

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2005**

The Tippecanoe County Council Meeting began at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, December 8, 2005 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: Vice President Ronald L. Fruitt, David S. Byers, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Betty J. Michael, Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Kevin L. Underwood. Others present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

Vice President Fruitt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that President Vernon is on her way but has been delayed due to the weather.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Robert Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga reported the 2005 uncommitted County General Funds through November 30, 2005 are \$18,719.56.

Revenue Report:

Auditor Plantenga noted that November Property Tax collections are not included, but he said the Lock Box sped up Settlement. The County will get all the anticipated Property Tax revenue plus .7%. Because we can no longer collect more than 100% of our levy, the .7% will be held in a Levy Excess Fund.

Auditor Plantenga pointed out that the Clerk's collections were accidentally posted to the Auditor's line but that was corrected after this report was printed.

41-10	Auditor	\$73,976.75
51-10	Clerk of Circuit Court	\$0

The amount of Sheriff's collections for housing DOC inmates includes the months of July 2004 and March and April 2005.

42-20	Sheriff-Inmate House-DOC	\$331,215.00
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Juvenile Institutional Care Billing and Payment Summary

Billing Period 1/1/05 to 6/30/05

	Billing	Payment 11/21/05 Superior 3	Payment 12/5/05 Council	Total	Difference
Boys Current	\$315,273.29	\$143,137.36	\$172,135.93	\$315,273.29	\$0.00
Boys Arrears	\$34,395.56		\$34,395.56	\$34,395.56	\$0.00
Boys Total	\$349,668.85	\$143,137.36	\$206,531.49	\$349,668.85	\$0.00
Girls Current	\$96,862.64	\$96,862.64			\$0.00
Girls Arrears	\$242,288.65		\$90,604.44	\$90,604.44	\$151,684.21
Girls Total	\$339,151.29	\$96,862.64	\$90,604.44	\$187,467.08	\$151,684.21
DOC Current	\$412,135.93	\$240,000.00	\$172,135.93	\$412,135.93	\$0.00
DOC Arrears	\$276,684.21	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$151,684.21
DOC Total	\$688,820.14	\$240,000.00	\$297,135.93	\$537,135.93	\$151,684.21*

*When the State withheld our COIT due to delinquent payments, they applied the entire amount to the boys' bills.

Billing Period 7/1/05 to 9/30/05 (\$60 max per diem)

Boys Current	\$126,540.00			\$0.00	\$126,540.00
Boys Arrears	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Boys Total	\$126,540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$126,540.00
Girls Current	\$41,520.00			\$0.00	\$41,540.00
Girls Arrears	\$151,684.21			\$0.00	\$151,684.21
Girls Total	\$193,204.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$193,204.21
DOC Current	\$168,060.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168,060.00
DOC Arrears	\$151,684.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151,684.21*
DOC Total	\$319,744.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319,744.21

*The Childrens' Residential Psychiatric Treatment Fund can be used to pay this amount.

TREASURER'S INTEREST REPORT

There was no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2005 Regular Meeting as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: ODP '04 Grant Fund 434: Director Mark Kirby

Additional Appropriation: \$38,379.00

26,611	Full Time Employee
2,036	Social Security
1,464	Retirement
6,992	Health
92	Life
132	LTD
932	Workers Comp
120	Flex

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Technician	3@1,054.66	
		21@1,116.52	26,611

Mr. Kirby requested approval of the appropriation to fund the Technician position from ODP '04 Grant Fund 434.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriation from ODP'04 Grant Fund 434, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the salary statement for the Technician position, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

BOARD OF ELECTION & REGISTRATION: Voting Equipment Reimbursement Fund 329: Clerk Linda Phillips and Election Board Member Bob Reiling

