

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2015

The Tippecanoe County Council met Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building. Council members present were: President David R. Williams, Vice-President John R. Basham II, Bryan E. Metzger, Sally J. Siegrist, Kathy Vernon, and Roland K. Winger. Others present were: Auditor Bob Plantenga, Attorney Doug Masson, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar. Councilmember Kevin L. Underwood was absent.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Masson opened the floor for nomination of officers.

- Councilmember Winger said as customary with the two year term, he moved to nominate John Basham as Vice President and Dave Williams as President, second by Councilmember Metzger.

Attorney Masson asked for additional nominations. There were none and the floor was closed for nominations.

- All Council members voted aye to elect Dave Williams as President and John Basham as Vice President; motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Appointments & Assignments)

President Williams said there were some additions to the Appointments and Assignments and asked the Council members to review both lists.

2015 Council Council Appointments		
Administrative Transportation Committee (Area Plan)	Annual	Council President
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Annual	Vicki Pearl
Area Plan Commission	Term of Office	Councilmember Roland Winger Councilmember David Williams
Area IV Agency on Aging	Annual	Anne Painter
Cary Home Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember David R Williams
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember Kevin L Underwood
Court Services Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember Sally Siegrist
Convention & Visitors Bureau	2 Years Expires 12/31/15	Councilmember David R Williams Bob Mindrum (Hotel Rep) Rachael Johnson (Travel Rep)
Emergency Management Advisory Council	Annual	Councilmember John Basham II
Lafayette Economic Development Commission	4 years Expires 12/31/15	Councilmember David R Williams
MITS Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember Kevin L Underwood Councilmember Roland K Winger
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)	Annual (1R 1D)	Matt Washburn (R) Jim Malady (D)

Romney Sewer District	Annual	John R Basham II
Tippecanoe County Economic Development Commission	4 years Expires 12/31/18	Charles Shook
Tippecanoe County Park Board (4 years - 1 R 1 D)	Expires 12/31/18 Expires 12/31/16	Scott Rumble (R) Robert Probasco (D)
Tippecanoe County Public Library Board (4 year term)	Expires 12/31/15	Dave Lahr
Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Annual	Councilmember John R Basham II
Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Management District		Councilmember John R Basham II
Tippecanoe Environmental Response Financing Board (TERF)	Annual	Councilmember Kevin Underwood
Wabash River Enhancement Corporation	Annual	Councilmember Sally Siegrist
Wabash Valley Alliance Board (3 year term)	Expires 3/1/15	Joe Seaman
West Lafayette Public Library Board (4 year term)	Expires 6/30/17	Bryan Hubbard
Joint Appontments with Benton County Council: Otterbein Library Board	Expires 12/31/14 Expires 12/31/15	Courtney Metzinger Michael Humphrey

2015 County Council Member Assignments

Budget Group	Departments	Council Liasons	
Courts	Circuit Court	Winger	Siegrist
Courts	Magistrate	Winger	Siegrist
Courts	Superior Court	Winger	Siegrist
Courts	Superior court 2	Winger	Siegrist
Courts	Ancillary Court	Winger	Siegrist
Courts	Superior Court 4	Winger	Siegrist
Courts	Superior Court 5	Winger	Siegrist
Courts	Superior Court 6	Winger	Siegrist
CRS	Clerk	Winger	Siegrist
CRS	Court Services	Winger	Siegrist
CRS	Election and Voter Registration	Winger	Siegrist
CRS	Probation	Winger	Siegrist
CRS	Prosecutor & Prosecutor IV-D	Winger	Siegrist
CRS	Public Defender	Winger	Siegrist
Comm	Commissioners	Underwood	Vernon
Comm	County Extension	Underwood	Williams
Comm	Fairgrounds	Underwood	Williams
Comm	Health Department	Underwood	Williams
Comm	WIC	Underwood	Williams
Comm	Human Resources	Underwood	Metzger
Comm	Maintenance	Underwood	Vernon
Comm	MITIS / GIS	Underwood	Winger

