

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10, 2005**

The Tippecanoe County Council Meeting began at 1:00 P.M. followed by the Council's Public Hearing at 2:09 P.M., Tuesday, May 10, 2005 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Kathy Vernon, 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. (Councilmember Ronald L. Fruitt was absent.)

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

***Wabash Center Presentation: Jerry Withered, County Council Representative to Wabash Center, and Jeff Darling, Wabash Center President & CEO***

As the County Council Representative and member of the Wabash Center Board, Mr. Withered expressed appreciation for the Council's commitment to Wabash Center and its wiliness to approve a tax levy increase last year to enhance funding for Adult Day Services. He said Wabash Center serves approximately 600 individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Darling said Wabash Center has been working to optimize the quality of life for people with disabilities for over 50 years. In a power point presentation, he showcased their services in the following areas:

- ♦ Vocational Training      Greenbush Industries work shop, work crews, and janitorial services at Purdue; 184 individuals
- ♦ Adult Day Services      Self help and social skills for profoundly challenged adults; 32 individuals
- ♦ Employment Services    EmployAbilities: employment training for individuals with special needs; 575 individuals in 2004
- ♦ Child care                Children with and without special needs in the same classroom; State licensed for 125 children
- ♦ Residential Services      Assisted living: group homes (5), supported living, and respite care for families with severely disabled child; 110 individuals

Mr. Darling said currently all individuals in Adult Day Services are Tippecanoe County residents.

President Vernon expressed the Council's appreciation for Mr. Darling's presentation and the services Wabash Center provides in the community. She invited any friends and families of Wabash Center participants to speak.

Laura Ball, 3436 Woodfield St., W. Laf.: Ms Ball said Greenbush Industries is a wonderful place for her brother to work and she is happy it is there for him.

Ken Doyle, 17 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Laf.: Mr. Doyle said Wabash Center has been a godsend for his family. Their 53 year old son has been at Wabash Center many years and, even though he uses a walker or crutches, his memory is very good.

Mike Baumgardt, 3537 Creek Ridge, W. Laf.: Mr. Baumgardt's 37 year old daughter has attended Adult Day Services since high school. He said she has received good training and he doesn't know what she would do without it.

Ruth Lehman, 7335 N 300E, Battle Ground: Mrs. Lehman's son has worked at Wabash Center for 1½ years and enjoys it.

Barbara Zufall, 2101 Shasta Dr., Laf.: Mrs. Zufall's 48 year old daughter works in the workshop and lives in a group home. Mrs. Zufall's 27 year old grandson attended pre-school at Wabash Center and now works in the workshop.

President Vernon thanked them for sharing their stories with the community.

***Auditor's Financial Report: Robert Plantenga***

Auditor Plantenga reported the 2005 uncommitted County General Funds through April 30, 2005 are \$169,254.14. Revenue item of note:

License & Permits

22-20 Building Commission: Commissioners approved increases to some fees on 1<sup>st</sup> reading on 5/2.

Councilmember Byers asked Auditor Plantenga to comment on ways the recently approved State Budget will affect Tippecanoe County.

- ♦ Freezing the PTRC (Property Tax Replacement Credit) is the biggest change but it should not impact Tippecanoe County Government. However, it will increase property tax for individual taxpayers since the State will be contributing less.
- ♦ The cap of \$60 per day for DOC facilities (Boys/Girls Schools) will save the County money since all currently charge more. All will charge the same per diem. Tippecanoe County will be required to develop a four (4) year plan to pay our DOC debt.
- ♦ Delaying Reassessment 2 years and Trending 1 year until 2006 should be a savings for the County.
- ♦ SB 100 allows EDIT & COIT taxes to be used for any lawful purposes.

***Treasurer's Interest Report***

Since today is the deadline for paying Property Taxes, Auditor Plantenga distributed the Treasurer's Interest Report showing the average interest rate for March 2005 was 2.68%. He reported there were lines of people paying their taxes for 9 hours on Monday, May 9.