Additional Appropriation: \$428,000

428,000 Equipment/Data Processing Hardware

Mr. Reiling said they are requesting approval of the appropriation to pay for upgraded election equipment when the current equipment is traded-in. Mrs. Phillips said the upgraded voting units will not only be much lighter and sturdier but will have the ability to provide a voter verified paper trail if that is ever implemented. Our current units have a high trade-in value because so many states are using them. The total cost of \$440,725 will pay for the upgraded units, the purchase of 16 new voting units, and the purchase of 3 electronic poll books to facilitate the preparation of voter cards for in-office absentee voting.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriation of \$428,000 in Fund 329, seconded by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT II: Family Relations Counseling Fund 526

Additional Appropriation: \$8,000

8,000 Appointed Counsel

Councilmember Kemper said he spoke with Judge Busch who is requesting this appropriation to pay expenses in Fund 526 for the remainder of the year.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation of \$8,000 in Fund 526, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

HEALTH:

Tobacco Settlement Fund 762

Additional Appropriation: \$20,000

10,000 Medical Supplies

10,000 Equipment

Local Health Maintenance Fund 460

Transfer: \$300

From: 460-9010-452-25-25 Medical Supplies 300

To: 460-9010-453-30-90 Miscellaneous 300

- Councilmember Murtaugh moved to approve the appropriation of \$20,000 in Fund 762, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.
- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the transfer of \$300 in Fund 460, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

PROBATION: Adult User Fee Fund 510

Additional Appropriation: \$5,000

5,000 Travel & Training

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000 in Fund 510, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

Infraction Diversion Fund 261

Additional Appropriation: \$12,000

12,000 Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriation of \$12,000 in Fund 261, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

Edward Byrne Drug Grant Fund 601

Additional Appropriation: \$8,000

8,000 Utilities/Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriation of \$8,000 in Fund 601, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

SHERIFF: Sheriff William "Smokey" Anderson**Operation Pull-Over Grant Fund 233****Additional Appropriation: \$1,850**

1,850 Gasoline

Sheriff Anderson explained they received this grant, a percentage of the original grant award, to cover the increase in gasoline cost.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the appropriation of \$1,850 in fund 233, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

General Fund 001**Transfer: \$30,000**

From:	001-5410-421-11-10	Full Time Employees	15,000
	001-5410-421-11-15	Deputies	15,000
To:	001-5410-422-25-05	Food	15,000
	001-5410-423-37-90	Utilities	15,000

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the transfer of \$30,000 in General Fund 001, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.
- ➔ Councilmember and President Kathy Vernon entered the meeting and apologized for her tardiness. She said hazardous road conditions due to snow slowed her progress from Indianapolis.

Vice President Fruitt relinquished the Chair to President Vernon.

CASA: Other Financial Services/Foundation Grant Fund 151**Additional Appropriation: \$19,500**18,114 Part-time
1,386 Social Security

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation of \$19,500 in Fund 151, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (CFRC): Healthy Children Grant Fund 671**Appropriation of Budget: \$50,000**27,125 Management
16,250 Contractual Services
6,625 Educational

Due to illness, CFRC Director Pam Biggs-Reed was unable to attend and asked that this request be tabled until the January meeting.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to table the appropriation request for Fund 671 until January 10, 2006, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

MTS: Executive Director Diane Hawkins**Transfer: \$803**

From:	001-1410-413-36-70	Telephone Maintenance	250
	001-1410-413-30-05	Dues & Subscriptions	153
	001-1410-411-11-10	Salaries/Wages	400
To:	001-1410-412-20-40	Printing Supplies	803

Mrs. Hawkins requested the transfers to pay expenses for ink and toner.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the transfer of \$803, seconded by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

CORONER**Transfer: \$2,400**

From:	001-5010-411-12-20	Part-time	1,400
	001-5010-411-12-90	Part-time Miscellaneous	1,000
To:	001-5010-413-56-20	Autopsies	2,400

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the transfer of \$2,400, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

WABASH ASSESSOR**Transfer: \$28**

From:	001-0620-413-30-05	Dues & Subscriptions	28
To:	001-0620-412-20-10	Supplies	28

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the transfer of \$28, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

