TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 8:30 a.m. on September 8, 2009 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Kevin Underwood, Vice-President Andrew S. Gutwein, Jeffrey Kemper, John R. Basham II, Roland K. Winger, and Kathy Vernon; Councilmember Betty J. Michael was absent. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Acting Secretary Dawn Rivera.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2009 regular meeting, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Jennifer Weston

Beginning Net Balance	$ 1,215,120.15
Total Additional Appropriations	$ 810,647.00
Total Budget Reductions	$ 217,597.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures (to date)	$ 3,013.48
Uncommitted Funds	**$ 621,011.67**

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga reported July interest down from June approximately $12,500 due to bank account expense fees.

SUPERIOR COURT 2
General Fund 001

Judge Thomas Busch detailed his request for Pauper Attorney and Jury Expense by presenting information reviewing the budget and anticipated expenses through the end of the year.

Additional Appropriation: $26,800

$ 14,000	Pauper Attorney
$ 12,800	Jury Expenses

- Councilmember Kemper moved to appropriate $10,000 for Pauper Attorney and $8,000 for Jury Expenses, no second; motion denied for lack of second.
- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the additional appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried with a vote of 4 to 2, Council members Kemper and Basham voting nay.

Additional Appropriation: $6,468

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to appropriate $800 for Part-time, $2,500 for Overtime, $231 for Social Security and $223 for PERF, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 4
General Fund 001

Councilmember Kemper stated he met with the Judge and reviewed the request. In his opinion, pauper council is used judiciously and this appropriation is warranted.

Additional Appropriation: $3,950

$ 3,950	Pauper Council

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

SUPERIOR COURT 3
General Fund 001

Rebecca Humphrey, on behalf of Superior Court 3, requested a transfer to purchase radios for the juvenile intake assessment center.

Transfer: $13,134

$ 13,134	Administrative/DOC to Equipment/Data Processing Hardware

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the transfer as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Sup 3 Near SHO Fund 517

Rebecca Humphrey, on behalf of Superior Court 3, requested a transfer in order to extend the Saturday School contract through the first quarter of 2010. This has the approval of Lynel Beaty of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Transfer: $1,000

$ 1,000	Office Supplies to Contracts/Consultants

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the transfer as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

CARY HOME
General Fund 001

Cary Home Director Rebecca Humphrey explained the additional appropriation is requested to cover part time expenses through the end of the year resulting from cuts made during the 2009 budget hearings. The total shortfall is around $40,000 but the balance will be covered through attrition and schedule changes of full time staff.

Additional Appropriation: $26,979

$ 25,000	Part-Time
$ 1,913	Social Security
$ 66	Departmental/Food

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Cary Home Video Surveillance Fund 543

This request will be used to install two more surveillance cameras in the girls unit to ensure full coverage.

Additional Appropriation: $3,670

$ 3,670	Equipment/Security System

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES
Juvenile Alternatives Coalition Grant Fund 541

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson reported the funds would be used for curriculum material for the Staying Connected with Your Teen program.

Additional Appropriation: $3,761

$ 3,761	Departmental/Education

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

Juvenile Alternative Substance Abuse Fund 544

Facilitator Wilson explained this grant from the Drug Free Coalition would be used to purchase incentive items and pay for community enrichment programs for teens.

Additional Appropriation: $4,000

$ 2,000	General Operating/Incentives
$ 2,000	General Operating/Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the transfer as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

SHERIFF
Landline E-911 Fund 176

Sheriff Tracy Brown reminded the council per State Board of Accounts office supplies may not be paid for from E-911 funds. These items are now being paid out of the General Fund, leaving money available in E-911 for other expenses.

Transfer: $10,000

$ 10,000	Office Supplies to Admin/Other Professional Services

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the transfer as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Assessor IAAO Training Fund 283

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson said this grant is intended to reimburse registration fees for Course 311 training in Houston, TX in October and Course 112 training in Nashville, TN in November for one person. She was not involved in applying for this grant and has no other information regarding the classes. Councilmember Vernon questioned the necessity of attending training classes outside the state and asked what other costs are involved for travel and accommodations. Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist explained the travel request has been approved pending the approval of this request. Other travel costs include airfare, hotel, and meals in Houston; and mileage to and from Nashville. These costs are to be paid from her Travel and Training budget, which has a balance of $13,678 due to an intra-series transfer of $14,900 from the Consultant line to Miscellaneous Expenses, then to Travel and Training. Councilmember Kemper asked how specific the courses are; if they are related to reassessment; and if they are necessary for her to run the department. County Assessor Samantha Steele was not present to respond.

