TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING – TIPPECANOE ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017
8:30 A.M.

The Tippecanoe County Council met Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building at 8:30 a.m. Councilmembers present were President John Basham, Vice President Bryan Metzger, Roland Winger, Kevin Underwood, David R Williams, and Vicki Burch. Others present were Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney Doug Masson, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas. Councilmember Kathy Vernon was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Auditor's Financial

Auditor Plantenga stated the county began 2017 with a General Fund cash balance of $8,632,700.77. With projected misc. revenue, projected transfer from COIT fund, property taxes, and deducting circuit breaker credits the total available is $53,404,949.77. The beginning net balance is $1,321,654.77. We have approved additional appropriations of $45,765 so far this year. There are reductions of $6.299. Our uncommitted funds balance is $1,281,738.77. We have $867 of request for this meeting. The COIT fund balance is still $668,516.29.

He said there are no property taxes transferred to the General Fund this month. We should be at around 25% of revenue for the year if all revenue was uniformly received. General Fund cash balance at the end of March was $1,676,000. We start trending down around this time of year and it will go back up with settlement. Fund 2580, Court Services substance abuse, is the active fund with a balance of $16,675.This will probably transfer into the court services fund. Fund 2580 did gain about $4,000. Fund 2585 is at $19,000 and $4,000 has been appropriated. Fund 4710, Health Insurance, is now up to $1.8 million balance and we have $3 million in the Health Insurance Rainy Day fund. Councilmember Winger asked about the transfer for the court services fund 2581 that took place in January and the receipts that are still coming in. He suggested we get a timeline for when the receipts will taper off and we can take care of the transfer. Auditor Plantenga said if we transfer it all back to Rainy Day it does not leave a very big cushion in 2581, but we could pay part of it back.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Weston stated the interest rates increased another .25% in mid-March. 1st Source and Lafayette Bank and Trust have already adopted the new rates. Centier is not directly tied to the fed funds, but will also increase the rate. The March average was .98% and the weighted average was .96%. March and April are not our biggest month to receive interest for the long term investments so there was not as much received from those. The total interest received was $63,432.60. With the increase, we will see the projected balance for the general fund continue to change. She stated if the rates continue to go up, she will just give a new projected balance at budget time.

Tax bills were sent out last Tuesday and we have collected about 2% of the total billed. There were 66,013 total bills, which equated to about 45,000 pieces of mail and $178 million dollars billed.

Public Comment (*Agenda Items*)

None.

Consent Agenda
Approval of Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2017

Juv Alternatives –JDAI Perform Grant Fund 9214

Transfer	$	1,029	Other Professional Services *to* Other Supplies
	$	5,000	Other Professional Services to Machinery & Equipment/Vehicles

Prosecutor –Drug Pros Grant Fund 9259

Transfer	$	90	Other Professional Services *to* Minor Equipment

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Burch. Motion carried

Additional Appropriations:

Sup Ct. 4

General Fund 1000

Appropriation	$	867	Pauper Attorney

Councilmember Winger explained this is the billing for ongoing pauper council and they recommend approval.

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Burch. Motion carried.

Sup Ct 3

Family Court Grant Fund 9623

Grant Appropriation	$	10,000	Counseling & Consultations

Auditor Plantenga stated this is the second half of a $20,000 grant. The first half was appropriated at the March meeting.

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Metzger. Motion carried.

Parks Dept.

Naturalist Program Gift Fund 4126

Appropriation	$	3,500	Other Professional Services

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried.

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Hazmat Fund 2546

Appropriation	$	13,000	Other Professional Services

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Metzger. Motion carried.

Health –*Craig Rich*

Local Health Trust Carryover Fund 4206

Appropriation	$	88,690	Part Time Salaries
	$	6,785	Social Security
	$	688	Worker's Compensation
	$	1,485	Office Supplies
	$	1,200	Institutional Medical
	$	2,100	Other Professional Services

Director Rich stated in the past, when funds aren't spent, they went into a carryover fund. This appropriation creates a carryover fund so the cash funds are easier to track. This also applies to the following appropriation.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried.

Local Health Maint Carryover Fund 4168

Appropriation	$	60,512	Part Time Salaries
	$	4,629	Social Security
	$	668	Worker's Compensation

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried

HIV Prevention Program Fund 8482

Grant Appropriation	$	2,759	Part Time Salaries
	$	211	Social Security
	$	2,000	Institutional Medical
	$	30	Worker's Compensation

Director Rich said this comes from a grant from the State Department of Health.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried

Highway –*Opal Kuhl*

Community Crossing Fund 9108

Grant Appropriation	$	721,063	Roads & Streets

Director Kuhl stated they appropriated a match last month for this grant and these are the actual grant funds.

- Councilmember Burch moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Winger. Motion carried

Commissioners – *Thomas Murtaugh*

Recycling Fund 4013

Appropriation	$	41,500	Other Professional Services

Commissioner Murtaugh stated this is from tipping fees and, from these funds, we pay West Lafayette for the county citizens to use the recycling station on South River Road.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Metzger. Motion carried

Committee Reports

Councilmember Williams requested transfers received after the deadline be moved to the next month's agenda unless it is an emergency. Auditor Plantenga requested if there was an emergency request, the department contact their Council representatives and possibly bring it up under other business rather than the consent agenda. Councilmember Williams stated the emergency should be determined by the Auditor's office, and it would be fine to involve the Council representatives.

- Councilmember Williams moved to have transfers received late be moved to the next month's agenda unless it is an agenda, second by Councilmember Winger. Motion carried.

Unfinished/New Business

None.

Commissioner FYI

Commissioner Murtaugh requested the Councilmembers contact their state representatives regarding the Senate transportation bill. They are working out a compromise between a House bill and the current Senate version. The bill changes the formula for MVH and LRS and virtually all of the highway department salaries are paid out of MVH. The bill would possibly limit the things you can pay out of MVH fund to possibly not include salaries and that would mean the salaries would have to be paid out of the General Fund.

Commissioner Byers stated the feasibility study of the fairgrounds is complete and we should be receiving that from Mr. Armstrong soon. He requested the study be made an agenda item at the next Council meeting. He also said there will be a history marker placed at the fairgrounds on April 21st at noon honoring George Souders and Roscoe Sarles.

Public Comment

Director Kuhl stated another issue is that the bill indicates they would use the local road street formula more. That formula is mostly based on population size, so cities and towns would get more funds rather than counties despite having fewer roads.

Councilmember Burch moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Metzger. President Basham adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

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ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 5/9/2017

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