Comm	Parks & Recreation	Underwood	Metzger
Comm	Tippecanoe Villa	Underwood	Basham
Comm	Veterans Service	Underwood	Basham
Comm	Weights & Measures	Underwood	Basham
Comm	Soil & Water	Underwood	Metzger
Dev	Area Plan	Vernon	Basham
Dev	Building Commission	Vernon	Basham
Dev	Highway / Cumulative Bridge	Vernon	Basham
Dev	Surveyor / Drainage Board	Vernon	Basham
Prop Services	Auditor	Vernon	Basham
Prop Services	Assessor	Vernon	Basham
Prop Services	Recorder	Vernon	Basham
Prop Services	Treasurer	Vernon	Basham
Juv Services	Court - Superior 3, Juvenile Magistrate, CASA	Metzger	Williams
Juv Services	Youth Services - Cary Home & Juv Alternatives	Metzger	Williams
Public Safety	Community Corrections	Metzger	Williams
Public Safety	Coroner	Metzger	Williams
Public Safety	Emergency Management	Metzger	Williams
Public Safety	Sheriff / Jail/ E-911	Metzger	Williams

Other Council Council Committees

Revenue Generating	Siegrist	Williams
Personnel / Reclassification	Vernon	Underwood
ADA (new in 2013)	Metzger	

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Bob Plantenga

2014 Revenue Report

Review of Encumbrance Listing/2014 Budget Balances

2015 Beginning Balances of General & COIT Funds

Auditor Plantenga reviewed the General Fund and COIT Fund Financial Statement for December, 2014 stating the beginning Cash Balance for the General Fund is \$9,491,497.66. Including miscellaneous revenue, deducting the property tax and the circuit breaker; the total funds available was \$40,683,407.42. The uncommitted balance available for appropriation was \$1,659,066.86. The COIT Fund uncommitted balance available for appropriation is \$55,681.90, leaving a total of \$1,714,748.76 for the combined funds at year end.

Auditor Plantenga said a handout is included in the packet of 2014 Revenue for informational purposes to the Council members, pointing out that Property Tax and Excise Tax exceeded the budget estimate. Also included in the packet is the Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements showing some large ticket items for December due to property taxes; specifically the General Fund, Cumulative Cap, Cumulative Bridge, and the Jail Lease Rental. Ending the year with \$9,564,171.62 in the General Fund is outstanding.

An additional handout is a Financial Statement Estimate Available for 2015. Using the Cash Balance in the General Fund of \$9,564,171.62, the Council projected miscellaneous revenue of \$9,797,613.00, and projected property tax revenue (at budget time) of \$21,700,000.00; the total available is \$41,061,784.62. Deducting the encumbrances, the budget and the minimum balance required; the unappropriated cash balance is \$1,351,493.62. The COIT Fund has a beginning net balance of \$447,581.98. Comparing the beginning net balance of combined funds - 2014 started with over \$2.1 million and 2015 begins with just under \$1.8 million due to the assumption the 2015 budget would all be spent.

Auditor Plantenga said encumbrances are still being reviewed; he will bring those for review and Council approval in February.

Councilmember Basham asked how the jail lease payment operates. Auditor Plantenga said the Building Corporation took out the bonds. The County makes payments to the company; they make the bond payment.