***Sheriff: William "Smokey" Anderson***

Salary Statement	Position	Rate	Salary
Full time	Receptionist	(9) 939.38	25,026.00
		(15) 1,104.75	

Sheriff Anderson requested approval of the amended salary statement due to the reclassification of the Receptionist position from COMOT I to COMOT III because of expanded duties related to Inmate Video Visitation, Sex Offender Registration, and the Alarm Ordinance. The job description has been amended to reflect these additions.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the salary statement reclassifying the Receptionist position from COMOT I to COMOT III, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

**WIC**

<u>Salary Statement 1/05-9/30/05</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full time	Voucher Clerk	1,983.26	17,849.34
	Voucher Clerk	1,878.76	16,908.84
	Clerk Supervisor	2,384.58	21,461.22
	Nutritionist	2,887.34	25,986.06
	Dietitian	2,887.34	25,986.06
	Asst. Coordinator	3,885.84	34,972.56
Part-time	Coordinator	4,313.16	38,818.44
	Clerk	10.92	
	Nutritionist reg PT	18.76	
	Nutritionist	16.78	
	Nutrition Intern	8.50	
	Nutritionist	12.72	

This salary statement was submitted to increase salaries to the rate of pay given to other County employees in January 2005. The increases will be retroactive to January 1, 2005.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the salary statement for WIC, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

**Cary Home: Substance Abuse Grant Fund 137: Cary Home Director Rebecca Humphrey**

<u>Transfer: \$5,375</u>			
From:	137-3610-413-43-60	Education	5,375
To:	137-3610-412-20-10	Supplies	5,375

Mrs. Humphrey explained they received an Education & Prevention Grant for groups in the amount of \$9,375 but, due to a staffing shortage, have been unable to spend all the money. The transfer of funds to Supplies will allow the purchase of educational materials for group use.

- Councilmember Murtaugh moved to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

**Superior Court VI: Race & Gender Fairness Grant Fund 548: Lori Coddington, Bailiff**

<u>Transfer: \$5,872</u>			
From:	548-7106-413-46-25	Translator	5,872
To:	548-7106-411-11-10	Full Time Employee	5,454
	548-7106-411-15-10	Social Security	418

Ms Coddington explained that the \$10,000 grant they received to pay Translator fees expires at the end of June but the entire amount has not been spent. This transfer will allow them to use the remaining grant money to pay a Translator who is currently paid from the General Fund.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

**Highway: Commissioner KD Benson**

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full time	Executive Director	3,187.50	76,500
	Asst. Executive Director	2,297.25	55,134

Commissioner Benson requested approval of the salary statement for the new Highway Executive Director Opal Kuhl and Highway Assistant Executive Director Michael Spencer.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the salary statement for the Highway Executive Director and Highway Assistant Executive Director, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

**Surtax & Wheel Tax Report: Auditor Robert Plantenga**

Auditor Plantenga discussed a handout showing Surtax and Wheel Tax collections for all Tippecanoe County entities through May 6, 2005. Tippecanoe County collections were:

Surtax	\$473,046.58
Wheel Tax	\$66,732.92
Total	539,779.50

Based on these totals, he thinks we will meet Tippecanoe County's 2005 estimate of \$1,000,000 for Surtax and \$100,000 for Wheel Tax.

**FYI: Commissioner KD Benson**

- The County Council has the option of implementing the 1% Innkeepers' Tax increase passed during the recent legislative session.
- The Legislature passed a salary increase for judges as well as the Public Defender and IV-D Commissioner. Auditor Plantenga reported that, according to Public Defender Committee Member Pat Harrington, increases for Public Defender and IV-D Commissioner are not required to take effect until 2006.
- Recent legislation restricts the sale of ephedrine products to individuals under age 18. Commissioner Benson thinks this will help with our juveniles since they will no longer be easily accessible.
- On Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 A.M., 2300 flags in honor of those killed in terrorists' acts will be displayed at Tecumseh Middle School. County Council members are invited to attend.
- The Commissioners held two meetings in the last month with Mike McMillen regarding the number of beds, etc for a proposed juvenile center.
- Judge Rush held a Juvenile Forum focusing on abuse at 7:00 P.M., June 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Due to Verizon's increased charge for E-911, an increase to the 911 user fee is being investigated.
- A tour of the closed County landfill will be held at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

***Recessed/Reconvened***

The meeting recessed at 2:04 P.M. and reconvened at 2:09 P.M.

