

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL Special Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, September 27, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Councilmembers present: President Kevin Underwood, Vice President Kathy Vernon, Barry Richard, Ben Murray, John Basham, Lisa Dullum, and Jody Hamilton

Others present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, and Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Underwood called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES from Tuesday September 13, 2022

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Richard. Motion carried.

III. RESOLUTION 2022-35-CL, SUPPORT OF REMOVAL OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE.

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve Resolution 2022-35-CL, Support of Removal of the Fairfield Township Trustee as presented, second by Councilmember Richard. Motion carried.

Doug Masson *Tippecanoe County Attorney* stated this resolution is identical to the Commissioners resolution due to the statute requirements. The two reasons set forth in the statute that are put forth in the resolution are refusing and neglecting official duties and the personal use of township funds. The resolution goes into detail how those failures manifested themselves.

President Underwood opened the floor for Council to make statements and ask questions.

Councilmember Richard thanked the Fairfield Township board, current and former employees, and residents for coming forward and bringing this issue to light. Without question there is a lot of lack of integrity and responsibility on the Trustees' part and wished we could have addressed this issue sooner.

President Underwood suggested a roll call vote to make sure everyone's vote was captured.

Auditor Bob Plantenga recorded the followed roll call vote:

Underwood	Ayes
Vernon	Ayes
Basham	Ayes
Dullum	Ayes
Hamilton	Ayes
Murray	Ayes
Richard	Ayes

Resolution 2022-35-CL passed 7-0.

President Underwood asked attorney Masson what the next step will be.

Doug Masson *Tippecanoe County Attorney* stated he will file this resolution with the court sometime this week. There was a brief hearing on September 23, 2022 with the court to confirm they are not required to do anything until Council acts on the resolution. The court will then be required to cite the official into court and hold a hearing within 20 days of the filing. Then it will be up to Judge Persin to set a schedule.

President Underwood asked Council if there are any questions and heard none.


IV. UNFINISHED/ NEW BUSINESS

– None

V. ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Murray moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Hamilton and the President adjourned the meeting.

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Kevin L. Underwood, President



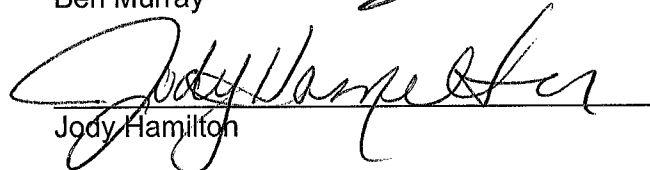
Kathy Vernon, Vice President



Barry Richard

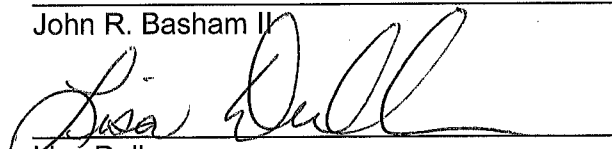


Ben Murray



Jody Hamilton

John R. Basham II



Lisa Dullum

ATTEST:



Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 10/11/2022

Minutes prepared by Samantha Perez, Recording Secretary