Financial Statement Through December 31, 2014				
	General Fund	COIT Fund	Combined Funds	
Cash Balance (01/01/2014)	\$9,491,497.66	\$1,819,914.90	\$11,311,412.56	
Council Approved 2014 Projected Miscellaneous Revenue	\$9,823,847.00	\$8,088,467.00	\$17,912,314.00	
Projected Property Tax Levy (98% of abstract levy)	\$22,292,800.00	\$0.00	\$22,292,800.00	
Less: Abstract Circuit Breaker Credit	\$924,737.24	\$0.00	\$924,737.24	
Total Funds Available	\$40,683,407.42	\$9,908,381.90	\$50,591,789.32	
Less: 2014 Encumbrances	\$1,027,664.00	\$49,335.00	\$1,076,999.00	
Less: Council Approved 2014 Budget	\$31,601,794.00	\$8,269,172.00	\$39,870,966.00	
Less: Council approved Minimum Balance (Res 2013-24-CL)	\$6,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$7,500,000.00	
Beginning Net Balance	\$2,053,949.42	\$89,874.90	\$2,143,824.32	
Additional Appropriations	Requested	Granted	Granted	Granted
January	\$63,818.00	\$63,818.00	\$0.00	\$63,818.00
February	\$53,236.00	\$53,236.00	\$0.00	\$53,236.00
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
April	\$15,071.00	\$15,071.00	\$0.00	\$15,071.00
May	\$25,000.00	\$10,850.00	\$0.00	\$10,850.00
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$132,545.00	\$121,771.00	\$10,774.00	\$132,545.00
August	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
September	\$30,203.00	\$12,285.00	\$7,418.00	\$19,703.00
October	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	\$0.00	\$7,700.00
November	\$55,334.00	\$53,833.00	\$16,001.00	\$69,834.00
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Additional Appropriations	\$482,907.00	\$413,564.00	\$34,193.00	\$447,757.00
Budget Reductions	Requested	Granted	Granted	Granted
February	\$23,766.00	\$23,766.00	\$0.00	\$23,766.00
July	\$4,090.00	\$4,090.00	\$0.00	\$4,090.00
Total Additional Appropriations	\$27,856.00	\$27,856.00	\$0.00	\$27,856.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures (year to date)	\$9,174.56	\$0.00	\$9,174.56	
Available for Appropriation	\$1,659,066.86	\$55,681.90	\$1,714,748.76	

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jennifer Weston

Treasurer Weston presented a handout of the Interest Summary for November, 2014 showing total interest of \$48,103.67. The year-end interest was \$392,491.76 compared to \$369,273.65 at year-end 2013. A handout of the November Interest Rate Weighted Average reflects property tax holdings at Chase Bank with an account balance of \$112,881.42; Lafayette Bank and Trust with an account balance of \$142,074,377.69; Morgan Stanley with an account balance of \$11,389,618.97; and First Empire with an account balance of \$3,350,757.33. A handout of the December bank balances was also provided showing Chase Bank with an account balance of \$14,581.23; Lafayette Bank and Trust with \$69,538,398.68; Morgan Stanley with \$11,406,030.76; and First Empire with \$3,361,225.58. The average interest rate for

November and December, 2014 was 0.34%. The weighted average interest rate was 0.35% for November and 0.34% for December.

Treasurer Weston provided an additional handout of Morgan Stanley and First Morgan Long-term Investment Maturities. An additional \$9 million will be invested soon in the 2-5 year range. The majority of the investments reach maturity in 2018.

WELCOME and RECOGNITION

President Williams welcomed Council woman Sally Siegrist and Council woman Kathy Vernon. He also welcomed Attorney Masson and recognized Auditor Plantenga and Treasurer Weston to their new positions.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items) – none

RESOLUTION 2015-06-CL: Endorsing the Adoption of an Amendment to the Tippecanoe County Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve Resolution 2015-06-CL Endorsing the Adoption of an Amendment to the Tippecanoe County Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan, second by Councilmember Metzger; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-07-CL: Endorsing the Adoption of an Amendment to the Tippecanoe County Cumulative Capital Tax Capital Improvement Plan

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve Resolution 2015-07-CL Endorsing the Adoption of an Amendment to the Tippecanoe County Cumulative Capital Tax Capital Improvement Plan, second by Councilmember Metzger; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-08-CL: Approving Sheriff Commissary Fund Expenditures

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve Resolution 2015-08-CL Approving Sheriff Commissary Fund Expenditures, second by Councilmember Metzger; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 9, 2014

Juvenile Alternatives – DOC JDAI 2015 Fund 210

Transfer	\$	6,656	Departmental / Miscellaneous to Contracts / Miscellaneous
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- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT – Judge Thomas H. Busch
Wabash Center VASIA Fund 631

In the absence of Judge Busch, Don Daniel along with Dick Rhoad, the CEO of Wabash Center said the grant for Wabash Center comes from the State Legislature through the Supreme Court to the local Circuit Court. It is not an incremental fund; it is to establish an account for the transition of the funds through the court to Wabash Center.

