TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

The Tippecanoe County Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 1:00 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.

Representatives of the Tippecanoe County Library who were present:

Van Phillips, Board Member & Chairman Task Force   Melissa Nelson, Board Member
Joanne Troutner, Board Member   Joel Robinson, Director
Dan Taylor, Board President   Prella McBride, Board Member

President Kessler called the meeting to order for the purpose of hearing a presentation about the Tippecanoe County Library.

Joanne Troutner, Board Member, gave a Power Point presentation showing services that are available to the various users of the Library.

CAPITAL NEEDS

Facilities Expansion	$ 300,000
New Automated System	200,000
Related hardware, software, LAN, WAN upgrades	100,000
New bookmobile	100,000
Replace Security System	150,000
Self-Checkout Stations (3)	75,000
Repair & Refurbish Main Library	50,000
Expand Public Services Space	50,000
Total Project Expenses	$1,025,000
Automation-Related Staff	$ 75,000
Annual PC replacements	25,000
Annual Hardware & Software Upgrades	25,000
Technology Maintenance Contracts	75,000
Buildings and Grounds R & R	25,000
Furniture & Equipment	25,000
Total Annual Expenses	$250,000

JOINT LIBRARY VENTURE W/IVY TECH

Melissa Nelson, Board Member, said the Library Board and Ivy Tech State College entered into a joint library venture in which both will share the bond payment and operating expenses. She said the Library Board is working to raise $1 million for books, not considered a capital expense, and an additional $1 million to establish an endowment to provide relief to the Operating Budget. The Library has applied for a Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities that will be awarded in December 2000. The Grant will match every $3.00 with an additional $1.00 up to $500,000.

Dan Taylor, Library Board President, said the joint venture will give all citizens access to the library, not just Ivy Tech students. There will be a technical section for the students, but it will be available to all. The joint venture between Ivy Tech and Vincennes University will bring more humanities' materials to the library.

LIBRARY EXPANSION

Mr. Robinson said the current Library was constructed so that a mezzanine can be added for additional public space. Space outside the Library itself could be used for non-public library activities. Purchase of the Gray property, adjacent to the current Library, has long been a priority for needed expansion. A two year old appraisal valued the property at $2 million which would require bonding to purchase.. Councilmember Koltick suggested EDIT Funds as a source.

Mr. Phillips said funding possibilities they have considered are bonding, comes off the tax base, or development of a Capital Projects Fund.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Considering the addition of a drive-up window for convenience. Book drops are now located at Pay Less Supermarket locations.

Open discussions with West Lafayette Library regarding a joint venture.

Books are available at Boys' and Girls' Clubs and at locations for senior citizens.

Purchasing DVDs with several languages to address diversity in the community.
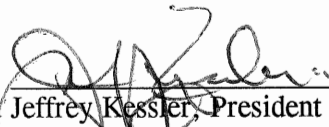
Internet access is not filtered but users are required to sign-off on Library Board's guidelines. The Library Board has taken a human approach so that information is available to all users.
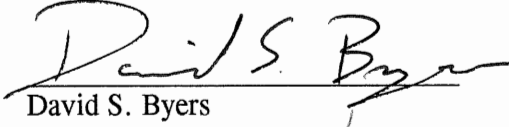
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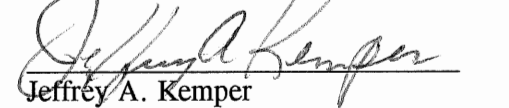The Council recessed until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 12, 2000.

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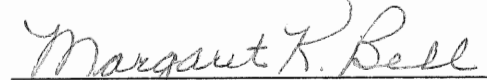
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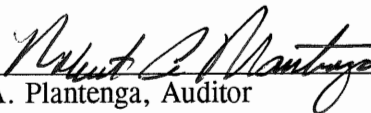Jeffrey Kessler, President
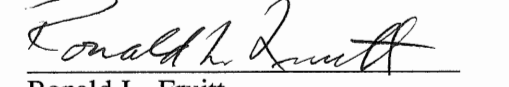
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