CARY HOME**Transfer: \$485**

From:	001-3610-413-30-05	Dues & Subscriptions	485
To:	001-3610-412-23-10	Cleaning Supplies	485

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the transfer of \$485, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSION**Transfer: \$1,200**

From:	001-2610-411-13-10	Overtime	1,200
To:	001-2610-413-30-10	Mileage Reimbursement	1,200

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the transfer of \$1,200, seconded by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

WIC: Fund 881: Director Colleen Batt**Transfer: \$7,465**

From:	881-9410-411-17-10	Health Insurance	3,064
	881-9210-453-30-90	Miscellaneous	1,504
	881-9210-451-12-20	Part-time – Other	507
	881-9210-451-15-10	Social Security	1,476
	881-9210-451-16-10	Retirement	722
	881-9410-411-17-30	Life	78
	881-9410-411-17-20	LTD	114
To:	881-9210-454-62-90	Miscellaneous Equipment	3,068
	881-9210-452-20-10	Office Supplies	4,387

Mrs. Batt said this transfer will expend all the appropriated funds. They are purchasing equipment and supplies that can be used in the next grant year.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the transfers totaling \$7,465, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

SURVEYOR**General Fund 001****Transfer: \$1,000**

From:	001-0410-411-13-10	Overtime	1,000
To:	001-0410-413-36-10	Maintenance & Repair	1,000

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the transfer of \$1,000, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

EDIT Section Corner Fund 301**Transfer: \$2,000**

From:	301-0420-411-13-10	Overtime	2,000
To:	301-0420-413-36-10	Maintenance & Repair	2,000

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the transfer of \$2,000 in Fund 301, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

AUDITOR: Auditor Robert Plantenga**Transfer: \$500**

From:	001-0110-411-12-20	Part-time - Other	500
To:	001-0110-413-30-25	Advertising	500

Auditor Plantenga said the transfer is to help the Advertising shortfall in the Commissioners' Budget.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the transfer of \$500, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Tabled 11/8/2005): Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston and Commissioner KD Benson

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time			15,431

- Councilmember Byers moved to take Employee Benefits from the table, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

President Vernon announced that, since the November meeting, some additional departments participated in the evaluation process.

Mrs. Weston explained that three (3) departments were working on evaluations but had not completed the process prior to the November 8th meeting. Since that time, those three (3) departments finished their evaluations and two (2) more departments submitted evaluations. She distributed a new list of qualified people that increased from 93 to 189 for a revised total of \$34,805, including salaries and benefits. Mrs. Weston said the Council will have the option of considering only the 93 people on the original list or accepting the additional 96 people on the revised list. She noted approximately \$70,000 is available in the budget.

Councilmember Michael noted that some chief deputies are on the list and questioned their eligibility. Commissioner Benson responded that only elected officials were excluded from consideration.

<u>Amended Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time			30,827

- Councilmember Murtaugh moved to approve the amended Salary Statement of \$30,827 plus \$2,359 for Social Security and \$1,619 for Retirement for a total of \$34,805, seconded by Councilmember Michael.

President Vernon thanked Mrs. Weston and the committee for all their work and the department heads who participated. She said she believes it was a good learning experience for the participants. The department heads she spoke with thought the evaluation process was a valuable tool.

Councilmember Michael commented she thinks some department heads didn't understand the process and didn't want to ask.

The motion carried.

Councilmember Murtaugh asked the Auditor if he could issue a separate check to recipients of Merit Pay so the department heads could present them to their employees. Auditor Plantenga said he doesn't want to do that because there is only one payroll left and W2s have to be prepared. He said an extra payroll would be time consuming, especially at the end of the year, and an added expense to the County for extra checks.

AREA PLAN: Information re Funding for Federal Transportation Planning: Area Plan Executive Director Sallie Fahey

Mrs. Fahey said any metropolitan statistical area that is over 50,000 population is required by the Federal Government to do transportation planning to remain eligible for any other transportation planning funds. To Tippecanoe County, this means money for the Purdue Airport, City Bus, and road projects etc. Mrs. Fahey said Transportation Planning money pays 80% of direct salaries plus our overhead rate and she explained how this is calculated by particular work activities.

