

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2000**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Jeffrey Kessler, Vice President David S. Byers, Connie Basham, Margaret K. Bell, Ronald L. Fruitt, and David S. Koltick; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Kessler called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called upon Reverend Brad Bush, Maple Ridge Community Church, to offer a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the May 4, 2000 minutes as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the May 9, 2000 minutes as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Auditor Robert Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga reported the estimated 2000 uncommitted County General Funds through May 31, 2000 are \$537,696.45.

INTEREST STATEMENT: Treasurer Ruth Davidson

Treasurer Davidson reported interest earned for April 2000 was \$488,514.88 and for May 2000 was \$716,315.20. She noted that, as of June 5th, the high balance interest rate is 6.4% and the MBIA rate is 6.19%.

LAFAYETTE VENETIAN BLIND: Compliance with Statement of Benefits

Mark Trowbridge, Controller at Lafayette Venetian Blind, was unable to attend today's meeting due to a family emergency.

- Since the form seemed to be in order, Councilmember Fruitt moved to find that Lafayette Venetian Blind is in substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits, seconded by Councilmember Koltick; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT III: Judge Loretta Rush

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$7,000.00
7,000.00 Part-time

Judge Rush said the Quest Software is installed but they need part-time help to input data so they don't fall behind. By the end of the week, the balance in her Part-time account will be approximately \$600.00. She said they continue to work on writing grants and she thinks they have a good chance to receive one for \$75,000. They already received an \$86,000 grant.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve \$5,000.00 for Part-time, seconded by Councilmember Koltick; motion carried.

COUNTY COURT II: Bailiff Jean Ensinger

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$4,506.00
4,000.00 Overtime
306.00 Social Security
200.00 Retirement

Due to the number of steps and the additional time it takes to type orders with the new software, the Court Reporters are no longer able to type orders in the courtroom. This has caused a backlog of work requiring overtime. In addition, the staff will need to pick up some of the duties of the Court Bailiff who will be off for at least eight (8) weeks on medical leave. The balance in the Overtime account is \$880.91.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$11,842.00

11,000.00 Part-time
842.00 Social Security

Part-time help will be needed to fill in while the Court Bailiff is off on medical leave and to help with the backlog of work due to the new software. The balance in the Part-time account is \$1,032.25. She has claims totaling \$865.75 for the next payroll.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$3,000.00

3,000.00 Pauper Attorney

The Pauper Attorney account balance is \$759.91 with some claims not yet submitted by the attorneys.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$7,500.00

7,500.00 Translator

With a beginning balance of \$5,000.00 and expenses running approximately \$1,000.00 per month, the balance in this account is \$386.00.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve \$3,831.00 including benefits for Overtime, \$8,612.00 including benefits for Part-time, \$1,500.00 for Pauper Attorney, and \$5,000.00 for Translator, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT: Bailiff Sue Lohrman

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$6,306.00

4,000.00 Part-time
306.00 Social Security
2,000.00 Guardian Ad Litem

Mrs. Lohrman explained that additional part-time funds are needed to cover the office during employees' vacations. Three staff members have a combined total of 13 weeks vacation time.

Mrs. Lohrman said the Guardian Ad Litem has a balance of \$383.00 but she has an outstanding bill totaling \$902.50. The amount budgeted for 2000 was \$1,000.00

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve \$4,306.00 including benefits for Part-time and \$1,000.00 for Guardian Ad Litem, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS: Building Commissioner Ron Highland

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$8,303.00

7,370.00 Inspectors (3)
564.00 Social Security
369.00 Retirement

Mr. Highland requested the additional appropriation to fund the reclassifications of three (3) Building Inspectors recommended by Wagner, Irwin, & Scheele retroactive to January 1, 2000.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve \$8,303.00 including benefits to fund the reclassifications of three Building Inspectors, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Inspectors (3)		31,497.00
			30,055.00
			28,912.00

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the three Building Inspectors, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS/TCOB

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$1,864.00

1,654.00 Assistant Maint. Director

127.00 Social Security
83.00 Retirement

This request is to fund the reclassification of the Assistant Maintenance Director recommended by Wagner, Irwin, & Scheele.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation of \$1,864.00 including benefits for the reclassification of the Assistant Maintenance Director, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Asst. Maint. Dir.	1,245.71	29,897.00

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

EDIT/DRAINAGE: Surveyor Steve Murray

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$85,000.00
85,000.00 Drainage Repair & Maintenance

Mr. Murray explained that this request for additional funding is to pay for the Needs Assessment for Phase II of the Stormwater Plan required to be implemented by March 10, 2003. Although the various municipalities and Purdue will be a part of this Plan, he thinks the County Surveyor will probably act as lead.

