

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2008**

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, January 8, 2007 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Jeffrey A. Kemper, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Betty J. Michael, David S. Byers, Kathy Vernon and Kevin Underwood. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2007 meeting, second by Councilmember Michaels; motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Luhman conducted the Election of Officers.

Councilmember Underwood nominated Councilmember Murtaugh for President. Nominations were closed. Councilmember Murtaugh was elected President by unanimous votes.

Councilmember Michael nominated Councilmember Underwood for Vice President. Nominations were closed. Councilmember Underwood was elected Vice President by unanimous votes.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Financial Report

Uncommitted Funds as of January 2007	\$ 2,812,417.22
YTD Council Approved Projected Misc. Revenue	\$18,219,326.00
Projected Property Tax Levy (99% of estimated)	<u>\$17,325,000.00</u>
Total Available	\$ 38,356,743.22
Less Encumbrances (as of 1/8/08)	-\$ 967,218.00
Less Council Approved 2008 Budget	<u>-\$35,729,486.00</u>
Beginning Net Balance	\$ 1,660,039.22
Total Additional Appropriations Requested	\$ 132,024.00

TREASURER'S INTEREST REPORT

Treasurer Plantenga reported the General Fund Interest generated from bank accounts for 2007 was \$211,000. For 2007, approximately \$1.5 million was generated in General Fund interest and \$41,000 from property tax rebate revenue issued by the state.

RESOLUTION 2008-04-CL; CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION FOR THE WAREHOUSE OF LAFAYETTE

Katie Culp, Colliers, Trailer, Martin, and Tucker, and Joe Seamen, Lafayette/West Lafayette Development Corporation, recapped the request for a phase-in of real property taxes on two speculative projects for The Warehouse of Lafayette.

Attorney Luhman added the proposed tax abatement is located in a TIF district and needs approval from the Tippecanoe County Redevelopment Commission before the abatement is granted. A limitation on the effective date was revised to reflect a two year time period for construction to begin.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve Resolution 2008-04-CL, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

President Murtaugh presented the Fiscal Responsibility Award to Prosecutor Pat Harrington. Prosecutor Harrington received the award for his stewardship, fiscal responsibility and accomplishments in 2007.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS – Jan Payne, Linda Mussche, Janet Freels

General Fund 001

Wabash Township Assessor Janet Freels spoke on behalf of the townships to request additional appropriations for commercial and industrial field work and residential trending. The assessors are working towards a timely billing for 2009 property taxes and suggested hiring a contractor to begin the process is imperative. Fairfield Township Assessor Jan Payne agreed to use the commercial vendor hired by the County Assessor to perform field work for the urban townships.

Additional Appropriation: \$120,000

\$120,000 Contracts/Consultants

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve \$70,000 for Contracts/Consultants, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

General Fund 001

Director Fahey requested additional appropriations for a new staff member that has longevity with the county.

Additional Appropriation: \$8,510

\$7,487 Full Time Employees

\$573 Social Security

\$450 Retirement

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the additional appropriation as submitted, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE

General Fund 001

Councilmember Byers reported Director Bryan Metzger is also requesting an additional appropriation for a new hire with longevity.

Additional Appropriation: \$3,514

\$3,078 Full Time Employees
\$236 Social Security
\$200 Retirement

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Public Defender Amy Hutchison requested approval for a job reclassification for an Administrative Assistant position.

Salary Statement: \$37,580

\$37,580 Administrative Assistant

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the salary statement, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

CASA

CASA Donation Fund 151

Additional Appropriation: \$641

\$641 Donations

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the additional appropriations as requested, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS – Frank Cederquist

Cumulative Capital Fund 010

Commissioner’s Assistant Frank Cederquist requested the appropriations from the Cumulative Capital Fund and the \$437,800 request from the EDIT Fund be tabled until the February Council Meeting.