Additional Appropriation: $825

$ 825	Travel & Training/Training Costs

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to table the request until the October 13, 2009 meeting to allow Ms. Steele the opportunity to reply to these questions, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

TEMA
TEMA ACAMS Fund 412

Grant Facilitator Wilson explained these funds would be used by District 4 to complete the Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS) project by indentifying and prioritizing critical infrastructure within the district.

Additional Appropriation: $161,250

$ 101,250	Admin/Other Professional Services
$ 60,000	Emergency Equipment

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

District 4 Administrative Fund 427

Funds would continue to pay the salary for a District 4 Administrative Coordinator.

Additional Appropriation: $50,000

$ 50,000	Contracts/Consultant

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

COURT SERVICES
Substance Abuse/MH Fund 575

Director of Court Services Cindy Houseman explained $10,000 each from funds 576 and 577 will be deposited into fund 575. This additional appropriations request will allow the money to be expended.

Additional Appropriation: $20,000

$ 9,289	Part-Time (from fund 576)
$ 711	Social Security (from fund 576)
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- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Drug Court Grant Fund 578

These funds will be used for drug screens, travel and training for a conference, and participant graduation supplies.

Additional Appropriation: 5,580

$ 3,865	Drug & Alcohol Screens
$ 440	Departmental/Education
$ 1,275	Travel & Training

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

Forensic Drug Court Fund 579

Drug Free Coalition grant for oral swabs, bus tokens, books, and initial evaluations.

Additional Appropriation: $16,000

$ 11,400	Drug & Alcohol Screens
$ 600	Departmental/Education
$ 500	General Operating/Incentives
$ 3,500	Admin/Other Professional Services

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Master Tobacco Settlement Fund 762

Health Department Administrator Ron Cripe recapped the timeframe and purpose of the Master Tobacco Settlement in his request for additional appropriations.

Additional Appropriation: $60,311

$ 50,000	Part-Time
$ 3,825	Social Security
$ 1,000	Travel & Training
$ 5,486	Medical Supplies

(Councilmember Gutwein stepped out.)

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

(Councilmember Gutwein Returned.)

WIC
WIC Fund 880

WIC Director Colleen Batt requested an additional appropriation for grant funds received for WIC for the 2010 fiscal year.

Additional Appropriation: $2,372,157

$ 345,746	Full-time
$ 35,518	Part-time Regular
$ 200,700	Part-time
$ 44,520	Social Security
$ 24,202	PERF
$ 129,000	Office Supplies
$1,357,751	Education Materials
$ 185,000	General Operating/Miscellaneous
$ 39,300	Health Insurance
$ 1,300	LTD
$ 930	Life Insurance
$ 6,810	Workman's Compensation
$ 780	Flex

Since the county no longer pays Flex, it was decided to allow the line item to stay in the request with the direction that Director Batta transfer that amount at a later date to a different line item.

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

WIC Fund 883

WIC Director Colleen Batt requested an additional appropriation for grant funds received for WIC for the 2010 fiscal year.

Additional Appropriation: $58,311

$ 13,777	Full-time
$ 8,000	Part-time
$ 1,666	Social Security
$ 965	PERF
$ 3,500	Office Supplies
$ 4,500	General Operating/Miscellaneous
$ 25,532	Contracts/Miscellaneous
$ 70	LTD

$	46	Life Insurance
$	255	Workman's Compensation

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

WIC Fund 880

Director Batta submitted a salary statement for the 2010 fiscal year. She explained the statement was submitted prior to council removing the proposed $500 increase in annual salaries.