***Approval of Minutes***

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2005 Meeting as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

***Public Defender: Amy Hutchison***

**General Fund 001**

Additional Appropriation: \$80,000  
80,000 Other Professional Services

**Public Defender Fee Fund 555**

Additional Appropriation: \$15,000  
15,000 Professional Services

Mrs. Hutchison requested additional funds for Professional Services because she is out of money and has bills totaling approximately \$20,000. Five murder cases have been filed in her office, two of which she is sure will be tried in the fall of 2005. The Public Defender Fee Fund has a current cash balance of approximately \$11,000 that can be appropriated. When Councilmember Kemper asked if the \$80,000 would carry this line for the remainder of the year, Mrs. Hutchison responded it isn't even close. However she could not project when the other three murder trials will be held or how much she will ultimately need in this line item.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve \$25,000 in Fund 001 and \$11,000 in Fund 555, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

***Circuit Court: ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Fund 545: Cynthia Garwood, Mediator***

Appropriation: \$10,000  
10,000 Court Expense/Mediation

Ms Garwood requested appropriation of the projected amount of fees they will collect in 2005 in all new divorce and paternity cases to help fund mediation services for those families.

- Councilmember Michael moved to appropriate \$10,000 in Fund 545, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

***Health Department: Master Tobacco Settlement Fund 762: Ron Cripe, Executive Assistant***

Additional Appropriation: \$3,621  
3,206 Full Time Employee  
246 Social Security  
169 Retirement

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full time	Nurse Supervisor	(9)1,942.92	49,835.98
		(15)2,156.58	

Mr. Cripe requested additional funding due to the reclassification of a Nurse PAT IV position to Nurse/Supervisor PAT V to supervise the Nurses and Vital Records located at the 629 Building. Although this position is paid from the General Fund, Master Tobacco Funds will be used to pay the salary increase from Level IV to Level V. He said he is making this commitment long-term because he is sure the funding from this source will continue.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriation of \$3,621 in Fund 762, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the salary statement, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

***Emergency Management: ODP 2004 (Office of Domestic Preparedness) Fund 434: Mark Kirby, Director***

Appropriation: 20,368  
14,595 Full Time Employee  
1,117 Social Security  
767 Retirement  
3,178 Health Insurance  
78 Long Term Disability  
62 Life Insurance  
511 Workers Comp  
60 Flex

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full time	Technician	(12)1,033.79	14,595
		(2)1,094.63	

Mr. Kirby requested the appropriation of funds from the ODP 2004 Grant Fund 434 that can be used to pay an employee designated as a Technician. This person will assist the Director and Deputy Director, particularly with the inventory of new equipment that is being

purchased primarily with Homeland Security funding. Since this is a two year grant, the funding will be in effect for the remainder of 2005 and all of 2006.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the appropriation of \$20,368 for the Full Time Employee position for the remainder of 2005, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the salary statement in the amount of \$14,595, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

**Prosecutor: Old Hoosiers Fund 250: Jerry Bean**

**Appropriations: 57,682**

18,288	Full Time Employee
1,399	Social Security
961	Retirement
6,362	Health Insurance
143	Long Term Disability
123	Life Insurance
640	Workers Comp
120	Flex
14,053	Full Time Employee
1,075	Social Security
738	Retirement
6,362	Health Insurance
143	Long Term Disability
123	Life Insurance
492	Workers Comp
120	Flex
6,075	Part-time Employee
465	Social Security

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full time	Case Manager	3,048	18,288
	Caseworker	2,342	14,053
Part-time	Case Assistant	9.00	

Mr. Bean explained that the move of Adult Protective Services (APS) from Family Services to Tippecanoe County Government is a consequence of the State deciding there will be no more sub-contracts with anyone for Adult Protective Services (APS). As a result, Mr. Bean requested approval of funding for a full time Case Manager, a full time Case Worker, and a part-time Secretary who will work 25 hours per week. This staff will be under his supervision as well the Prosecutors of seven surrounding counties. The salaries will be reimbursed by the State. Since Adult Protective Services will be housed at the 629 Building, money set aside for rent can be used toward employee benefits if needed. With an annual budget of \$115,000, the State has agreed to pay \$100,000 annually for APS and the remaining \$15,000 will be paid by the Prosecutors from the eight counties. The move must be completed by July 1, 2005.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriations in Fund 250, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.
- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the salary statement, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

**Outside Department: GLCDC Brownfields Grant Fund 702: Grant Coordinator Christine Chapman**

**Appropriation of Budget: 215,000**

215,000 Administrative/Other Professional Services

Mrs. Chapman explained that the GLCDC (Greater Lafayette Community Development Corp) was awarded a \$200,000 Brownfield's Assessment and Cleanup Grant through the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to hire a consultant to evaluate the Brownfields along the Wabash River Corridor. The GLCDC contributed \$15,000 to hire the Army Corp of Engineers to perform the work. The County will oversee the grant.

