

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 24, 2002**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President Connie Basham, Jeffrey Kessler, Margaret K. Bell, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Kathy Vernon, and Ronald L. Fruitt; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney Douglas J. Masson, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called upon Rev. Joe Bell, Pastor of Calvary Chapel, to offer a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2002 Special Joint Meeting with the Commissioners, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2002 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2002 Working Session, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2002 Special Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

INTEREST STATEMENT: Treasurer Oneta Tolle

Treasurer Tolle reported the average interest rate for May 2002 increased to 1.60% from 1.55% for April. She noted that the average interest rate for March was incorrectly reported by Bank One at 2.41% but should have been 1.56%.

Councilmember Fruitt asked Auditor Plantenga if our anticipated revenue from interest earned is on schedule. Auditor Plantenga responded that it is not. He said, even with an increase to approximately \$300,000 in June interest due to property tax collections, the yearly total will only be approximately \$600,000 or half of the budgeted \$1.2 million for the General Fund.

Councilmember Kessler noted that several banks are advertising 3% to 4% on short term CDs and asked Mrs. Tolle if she has investigated moving some money to these. She responded that most banks want our money for the long term but she is looking into this option for some Highway funds.

ALLOY CUSTOM PRODUCTS, INC.: Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1)

Corporate Secretary Louis Brubaker reported that last month was their best month and last year was their best year since locating in Tippecanoe County in 1999. However, their growth is down 20% this year from their normal 40%.

President Byers commended Mr. Brubaker on their numbers. He noted their estimated employees was 49 but they actually employ 66. They estimated adding 15 employees but have added 32.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to find that Alloy Custom Products, Inc. is in substantial compliance, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

ELMSTEEL, INC.: Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1)

Elmsteel President Andrew Ball reported that their new addition is complete and they expect new equipment to arrive within the next few weeks. Due to the expansion, they plan to hire 3 or 4 new employees. Although their business has already grown 5 fold since last year, Mr. Ball expects more growth to occur as a result of First Alpine's, an Austrian company, purchase of share ownership.

Councilmember Basham noticed they have only hired 6 of the 16 additional employees estimated on the Statement of Benefits (SB-1). Mr. Ball said they expect to reach their goal of 16 since there are open positions they are trying to fill, and he anticipates adding more employees at the end of the year as the number of contracts increases. He pointed out that the estimated numbers were based on a two to three year plan.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to find that Elmsteel, Inc. is in substantial compliance, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT: Jury Pay Fund 161

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$3,000.00
3,000.00 Jury Expense

This request from Jury Pay Fund 161 will pay Jury Expenses for Circuit Court.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation of \$3,000 from Jury Pay Fund 161 for Circuit Court, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2002-21-CL: Endorses Res. 2002-20-CM

This Resolution endorses funding of \$70,000 per year for three years for the CDC (Community Development Corporation) and an additional \$1,000,000 for drainage projects.

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**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2002-21-CL**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE
TIPPECANOE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, authority has been granted by I.C. 6-3.5-7-15 to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe, to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for the County of Tippecanoe setting forth the uses of the revenues which Tippecanoe County shall receive from the Economic Development Income Tax duly adopted in the year 1989.

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Council shall be involved in the consideration of appropriations and financing mechanisms; including but not limited to, bonds, as to the various projects set forth in the Capital Improvement Plan.