RESOLUTION 2000-30-CL

Resolution 2000-30-CL amends the EDIT Plan to include \$85,000.00 for Needs Assessment for Phase II Stormwater Plan:

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2000- 30 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; (sic) Resolution 9114-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

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Council has had the opportunity to review the amendment to Project Twenty (20) of the Capital Improvement Plan providing additional funding

for Construction and Reconstruction of General Drain Improvements: Phase 11 Stormwater Plan as described in Resolution No. 2000-29-CM adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe on June 5, 2000 and is of the opinion that the amendment providing for the additional funding of said project in the sum of \$85,000.00 as set forth therein will be beneficial and cost effective for Tippecanoe County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tippecanoe County Council endorses the amendment to Project Twenty (20) of the Tippecanoe County Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe pursuant to Resolution No. 2000-29-CM, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, providing additional funding for Construction and Reconstruction of General Drain Improvements: Phase 11 Stormwater Plan (needs assessment) in the sum of \$85,000.00.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and adopted this 13th day of June, 2000, by the following vote:

VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
Jeffrey Kessler	_____ Jeffrey Kessler, President
David S. Byers	_____ David S. Byers, Vice President
Connie Basham	_____ Connie Basham
Margaret K. Bell	_____ Margaret K. Bell
Jeffrey A. Kemper	_____ Jeffrey A. Kemper
David S. Koltick	_____ David S. Koltick
Ronald L. Fruitt	_____ Ronald L. Fruitt

ATTEST:

Robert Plantenga, Auditor

(unquote)

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve Resolution 2000-30-CL, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.
- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Additional Appropriation of \$85,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$1,850.00

1,850.00 Garage Supplies

Although Emergency Management Director Steve Wettschurack was present, he was not called upon to speak. The request is to pay for the upgrade of four stand-by generators with electric hook-ups for Y2K preparedness and any other emergency.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve the Additional Appropriation of \$1,850.00 for Garage Supplies, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SALARY ORDINANCE:

<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	Food Serv. Secty/ Adm Asst		26,844.00
	Environmental Coord.		23,805.00

Although Health Department Executive Assistant Ron Cripe was present, he was not called upon to speak. These positions were reclassified upon the recommendation of Wagner, Irwin, & Scheele. No additional funds are needed.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Health Department, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

SHERIFF

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Secty/Criminal Records		24,990.00
	Secty/Claims/Payroll		27,102.00
	Secty/Bookkeeper		24,710.00
	Secty/Sheriff Sales		22,176.00
	Secty/Warrants-Tax		24,990.00

Although Sheriff Dave Murtaugh was present, he was not called upon to speak about the Salary Ordinance. These positions were reclassified upon the recommendation of Wagner, Irwin, & Scheele. No additional funds are needed.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Executive Dir.		41,117.00
	Deputy Dir.		37,020.00
	Road Crew Dir.		30,171.00
	Office Mgr.		31,635.00
	Secretary (3)		66,506.00
	Surveillance Off. (8)		203,142.00
	Work Release Dir.		37,246.00
	Case Mgr. (4)		101,148.00
	Head Correction Off. (14)		349,982.00
	Maintenance Tech		28,243.00
Part-time	Road Crew Super.	7.50/7.80 hr	
	Secretary	7.50/hr	

Since Director Dave Kuebler was unable to attend, approval of the Salary Ordinance was requested by JAG Administrator Cathy Smith. Since their grant year runs from July 1, 2000 until June 30, 2001, this ordinance includes the first ½ to grid reclassifications and the 2% increase in salaries other County employees received January 2000.

- Councilmember Bell moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for full time Community Corrections' employees, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.
- Councilmember Bell moved to approve the Part-time rates for Community Corrections' employees, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

JAG: Administrator Cathy Smith

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Program Dir.		37,288.00
	Bookkeeper		26,196.00
	Home Det/SCS Coord.		26,579.00
	SCS Crew Leader		22,306.00
	JEDIS Ed. Coord.		26,579.00
	Asst Ed Coord./After Care Wkr		22,667.00
	Truancy Mediation Coord.		25,981.00
Part-time	SCS Crew Leaders	6.75/hr	
	Home Det. Monitors	10.00/day, Home, Work, School	

Visits

7.50/day, Over 5 random phone calls
5.00/day, 3 to 5 random phone calls

Ms Smith said this ordinance includes the first ½ to grid reclassifications and the 2% increase in salaries other County employees received January 2000 for JAG's grant year that runs from July 1, 2000 until June 30, 2001.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the full time salaries for JAG employees, seconded by Councilmember Koltick; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the part-time rates for JAG employees, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Fund 02

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Tech Services Super.		34,827.00
	Executive Dir.		39,723.00
	(5/22-12/31/2000)		

This Salary Ordinance reclassifies the Tech Services Supervisor upon the recommendation of Wagner, Irwin, & Scheele. It also adjusts the Executive Director's salary because he is a new employee.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for Highway Fund 02, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Cum Bridge Fund 25

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Engineering Tech. III		40,985.00
	Engineering Technician II		35,781.00

These two positions were reclassified upon the recommendation of Wagner, Irwin, & Scheele.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2000-33-CL: EDIT Bond ordinance Second Reading: Parking Garage

NOTE: Ordinance 2000-33-CL appeared in its entirety in the May 9, 2000 Council Minutes. No changes have been made.

