***TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL***
***TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***
***JOINT MEETING***
***JULY 10, 2007***

The Tippecanoe County Council and Tippecanoe County Commissioners held a joint meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Andrew S. Gutwein, David S. Byers, Betty J. Michael, Kathy Vernon, and Kevin L. Underwood. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member Ruth E. Shedd. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Commissioner Benson called the commissioner's meeting to order.

Vice President Murtaugh called the council meeting to order.

Financial Planner Greg Guerrattaz opened the meeting by presenting a timeline of events that would need to occur in order to move forward with the county's plan for a juvenile facility and avoid missing another construction season.

**October 1, 2007** – site determined, draft legislation for operating revenue

**April 1, 2008** – design and specifications drawn

**June 1, 2008** – request bids

**August 1, 2008** – last date to adopt LOIT for taxes payable 2009

**October 1, 2008** – effective date of LOIT for taxes payable 2009

**January 1, 2009** – begin LOIT tax collection period to build working capital

**June 2010** – open facility

***PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR 2008***

Mr. Guerrattaz recommended the new Tax and Assess software for the county be funded through Reassessment rather than EDIT. He also recommended the County Assessor divide the funds between all township assessors to best utilize the funds. Mr. Guerrattaz confirmed the County Council's fiscal control over the funds and added the County Assessor has control over day to day disbursements.

Commercial and Industrial Cost Tables were discussed. Greg Guerrattaz confirmed Marion County currently has a civil lawsuit regarding residential assessments. He reported the commercial/industrial assessments were to low in Marion County and the residential assessments were too high as determined by the Department of Local Government Finance. Commissioner Benson stated the County Assessor has requested approval to purchase new cost tables to be used in trending for 2007. Mr. Guerrattaz proposed the county delay the purchase of the tables until more information is available from the State. He added State mandated changes may affect the cost tables and therefore forcing the county to purchase additional

tables. Commissioner Benson requested the County Assessor investigate these reports and also determine if the tables are specific to Tippecanoe County.

Commissioner Knochel discussed the HVAC project for 2008. This project will replace systems in the Courthouse, the 629 building, and the Jail. Commissioner Knochel noted bid specifications are due out in September and projected costs approximately $1,000,000. Mr. Guerrattaz noted that energy savings programs have not always been successful from what he has seen.

Office space was discussed. Commissioner Benson proposed adding on to the Tippecanoe County Office Building (TCOB). Councilmember Byers suggested, if a new Expo building is constructed, the Extension office could be used for other offices. Councilmember Vernon recommended a space utilization study for the TCOB to determine if additional space is needed.

Other Capital Projects

- Cary Home - kitchen updates, replace fire escape, $1.7 million girl's facility, miscellaneous renovations
- TEMA – new facility

Mr. Guerrattaz suggested keeping a close watch legislative changes and establishing a baseline for income taxes.

The next joint meeting will be held on September 11, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

Councilmember Michael move to recess until 2:00 for the council's regular meeting.

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