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Council has previously ratified and endorsed prior Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plans as submitted by the Board of Commissioners in Resolution 90-4-CL dated May 7, 1990; Resolution 90-8-CL dated June 12, 1990, 1990; Resolution 91-14-CL dated August 13, 1991, Resolution 94-16-CL dated November 9, 1994, Resolution 96-06-CL adopted on April 9, 1996, Resolution 96-10-CL dated August 13, 1996, Resolution 97-17-CL adopted May 13, 1997 and Resolution 98-5-CL adopted January 13, 1998, Resolution 98-27-CL dated June 12, 1998, Resolution 98-35-CL dated July 29, 1998; and Resolution 98-43-CL dated October 13, 1998; Resolution 98-47-CL dated November 10, 1998; and Resolution 99-16-CL dated March 9, 1999; and Resolution 99-21-CL adopted on April 13, 1999; Resolution 99-20 CL adopted on May 11, 1999; Resolution 99-31-CL adopted on October 12, 1999; Resolution 2000-09-CL adopted on February 8, 2000; Resolution 2000-20-CL adopted on April 11, 2000; and Resolution 2000-26-CL adopted on May 9, 2000; and Resolution 2000-30-CL adopted on June 13, 2000; and Resolution 2001-09-CL adopted on March 13, 2001; and Resolution 2001-16-CL adopted April 10, 2001; and Resolution 2001-33-CL adopted August 14, 2001; and Resolution 2001- 42 CL adopted September 10, 2001; and Resolution 2001- 49 CL, adopted November 13, 2001; and Resolution 2002-08-CL, adopted April 9, 2002.

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Council has had the opportunity to review the proposed Amendment Thirty-four (34) to the Capital Improvement Plan adding thereto Project Thirty-six (36) providing funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 per year for a period of 3 years, commencing in fiscal year 2002, for the support of the Greater Lafayette Community Development Corporation, and the amendment of Project Twenty (20) General Drainage Improvements and provision of \$1,000,000 of funding therefor in 2002, and is of the opinion that said amendment will be beneficial and cost effective for Tippecanoe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tippecanoe County Council endorses Amendment Thirty-four (34) to the Tippecanoe County Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan adding thereto Project Thirty-six (36) providing funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 per year for a period of 3 years, commencing in fiscal year 2002, for the support of the Greater Lafayette Community Development Corporation, and amendment of existing Project Twenty (20) and provision of additional funding therefore in 2002 of \$1,000,000, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe pursuant to Resolution No. 2002-20-CM, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and adopted this ___ day of June, 2002 by the following vote:

VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
David S. Byers	_____ David S. Byers, President
Connie Basham	_____ Connie Basham
Margaret K. Bell	_____ Margaret K. Bell
Jeffrey Kessler	_____ Jeffrey Kessler
Jeffrey A. Kemper	_____ Jeffrey A. Kemper
Kathy Vernon	_____ Kathy Vernon

Ronald L. Fruitt

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ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

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- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve Resolution 2002-21-CL endorsing Amendment 34 to the EDIT Plan, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS: EDIT Fund 15**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$1,070,000.00**

70,000.00 Greater Lafayette CDC
1,000,000.00 Drainage Projects

Greater Lafayette CDC (Community Development Corp.)

CDC Executive Committee members Rick Cosier and Jim Andrew appeared to request approval of an annual appropriation of \$70,000 for three (3) years to help support the start-up of the Greater Lafayette Community Development Corporation. As a 501C3 corporation, the CDC has pledges of \$100,000 from the City of Lafayette, \$30,000 from the City of West Lafayette, \$50,000 from Innkeeper's Tax, \$60,000 from Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association, and \$100,000 for projects. Mr. Cosier thinks they will need at least \$300,000 for operating expenses to hire a director, staff, and develop a business plan.

Mr. Cosier said the CDC can help with economic development, property development to create social benefits and generate jobs, and improve the quality of life for the entire community. Projects may include river front development, Up with Downtown, communications network, Prophetstown State Park, and property redevelopment throughout the County.

Mr. Andrew emphasized that the diversity of the group makes a team that works well for the whole community. The director will be able to network with other communities throughout the country to find grants and learn about projects others have done. He thinks jobs will be created and a reinvestment will be made to the community.

President Byers asked if the CDC will return for more funding after the initial three years. Mr. Andrew said he can't predict if they will ask for more funds; it will depend on the return on their investments. Mr. Cosier said he hopes there will be recurring income within three years. Answering Councilmember Bell, Mr. Cosier said their income will come from rents on income properties.