Grant Appropriation \$38,250

\$ 38,250 Administrative / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the grant appropriation for Fund 631 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

CASA – Coleen Connor

CASA ICJI VOCA Fund 507

CASA Director Connor said the CASA VOCA grant is a reimbursement for part time salary.

Grant Appropriation \$15,709

\$ 14,593 Salaries & Wages / Part Time
1,116 Social Security / Social Security

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the CASA grant appropriation for Fund 507 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

SHERIFF – Barry Richard

Sheriff Donation Fund 127

Sheriff Richard said he brought his Secretary Carrie Morgan to answer any questions.

Annual Appropriation \$12,093

\$ 12,093 General Operating / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation for Fund 127 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

False Alarm Fees Fund 174**Annual Appropriation \$8,000**

\$ 8,000 General Operating / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation for Fund 174 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Sheriff Continuing Ed Fund 175**Annual Appropriation \$30,000**

\$ 30,000 General Operating / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation for Fund 175 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Firearms & Training Fund 177**Annual Appropriation \$60,000**

\$ 60,000 General Operating / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation for Fund 177 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

County Misdemeanant Fund 178

Councilmember Winger said there is a large amount in Fund 178 at the end of 2014 and asked what is projected. Ms. Morgan said Fund 178 receives a check from DOC twice a year for holding inmates in the amount of \$98,950. The appropriation adds it to the Fund and then it is disbursed. Sheriff Richard said changes to revenue are hard to project; however, they will continue to be mindful of the line item. Councilmember Metzger said there are monthly expenses with income only coming in twice a year.

Annual Appropriation \$98,950

\$ 5,000 Departmental / Uniforms & Clothing
 \$ 48,950 Departmental / Medical
 \$ 30,000 Departmental / Miscellaneous
 \$ 15,000 Utilities / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation for Fund 178 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Sheriff Accident Reports Fund 179**Annual Appropriation \$6,500**

\$ 6,500 General Operating / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation for Fund 179 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Sheriff Sale Fund 725**Annual Appropriation \$30,000**

\$ 30,000 General Operating/Gen Operating-Misc

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation for Fund 725 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

2015 Salary Statement

Sheriff Richard said the Salary Statement will be funded through vacant positions. Currently there are three Deputy openings, a Process Server opening, two Secretarial positions, and a Nurse opening. The salary savings from the open positions will cover the salary statement; the future will be discussed in the

2016 budget process. The requested funds do not affect the hiring of Deputies; they are currently in process with testing completed. Councilmember Winger said the money was appropriated last month for the position; this is just the salary statement to back it up. The caution is the budget has always considered open positions and only recommended certain expenditures on an ongoing basis. With unspent budget based on open positions, Council has operated with the money built into the process. To now say the money will be taken from open positions and apply it to the new position, may not be a direct one to one opportunity. Sheriff Richard said funds cannot be taken from the budget personal services line item and placed in other areas; he is confident this will work okay.

Councilmember Siegrist stated she and Sheriff Richard campaigned at the same time, attending many of the same debates and discussions and Sheriff Richard said if a Chief Deputy Sheriff position was created, the position would be paid from a portion of the Sheriff's salary - there has been no discussion regarding that statement. Sheriff Richard replied that it was never stated that way. Councilmember Vernon asked about the current three open positions – are they vacant positions or new positions the Council granted last year? Sheriff Richard said one has been vacated; two are the new-allotted positions. There is also a fourth position that will be effective by March 1st he recently learned about. Councilmember Metzger said Council budgeted an estimated carry over which was used in the past toward the Rainy Day Fund, budgeting a portion assuming it will remain the same from year to year. The money can't be spent on other things or the entire budget process will fall apart.