FYI: Commissioner KD Benson

- ♦ The Child Abuse Summit held approximately three weeks ago was well attended.
- ♦ The Commissioners' Conference was held last week. Some of the speakers were: INDOT Commissioner Sharp, new Agriculture Director Miller and Jennifer Weston regarding centralized purchasing.
- ♦ Cary Home's 75th Anniversary was held on December 2nd.
- ♦ The Wabash River Enhancement Corp. will hold a presentation beginning at 4:00 P.M. today at the Lafayette Theater to hear river corridor ideas from senior students in Purdue's Urban Planning Class.
- ♦ Tip-a-cop will be held tomorrow evening at an area restaurant. Tips will be used to purchase children's toys.
- ♦ The department head luncheon will be held at Noon on Wednesday, December 14th.
- ♦ Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz will meet with the Council and Commissioners at Noon on Tuesday, January 10th.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ♦ The County Council will meet on the **second Tuesday** of each month at **2:00 P.M.** in **2006**
- ♦ 2007 Budget Hearings will held at **8:00 A.M., Monday, August 28 thru Wednesday, August 30, 2006.**

Councilmember Kemper gave a heads-up to the Council that anticipated court expenses are going to be extreme early in the year. He suggested the formation of an advisory group to help contain costs and to urge the judges to keep the Council apprised of anticipated costs. He would like the Judges, Prosecutor, and Public Defender to give the Council estimates of costs for expert witness fees. Auditor Plantenga said he can give the Council reports on the Gauvin trial because expenses will be set up in projects to keep track of costs that will be reimbursed. He will try to report monthly court costs, but they will reflect expenses that have already been incurred.


Councilmember Byers thanked President Vernon for her excellent leadership in 2005. President Vernon thanked the Councilmembers for their hard work and support of some new things that occurred in the County. She hopes the Council will continue to be progressive and pro-active in 2006.

The County Commissioners and County Council will meet hold a Joint Meeting with Greg Guerrettaz at Noon, Tuesday, January 10, 2006. The County Council's Regular Meeting will follow at 2:00 P.M. Both meetings will be held in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

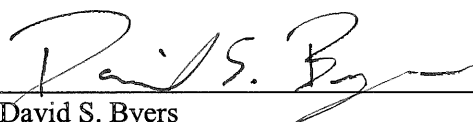
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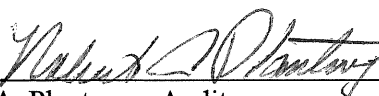
- Upon Councilmember Michael's motion, the meeting adjourned.

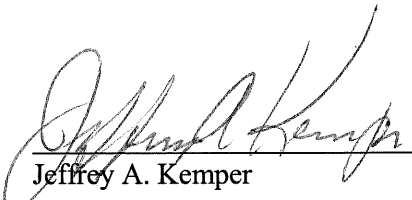
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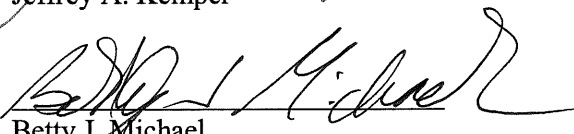

Kathy Vernon, President

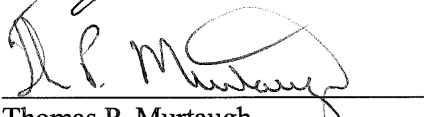

Ronald L. Fruitt, Vice President

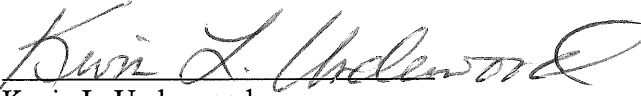

David S. Byers

Attest: 
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor


Jeffrey A. Kemper


Betty J. Michael


Thomas P. Murtaugh


Kevin L. Underwood