Councilmember Kemper wondered how the CDC differs from Greater Lafayette Progress, Inc. (GLPI). Mr. Cosier responded that the CDC will be a broader group but will communicate with GLPI. Knowing that GLPI would like to expand its staff, Councilmember Fruitt asked if the director could work for both groups. Mr. Andrew answered that the CDC will be more community driven.

Councilmember Vernon stated she thinks there should be regular reports from the CDC for accountability. Commissioner Benson, a CDC member, pointed out that all government entities are involved with the CDC. She sees the CDC as a facilitator for purchasing property for economic development.

President Byers asked if Riverboat Casinos are in the CDC's plan. Mr. Andrew and Mr. Cosier responded they have not heard that discussed.

Councilmember Kessler stated he has no doubt the CDC will pay big dividends.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation of \$70,000 for one year for the CDC from EDIT Fund 15, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

Drainage Projects

Surveyor Steve Murray requested approval of \$1,000,000 for planning, design, engineering, and construction and reconstruction of general drain improvements. The projects include: J. N. Kirkpatrick, Julius Berlowitz, "F" Lake, Elliott, Otterbein, and J. B. Anderson Regulated Drains for a total of \$15,190,000 as of May 20, 2002. Mr. Murray estimated that 60% to 70% of this investment will be recouped from developers and assessments.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to appropriate \$1,000,000 for drainage projects from EDIT Fund 15, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 9, 2002

1:30 P.M.

County Council Working Session

2:00 P.M.

County Council Regular Meeting

July 18, 2002 7:00 P.M. County Council Special Joint Meeting with Lafayette City Council (Tippecanoe County High Impact Business Commission). First reading of Declaratory Resolution 2002-01-TCHIBC for designation as an Economic Revitalization Area for Caterpillar, Inc..

August 15, 2002 7:00 P.M. County Council Special Joint Meeting with Lafayette City Council. Second reading of Resolution 2002-01-TCHIBC. (Contingent on passage on first reading.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Vernon asked Attorney Masson if EDIT funds can be used to pay for capital projects for the Arts. He responded they can if it can be substantiated that it will attract or keep business.

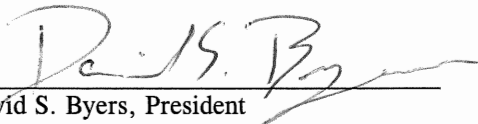
President Byers wondered if the County can increase COIT as an alternative funding source for roads if the County elects to eliminate the Inventory Tax before 2007. Auditor Plantenga responded that COIT can only be increased to reduce the Property Tax.

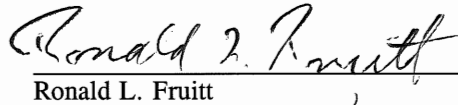
Councilmember Kessler congratulated Councilmember Bell and her husband Joe, who was in the audience, on sixty (60) years of marriage. He invited all present to join them for cake.

ADJOURNMENT

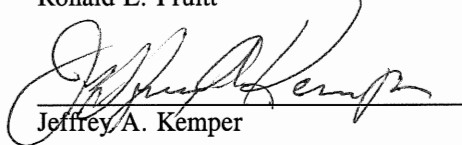
- The meeting adjourned upon the motion of Councilmember Bell and the second of Councilmember Fruitt.

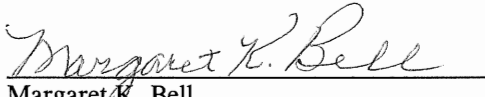
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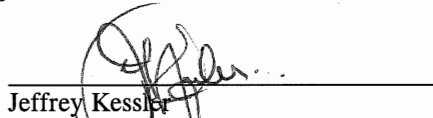

David S. Byers, President



Ronald L. Fruitt

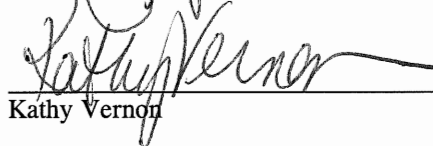

Connie Basham, Vice President


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Margaret K. Bell


Jeffrey Kessler

Attest: 
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor


Kathy Vernon