Referring to the recent trip to New York to visit the Bond Rating Agencies, Moody, Standard and Poor, and Fitch, President Kessler said the agencies' representatives wanted to be assured that the County will have sufficient cash in the EDIT Fund if a major employer leaves the County. President Kessler said EDIT Reserve Fund 105 has a \$3.1 million balance and EDIT Fund 15 has a \$5 million balance with \$3.4 million of that amount unappropriated. Referring to item 9 on page 4 of the Comprehensive Financial Plan, he cited the recommendation to maintain a minimum balance of \$2.5 million in EDIT Fund 15. He said the \$1 million difference between the unappropriated and the minimum balance could be used for other projects. He cited examples:

- Use to pay the garage bond down early.
- Use for another project not yet identified.
- Use to pay off the Jail Lease Bonds early so we can keep the same levy for less impact to the taxpayers. This option will not cause the loss of COIT or EDIT Funds.
- For our bonds to be tax exempt, the law will only allow the County to sell 45 monthly parking spaces to the public. It may be possible for the County to use EDIT Funds to purchase some of the spaces in the garage for monthly rental to the public to bring in additional revenue.

EDIT Fund 15 accumulates \$5 million annually. EDIT Reserve Fund 105 accumulates \$500,000 annually.

Councilmember Koltick argued for using the \$1 million of EDIT Funds as a down payment on the garage. Auditor Plantenga pointed out that some priority projects in the Financial Plan are not paid for so we don't want to spend all the EDIT money. President Kessler said this \$1 million will give us the latitude for options, one of which might be to pay down the garage. Auditor Plantenga also pointed out that we expect to pay an interest rate of 6.4% for the bonds and the Treasurer reported today that we are earning 6.4% interest. He thinks we could leave the \$1 million in the bank and earn interest on it.

The estimated issuance cost of the bonds is \$100,000 but Attorney Luhman thinks the cost may be less even though the cost of the garage has gone from \$5 million to \$6.2 million due to expanding the number of spaces. Councilmember Fruitt questioned if it would be cheaper to borrow the money than to issue bonds. Attorney Luhman explained that the Feasibility Study showed that it will cost less to issue bonds than to borrow the money.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve Ordinance 2000-33-CL on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Basham.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
David Byers	Yes
Connie Basham	Yes
David Koltick	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Absent

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2000-33-CL in second reading passed 6 - 0.

ORDINANCE 2000-34-CL: Appropriation Ordinance for Parking Garage Second Reading

NOTE: Ordinance 2000-34-CL appeared in its entirety in the May 9, 2000 Council Minutes. There have been no changes.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve Ordinance 2000-34-CL on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Bell.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

David Byers	Yes
Connie Basham	Yes
David Koltick	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Absent

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2000-34-CL on second reading passed 6 - 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tippecanoe Youth Center Task Force

Councilmember Basham distributed a tentative list of members.

Clearing House for Grants

Councilmember Fruitt commented that, after listening to the presentations by the Agencies earlier today, he sees the need for a clearing house for grants.

Assessment of Court's Needs Committee

Councilmember Koltick reported the Committee met on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 with the Clerk, Probation, and Information Services Departments. The next meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, June 15, 2000. They are discussing personnel and equipment needs necessary for the new Superior Court 6. He hopes to have the Committee's report to the Council by July.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, July 6, 2000	3:30 P.M.	Council's Work Session
Tuesday, July 11, 2000	10:00 A.M.	Review Comprehensive Financial Plan
	2:00 P.M.	Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2000	1:00 P.M.	Library Board
	2:00 P.M.	Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2000
Cafeteria

6:15 P.M.

Farm Bureau Meeting at MCL

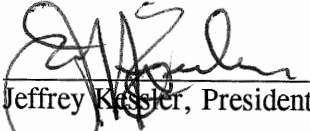
President Kessler said the Council was asked to meet in Executive Session by the Security Committee but he is unwilling to set a meeting date until costs for implementing security measures are known.

ADJOURNMENT

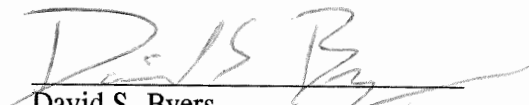
- Councilmember Byers moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor


TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL




 Jeffrey Kessler, President



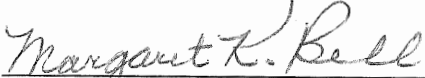
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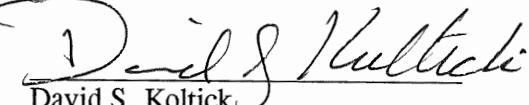
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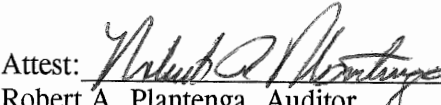
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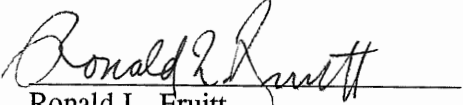
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 David S. Koltick

Attest: 

 Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor



 Ronald L. Fruitt