Salary Statement: $381,264

$ 55,966	Director
$ 35,518	Dietician – Part-time Regular
$ 13,777	Voucher Clerk
$ 44,397	Dietician
$ 38,170	Nutritionist
$ 55,966	RN/Assistant Coordinator
$ 26,751	Voucher Clerk
$ 40,459	Dietician
$ 32,090	Voucher Clerk Supervisor
$ 38,170	Nutritionist
Up to $11.75	Part-time General
Up to $19.50	Part-time IBCLC, RD or Nutritionist

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the salary statement without the $500 increase, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

WIC Fund 883

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Salary Statement: $13,777

$ 13,777	Voucher Clerk
Up to $9.50	Peer Counselor

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the salary statement without the $500 increase, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

State Incentive Grant (SIG) Drug Free Coalition Grant Fund 617

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson informed the council this grant, from the Indiana Family and Social Services administration, will provide the Drug Free Coalition with operating expenses.

Additional Appropriation: $139,488

$ 139,488 Contract/Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Winger moved to appropriate the $139,488 as submitted, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CIVIL TAXING UNIT 2010 BUDGET REVIEW

Town of Battle Ground

Councilmember Underwood stated the only increases in terms of salaries are to law enforcement and one other part-time employee being given a $0.25/hr increase. Everything else was flat-lined from the previous year.

- Councilmember Basham moved to recommend the budget increase be kept within the growth quotient of 3.8% and keep salary increases in the budget consistent with other units, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Town of Shadeland

Councilmember Underwood stated there are no salary increases in the proposed budget. All funds appear to be in line with other taxing units.

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to recommend the budget increase be kept within the growth quotient of 3.8% and keep salary increases in the budget consistent with other units, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corp. (City Bus)

Councilmember Gutwein explained City Bus is in the middle of a three year contract with the drivers and does not have the salary flexibility of the other jurisdictions with respect to increases. Despite this increase, they have maintained the budget to stay within the 3.8% growth rate. City Bus makes good use of the vehicles, getting as much life as possible and stretching resources to accommodate riders. In comparison with the public transportation systems in other Indiana communities, greater Lafayette enjoys one of the lowest costs per rider in the state.

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to recommend the budget increase be kept within the growth quotient of 3.8% and keep non-contract salary increases in the budget consistent with other units, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Tippecanoe County Public Library

Councilmember Winger stated the budget encompasses the downtown location, Klondike branch, and the Ivy Tech campus location. Some salaries are increased due to reclassifications of certain positions and minimum wage requirements. Attorney David Luhman asked for clarification if the overall budget

increase is under the 3.8% growth rate. Councilmember Winger affirmed it is less. Attorney Luhman confirmed this action is to be a non-binding recommendation.

- Councilmember Winger moved to recommend the budget increase be kept within the growth quotient of 3.8% and keep salary increases in the budget consistent with other units, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

West Lafayette Public Library

Councilmember Vernon reported the library works in cooperation with the Tippecanoe County Public Library, Purdue University, and area schools, extensively using volunteers to accomplish goals. The library underwent an energy saving program that will save them approximately $20,000 in utility costs. The library parking garage serves as part of the City of West Lafayette's strategic parking plan, adding 145 places for the library and businesses in the surrounding area. Library Director Nick Schenkel addressed the council stating the boundaries were set in 1971 and do not change. Partnering with local, regional, and state libraries aides in keeping costs down and as a result the cost of circulation per capita is below average for Indiana.

- Councilmember Winger moved to recommend the budget increase be kept within the growth quotient of 3.8% and keep salary increases in the budget consistent with other units, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Tippecanoe County Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 6, 2009 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building to receive public input on the proposed 2010 county budget.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Wright – asked about the status of the budget and tax statements. He is concerned that if the current budget is approved it would cause taxes to increase during a downturn in the economy. He challenged the council to control spending and hold down the budget rather than increase it as much as legally allowable.

Michelle Blaas – spoke out against the allowable maximum 3.8% increase in the tax levy. She distributed an article from the Muncie Star Press noting the Delaware county 2010 budget has been cut 25% from 2009.

Tom Murtaugh – Teresa Duncan from the MITS department and Heather Maddox from Voter Registration & Election are heading the United Way campaign for the county. The county team for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will be holding a cookout on the roof of the parking garage on September 18th to raise funds and awareness.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to adjourn.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

Kevin L. Underwood, President

Absent
Betty J. Michael

Andrew S. Gutwein, Vice President

John R. Basham II

Roland K. Winger

Jeffrey A. Kemper

Attest:
Jennifer Weston, Auditor

Kathy Vernon