Additional Appropriation: \$65,000

\$40,000 Equipment/Vehicles
\$25,000 Equipment/Office

EDIT Fund 301

Additional Appropriation: \$437,800

\$437,800 Data Processing/Hardware

- Councilmember Kemper moved to table appropriation request for \$65,000 from Fund 010 and \$437,800 from Fund 301, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

EDIT Fund 301

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist requested an additional \$750,000 be appropriated to complete the HVAC project.

Additional Appropriation: \$750,000

\$750,000 Buildings/Office

RESOLUTION 2008-06-CL; RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Attorney Luhman described the resolution which will amend the EDIT Capital Improvement Plan with Project #56 HVAC Repair and Maintenance utilizing \$750,000 in EDIT Funds.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Resolution 2008-06-CL, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the additional appropriation for \$750,000 from Fund 301, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

Transfer & Recycling Fund 306

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist requested an additional appropriation to reimburse building improvement cost to the Southside Recycling Center and the lease agreement between Southside and the county calls for the county to pay for improvements. Attorney Luhman reported the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has approved the reimbursement in lieu of an increase in fees at the center.

Additional Appropriation: \$18,555

\$18,555 Building Improvements

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

Lisa Smith requested approval for a salary statement for a part time Hispanic Case Manager. The part time position was previously a contracted position.

Salary Statement: \$11-15 per hour

\$11-15pr /hr Hispanic Case Manager

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the salary statement as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Assignments and Appointments

Auditor Weston noted changes to the Council Assignments and Appointments.

Administrative Transportation Committee – County Council President

Alcohol and Beverage Commission – Vicki Pearl

Area IV Council on Aging – Anne Painter

Wabash River Enhancement Corporation – Andy Gutwein

Zoning Department – Removed

Revenue Committee – Two appointments

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Council Appointments and Council Assignments, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Humphrey presented 2007 Major Accomplishments report for Youth Services. She reported a large portion of her time has been spent as a resource and coordinator to strengthen the continuum of services.

A meeting will be held this evening at the Elston Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. for neighbors of the proposed property for the Juvenile Center.

Councilmember Kemper informed the council and Director Humphrey of concerns from taxpayers regarding the amount it could cost to build the Juvenile Center. Director Humphrey confirmed the figures reported by the media are ballpark figures and final figures will not be known until the project advances further.

COMMISSIONERS FYI

The Department Head Luncheon will be held on February 13, 2007 as a joint Commissioner and Council meeting with the financial consultant.

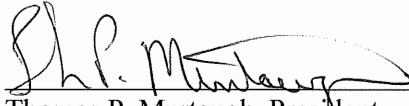
PUBLIC COMMENT


Pat Harrington publicly thanked his staff for their professionalism, energy and dedication in helping to achieve the goals of the department. He added without their help and the joint effort of other departments he would not have met his goals.

President Murtaugh thanked Councilmember Kemper for his past leadership and dedication to the council.

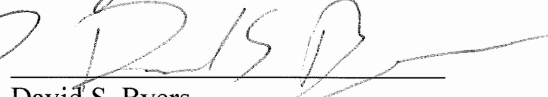
- Councilmember Byers moved to adjourn.

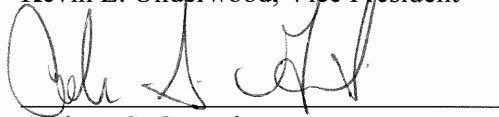
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL


Thomas P. Murtaugh, President

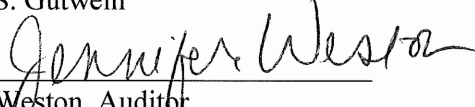

Betty J. Michael

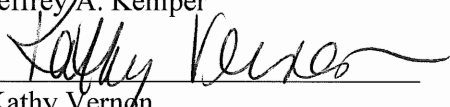

Kevin L. Underwood, Vice President


David S. Byers


Andrew S. Gutwein

absent
Jeffrey A. Kemper

Attest: 
Jennifer Weston, Auditor


Kathy Vernon