2015 Salary Statement \$68,133

\$ 68,133 Chief Deputy Sheriff - New Position

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the Salary Statement in the amount of \$68,133 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Compensation Agreement between Sheriff Barry Richard and the County of Tippecanoe

Councilmember Winger said there has been a lot of public discourse in the media and he would appreciate comments from Sheriff Richard on his approach. He considers it a full time salary position which means “serve as needed” and asked Sheriff Richard to share his thoughts regarding Council approving the contract for a full time Sheriff based on what they have understood a full time Sheriff to be in the past; it appears to be different than the way Sheriff Richard is approaching the position. Sheriff Richard stated he plans to meet and exceed any and all expectations of the office of Sheriff and guaranteed he will be available as the Sheriff, or develop a strong leadership team, as any other Sheriff would, to carry out the leadership responsibility. His number one priority will be as the Sheriff of Tippecanoe County. Councilmember Vernon said the work ethic from the Sheriff in the D.A.R.E. Department in Lafayette can carry over to the work ethic expected in the Sheriff's position.

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the Compensation Agreement between the Sheriff and the County as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried 5-1. Councilmember Winger voted NO.

HEALTH – Craig Rich **General Fund 001**

Health Department Director Rich explained that historically, immunizations for the public were covered by VFC (vaccines for children) for free, regardless of the ability to pay. Around 2012, the State decided the VFC would only be for those without insurance, leaving the Health Department with a void. They trained an individual and began collecting insurance and processing reimbursements. The monies went in

and out of the Local Health Trust Fund until they discovered childhood vaccines can't go into the Trust. The original estimate of revenue was \$23,000; however, it has been closer to \$70,000. Auditor Plantenga said at budget time, there was no revenue estimate placed in the General Fund; this is an additional appropriation. It will reduce the uncommitted balance since we can't add revenue; however, we will receive more revenue than what was projected.

Additional Appropriation \$40,000

\$ 40,000 Departmental / Medical

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the additional appropriation for the Health Department General Fund 001 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

HPP & PHEP MRC Readiness Fund 465

Director Rich said the MRC is the Medical Reserve Corp grant received with permission to hire a Medical Reserve Corp volunteer coordinator to solicit people to join the MRC.

Grant Appropriation \$5000

\$ 4,617 Salaries & Wages / Part Time
\$ 383 Social Security / Social Security

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the grant appropriation for Fund 465 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Local Health Dept. Trust Fund 766

Auditor Plantenga said the appropriation was approved at budget time based on an estimate and the request is a reduction.

Grant Appropriation \$65,428

\$ 65,428 2015 Unallocated Award Amount

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the additional appropriation for the Health Department Trust Fund 766 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Local Health Maintenance Fund 460

Grant Appropriation \$72,672

\$ 72,672 2015 Unallocated Award Amount

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the additional appropriation for the Local Health Maintenance Fund 460 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

WIC – Colleen Batt

WIC Donation Fund 157

WIC Director Batt said an appropriation from the Gift Fund has not been done before but the Auditor's Office requested an appropriation for expenditures. The request is only a partial amount of the Fund 157 balance. Director Batt said a portion of the funds (\$1,800) will be used for her to attend a National WIC Association Leadership Conference that WIC no longer provides funds for. The remainder will be for WIC supplies that are not authorized in the grant.

Annual Appropriation \$3,500

\$ 3,500 General Operating / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the annual appropriation from Donation Fund 157 as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

TEMA – Wm. "Smokey" Anderson

TEMA 2014 SHSP D4 Equip Fund 407

District 4 Administrator Jeff Houston said the grants are from Homeland Security and received each year. All grants are reimbursable.

Grant Appropriation \$13,750

\$ 13,750 Equipment / Emergency Equipment

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the grant appropriation for TEMA Fund 407 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

TEMA 2014 SHSP D4 Admin Fund 422

Grant Appropriation \$50,000

\$ 50,000 Equipment / Emergency Equipment

District 4 Administrator Houston said the grant appropriation for Fund 422 should be removed from the agenda.

