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONER'S FYI

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

- Councilmember Byers moved to adjourn.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

absent
Thomas P. Murtaugh, President

Betty J. Michael

Kevin L. Underwood, Vice President

David S. Byers

Andrew S. Gutwein

Jeffrey A. Kemper

Attest: Jennifer Weston
Jennifer Weston, Auditor

absent
Kathy Vernon