With the approval of President Vernon, Councilmember Kemper asked Mrs. Chapman to arrange a brief presentation by the CDC showing how the funding will be spent.

Attorney Luhman explained that the Grant is detailed as to what has to be done by the CDC in terms of hiring a professional environmental firm to do an evaluation of potential Brownfields along the Wabash River Corridor. The \$15,000 required local match was donated to the County by the CDC, and the Commissioners approved an agreement with the CDC to administer the Grant on April 4, 2005. The agreement requires the CDC to comply with all EPA accounting regulations and to submit to the County, through the County Grant Coordinator, verification that all funds are going where they are supposed to before they are paid.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the appropriation of Fund 702, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

**Court Services: Drug Court Grant Fund 578: Grant Coordinator Christine Chapman**

**Appropriation of Budget: 69,354**

44,497	Salary
700	General Operating/Dues & Subscriptions
8,000	General Operating/Drug & Alcohol Screens
800	Building/Lease
2,000	Utilities/Telephone
3,180	Departmental/Miscellaneous
1,900	Equipment/Office
7,477	Travel/Training
800	Office/Computer Software

Mrs. Chapman explained that Court Services received a Drug Court Grant in the amount of \$69,354 from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The required match will be the Coordinator's salary that is already being paid.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to appropriate \$69,354 in Fund 578, seconded by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

**Superior Court III: Adolescent Substance Abuse Grant Fund 624: Grant Coordinator Christine Chapman**

**Appropriation of Budget: 118,000**

98,780	Contractual Services
15,520	Travel/Training
3,000	Departmental/Education
700	General Operating/Printing

The Adolescent Substance Abuse Grant in the amount of \$118,000 was awarded to Superior Court III by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to decrease adolescent abuse and related criminal offenses. The grant will pay for education, travel and training, and general operating costs. The match of \$39,334 was received from local sources.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to appropriate \$118,000 in Fund 624, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

**Cary Home: JAMS Grant Fund 132: Rebecca Humphrey, Director**

**Appropriation of Budget: 37,700**

29,990	Salary & Wages
2,294	Social Security
1,574	Retirement
2,100	Workers Comp

Mrs. Humphrey said that 2005 is the final year for the formula grant for the JAMS Licensed Therapist position. She thinks it is unlikely she will find a grant to continue the funding for 2006.

- Councilmember Michael moved to appropriate \$37,7000 in Fund 132 for the JAMS Grant, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Susan Smith, Family Services President, provided a brief background of the association of Adult Protective Services with Family Services. She said the new emphasis is on investigating crimes against adults. She offered Family Services' help during the transition.

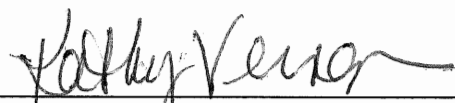
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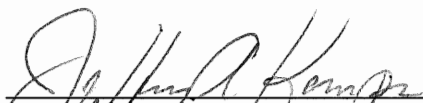
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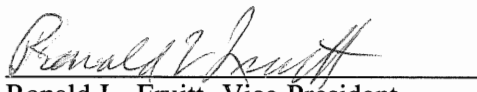
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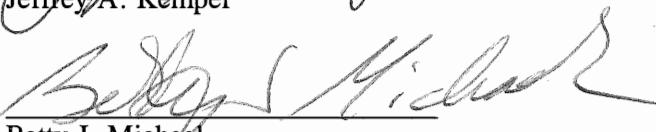
- Councilmember Byers moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

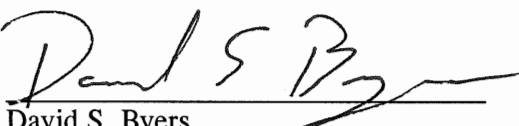
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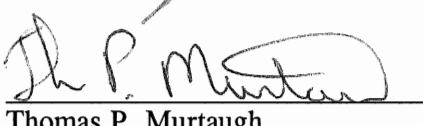
  
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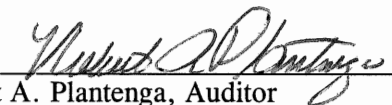
  
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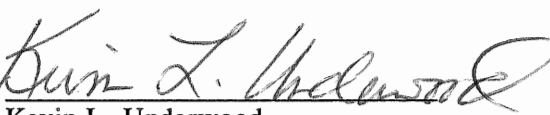
  
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