

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
JUNE 23, 2004**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners and Tippecanoe County Council met in a special joint meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd and Member KD Benson. Council members present were: President Kathy Vernon, Vice President Ronald L. Fruitt, Connie Basham, David S. Byers, Jeffrey Kemper, Jeffrey Kessler, and Betty J. Michael. Others present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, County Attorney David W. Luhman, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Commission Vice President John L. Knochel was absent.)

Members of the Sheriff's staff who were also present:

Sheriff William "Smokey" Anderson	Major Tracy Brown, Chief Deputy
Capt. Mark Kirby, E-911 Director	Capt. Denise Saxton, Jail Commander
Capt. Rick Walker, Operations	Janie Quinn, Bookkeeper

President Shedd called the Commissioners' meeting to order.

President Vernon called the County Council's meeting to order.

SHERIFF'S 2005 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Sheriff Anderson distributed a booklet providing 2003 statistics for the Sheriff's Department. Some of the highlights follow:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Staff*			150
Calls to 911 (38,948)		58 %	
Calls for Service	32,608	33,573	
Accident Investigations	1,496	1,796	
Civil Process	61,136	66,244	
Animal Control Complaints (1,717)		29 %	
Inmate Bookings	7,240	6,763	
Average Population	330	357	438
DOC Reimbursement (2004=Jan-Apr)**		\$676,235	\$515,410

*In the event an employee is absent, it is mandatory for other employees to fill in with the exception of a mechanic in Maintenance.

**As of 12:30 P.M. today, 119 DOC inmates, 430 total inmates. They have 553 beds.

Sheriff Anderson said housing DOC inmates is causing longer jail stays.

The Sheriff's chart showed Tippecanoe County Law Enforcement is the lowest paid compared to Lafayette, West Lafayette, and Purdue. Sheriff Anderson said they also lag behind in benefits. He expects to ask for increased salaries and benefits for 2005.

2004 BUDGET NEEDS

Sheriff Anderson thinks he will need an additional \$50,000 for Overtime and \$80,000 for Food to carry those line items until the end of the year.

Auditor Plantenga said he thinks the FEMA reimbursement for Overtime for the recent tornado and flood can be put back into the Sheriff's 2004 Overtime line item.

USED VEHICLE DISCUSSION

Councilmember Byers said other departments have asked the County to furnish vehicles and wondered if they could use some of the cars the Sheriff plans to trade-in. Sheriff Anderson responded that most of their cars have high mileage and they usually trade them for good used unmarked cars for the Civil Process Servers. Capt. Walker interjected that their cars show significant wear and tear in addition to high mileage. He said they trade them because they are "headaches". He estimated they are allowed \$1,300 to \$2,400 for a 1998 vehicle with 100,000

miles. Sheriff Anderson said they are going to try and let a Process Server reuse one of their lower mileage cars after it has been repainted from two tone to all dark brown.

E-911

Capt. Kirby said Verizon increased the monthly charge from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and reduced the contract time from 3 years to 1 year. He estimated that by 2008, E-911 will no longer be self-supporting but will have to be supplemented by the General Fund. He blamed the loss of E-911 revenue on residents who are relying solely on cell phone usage and canceling this home phone service. He said E-911 fees of \$.95 to \$1.00 maximum are set by the Legislature. Although there are other phone services, Capt. Kirby doesn't favor changing from Verizon because their service has proven to be reliable. He reported that grouping West Lafayette's Dispatchers with E-911 is working well.

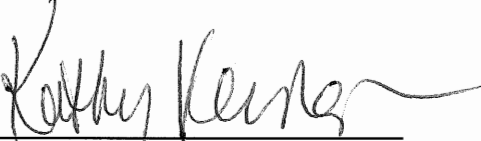
ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Benson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.


RECESSED

- Councilmember Kessler moved to recess at 2:45 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

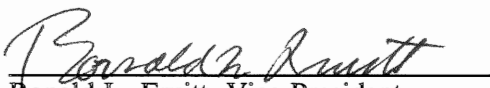
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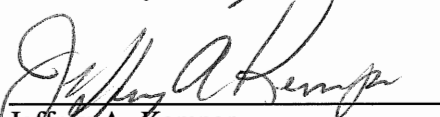
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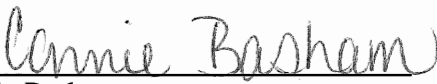
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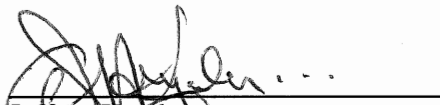
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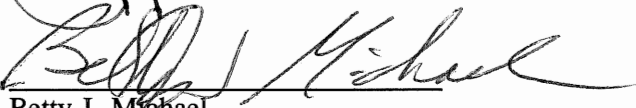
 Connie Basham



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Attest: 

 Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor



 Betty J. Michael