

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL  
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JOINT MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2005**

The Tippecanoe County Council Tippecanoe County Commissioners held a joint meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 11:30 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: David S. Byers, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Betty J. Michael, Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Kevin L. Underwood. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member Ruth E Shedd. Others present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Councilmember Ronald L. Fruitt was absent.)

Greg Guerrettaz, President of Financial Solutions Group and Tippecanoe County's Financial Consultant, was also present.

Since President Vernon was not present when the meeting convened and Vice President Fruitt was absent, Councilmember Byers called the Council's Meeting to order.

President Benson called the Commissioners' Meeting to order.

**Mission Statement**

Since not all Councilmembers and Commissioners submitted suggested amendments to the Mission Statement, Mr. Guerrettaz asked them to do so before the next meeting so it can be discussed.

**Committees**

Revenue

Councilmember Murtaugh reported the Revenue Committee discussed twelve (12) legislative bills concerning revenue to counties. The members were encouraged to send e-mails in support to legislators except for one bill which was considered to be detrimental. He noted that most of the bills died in the House but could still be included in Senate bills.

Mr. Guerrettaz encouraged sending e-mails to legislators now asking them to tack onto Senate bills those issues the committee thought were of interest to counties.

→ Councilmember Kathy Vernon entered the meeting.

Efficiency

Mrs. Weston reported the Efficiency Committee is looking at work flow in departments. She distributed a booklet that provides descriptions of County departments.

Mrs. Weston also distributed a list showing the number of full time and part-time employees in the various departments. Mr. Guerrettaz asked to have the number of new employees requested by departments in the Operating Plan included by the next meeting. Auditor Plantenga noted that the Operating Plan contains assumptions of new employees in the Public Defender's Office to stay in compliance with the reimbursement program and one (1) new full time employee annually that currently appears in the Employee Insurance Benefits Budget.

Cash Management

President Vernon explained that the Revenue Committee needs clarification on whether Mr. Guerrettaz stated at the last meeting that the County should seek RFPs or RFIs for Cash Management this year. Mr. Guerrettaz said he first needs a definition of a RFI. President Vernon said it is her understanding that a RFI would only look at interest rates. Mr. Guerrettaz responded his recommendation was to look at the whole system rather than only interest. He thought a RFI might be a pre-qualification for those who would receive the RFP to shorten the list. He said past experience has shown that not all financial institutions are qualified or interested.

Treasurer Tolle, who was also present, stated a RFP is time consuming and can be costly when paying Attorney Luhman and Mr. Guerrettaz for their time. She said she has a good working relationship with the banks she deals with now, but she also wants to be sure we get the best interest rate. She said she is happy with the expense side of what we have now.

Commissioner Benson thought Mr. Guerrettaz and Attorney Luhman could be paid and the County could still be money ahead if a new RFP is solicited and banks compete for our business.

Mr. Guerrettaz asked the Revenue Committee to decide between a RFP and a RFI.

Attorney Luhman suggested asking the banks to bid on the Cash Management Plan currently in place rather than totally re-writing it.

**Operating Plan: 2005-2010**

Auditor Plantenga reviewed changes and updates he made to the Operating Plan through 2010.

**Juvenile Institutional Care**

Auditor Plantenga announced the Council will be asked later today to appropriate funds from a Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Fund 569 for Institutional Care. The money will help pay for housing of juveniles in Plainfield and Indianapolis facilities. By a Statute approved in 2004, the County receives half of the annual amount and the DFC receives the other half.

**Update: NPDES Phase II Stormwater Quality Management Plan Power Point Presentation: Surveyor Steve Murray**

Tippecanoe County's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Quality management includes the following entities:

Tippecanoe County	Town of Dayton
City of Lafayette	Purdue University
City of West Lafayette	Ivy Tech of Lafayette
Town of Battle Ground	

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) is part of the Clean Water Act  
Federal Regulation - NPDES Phase 2  
State Regulation - Rule 13, Rule 5  
Local Regulatory Mechanism - Ordinance

Six Program Elements of Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SWQMP)  
Public education and outreach on storm water impacts  
Public involvement/participation  
Illicit discharge detection and elimination  
Construction site stormwater runoff control  
Post-construction stormwater management  
Pollution prevention/good housekeeping

Funding: 2005

Funds	Group Costs	Individual County Costs
Existing Funding	134,864.53	92,500.00
Permit Fees	2,453.19	185,000.00
New Funds	308,213.35	205,600.00
Total New Funds Needed	513,813.35	

A per household fee of \$3-4 would raise an estimated \$350,000.

**Homework**

Prioritize Capital Projects within a level or move to a different level

- 1-10 high
- 1-5 medium
- 1-3 low

**Next Meeting:**

Noon, Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building

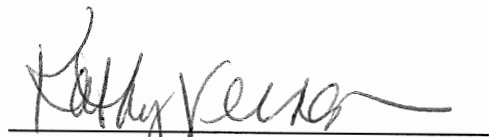
**Adjourned: 1:28 P.M.**

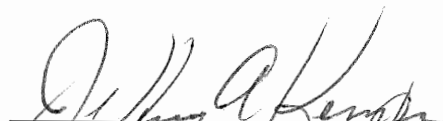
Upon the motion by Commissioner Knochel and the second by Commissioner Shedd, the Commissioners adjourned.

**Recessed: 1:28 P.M.**

President Vernon recessed the Council until 1:40 P.M.

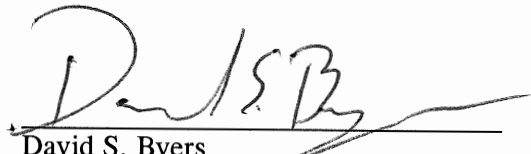
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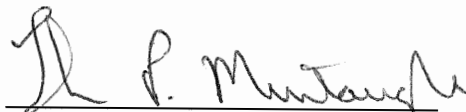
  
Kathy Vernon, President

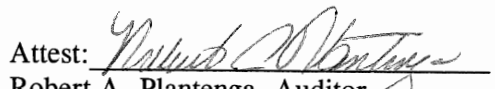
  
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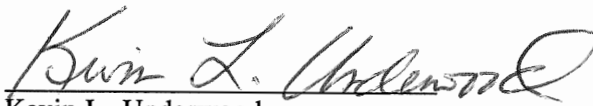
  
Ronald L. Fruitt, Vice President

  
Betty J. Michael

  
David S. Byers

  
Thomas P. Murtaugh

Attest:   
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

  
Kevin L. Underwood