TEMA 2014 SHSP D4 Exercise Fund 424

Grant Appropriation \$5,000

\$ 2,500 Departmental / Food
\$ 2,500 Garage / Gas Oil & Lube

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the grant appropriation for TEMA Fund 424 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

TEMA 2014 SHSP Competitive Fund 432

Grant Appropriation \$13,794

\$ 13,794 Equipment / Emergency Equipment

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the grant appropriation for TEMA Fund 432 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

TEMA 2014 SHSP D4 Training Fund 445

Grant Appropriation \$24,133

\$	7,633	Training Costs / Travel & Training
\$	2,500	Training Costs / Travel & Training
\$	14,000	Training Costs / Travel & Training

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the grant appropriation for TEMA Fund 445 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

TEMA 2014 SHSP Hazmat TQP Fund 448

District 4 Administrator Houston explained the TQP is Team Qualification Program for the Hazmat team. The money will be to replace expired air canisters.

Grant Appropriation \$2,777

\$	2,777	Equipment / Emergency Equipment
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- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the grant appropriation for TEMA Fund 448 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING AND DISPOSAL BETWEEN TIPPECANOE COUNTY AND CRYSTAL CREEK BOARDING KENNEL

Commissioner Murtaugh said the animal sheltering agreement is the annual renewal for \$60,000, paid at \$5,000 per month. There are no changes to the 2015 agreement.

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the agreement for animal sheltering and disposal between Tippecanoe County and Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel, second by Councilmember Metzger; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilmember Basham said the Romney Sewer District will find out in a couple of weeks if the income survey of the 135 homes will meet the criteria with an additional grant.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Employee Compensation – Change 2015 Biweekly Payroll to 26 paydays

Auditor Plantenga said in November, past Auditor Weston brought forward an Ordinance for the County to have 27 pays in 2015, compared to the normal 26. He presented an example of 27 pays versus 26 showing the last pay period of December 14-27. With 26 pays, and moving the end of the pay period to December 31, versus the normal Friday which falls on January 1; it would finish all the appropriation. The commitment to 26 pays had to be made prior to the first payroll of the year. Auditor Plantenga said he believes 26 pays is the appropriate number. A new Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER FYI

Commissioner Murtaugh reported the following:

- Welcome to Council women Kathy Vernon and Sally Siegrist and also the new Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett.
- Closing was completed on 111 North 4th Street on ^{DECEMBER} November 19th. The first meeting with the working group was held last week to begin planning renovations. The hope is for the bidding process to be in April with occupancy by year-end. The original estimate for renovation was \$1.5 million; the water damage is estimated to add an additional \$200,000. The renovation includes HVAC, roof, elevator, and restrooms for the entire structure, the basement, floors 3 and 4, and part of the 2nd floor which will be used for office space.
- On January 16th at 10:00 a.m., some members of the Elkhart County Council and Commissioners are coming to visit the Tippecanoe County Intake and Assessment Center at the Jail. It is the fourth or fifth time individuals from Elkhart County have visited; however, it the first time for Council members. Commissioner Murtaugh invited any Council member who is familiar with the project to join the group and provide input, saying it would be greatly appreciated.
- Welcome to Larry Nutt who is in the Leadership Lafayette class. Part of the class requires sitting through a meeting such as Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk Christa Coffey reminded those with a campaign fund that the finance report for the end of 2014 is due on Wednesday, January 21st at noon.

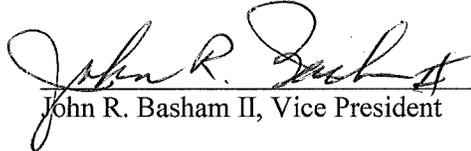
With no other public comments, Councilmember Winger moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL



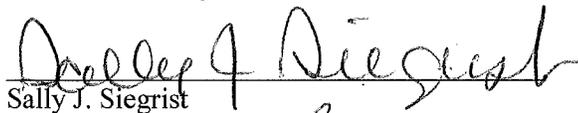
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John R. Basham II, Vice President



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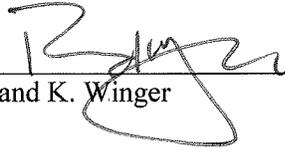
Sally J. Siegrist



Kevin L. Underwood



Kathy Vernon



Roland K. Winger

ATTEST:



Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 02/10/2015

Minutes prepared by Tillie Hennigar, Auditor Administrative Assistant

