

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2004**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Kathy Vernon, Vice President Ronald L. Fruitt, Connie Basham, David S. Byers Jeffrey A. Kemper, Jeffrey Kessler, and Betty J. Michael. Others present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Vernon called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then called upon Councilmember Basham to offer a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the minutes of the August 23-24, 2004 Budget Hearings seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2004 Special Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2004 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

INTEREST STATEMENT: Chief Deputy Treasurer Shannon Withers

Mrs. Withers distributed the Interest Report showing the average interest rate for August 2004 was 1.32%.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Auditor Robert Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga reported the 2004 uncommitted County General Funds through September 30, 2004 are \$43,377.58.

Since Superior Court VI has a request for additional Jury Expense funds, Auditor Plantenga reviewed the status of Jury Pay Fund 550.

Total 2004 appropriated unused balance	\$13,319.55
Cash balance as of October 1, 2004	34,384.99
Uncommitted Jury Pay cash	21,065.44
Expected Jury Pay Fund revenues October – December, 2004 (\$1700/mo)	5,100.00
Current expected cash on December 31, 2004 (\$34,384.99+\$5,100+\$13,319.55)	26,165.44

He noted the 2005 appropriation is \$25,000.

Attorney Luhman explained that filing fees collected by the courts is the funding source for the Jury Pay Fund. He said fewer filing fees equal less money in the fund.

PROSECUTOR IV-D

REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION: \$84,292.00

80,366.00	Health Insurance
1,859.00	Long Term Disability
1,287.00	Life Insurance
780.00	Flex

Auditor Plantenga explained that, since two thirds of IV-D expenses are reimbursed, the insurance line items were left in that budget instead of the Employee Benefits Budget. However, since our payroll system cannot do that, IV-D insurance items have been paid from the Employee Benefits Budget. Since there is an adequate amount in the Employee Benefits Budget, he recommended reducing the Prosecutor IV-D by \$84,292 to increase the General Fund uncommitted amount. Because the reduction was advertised, this amount can be used for requested appropriations today.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the reduction of appropriation of \$84,292, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

SHERIFF: Sheriff William "Smokey" Anderson

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$60,000.00

60,000.00	Food
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Sheriff Anderson requested an additional \$60,000 for Food. He said any possible transfers of funds will be used for Utilities. The Sheriff estimated 120 of the 450 inmates are from the DOC.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve \$60,000 for Food, seconded by Councilmember Basham.

Councilmember Byers asked if the County is receiving payments for housing DOC inmates. Auditor Plantenga reported receipts for the following months in 2003. He showed no receipts for 2004 housing.

8/31/04	\$78,000	Sept. 03
	\$91,000	Nov. 03
9/07/04	\$70,910	Dec. 03
9/14/04	\$88,655	Oct. 03

Sheriff Anderson was unsure if additional payments were received but said he would report later in the meeting.

- The motion carried.

E-911 FUND 176: Capt. Mark Kirby, Director, & Sheriff William "Smokey" Anderson**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$50,000.00**

50,000.00 Maps

Capt. Kirby explained that this \$50,000 is a 100% reimbursement from the State for funds spent from Fund 176 for the mapping project.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the appropriation of \$50,000 for E-911 Fund 176, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

Councilmember Fruitt inquired about the impact of the new phone rates on 911. Capt. Kirby responded that costs are rising but revenues are decreasing due to the increasing number of people who use cell phones as their only phone service. Capt. Kirby said 911 calls are routed through Verizon since they are the main service provider for Tippecanoe County but we may follow Allen County's example and purchase our own router. Sheriff Anderson interject that we may consider increasing the monthly land line fee from the current \$0.95 to \$1.00, the maximum allowable by Statute.

SUPERIOR COURT VI: Bailiff Lori Coddington**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$8,000.00**5,000.00 Jury Expense
3,000.00 Pauper Attorney

Ms Coddington explained they have held 23 jury trials and 7 are scheduled before the end of the year. They have two outstanding bills totaling \$1,425 but a balance of only \$326.33.

Note: The \$5,000 Jury Expense request was advertised in both General Fund 001 and Jury Pay Fund 550.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve \$5,000 for Jury Expense from Jury Pay Fund 550, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Ms Coddington said they have an outstanding Pauper Attorney bill for \$1,263.46 but a balance of only \$250.00.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve \$3,000 for Pauper Attorney, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT:**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$1,552.00**438.00 Pauper Attorney
1,114.00 Law Books

Councilmember Kemper reported Judge Daniel and his Bailiff Sue Lohrman could not to attend today because of a full docket. After speaking with Mrs. Lohrman, Councilmember Kemper learned they have an outstanding Pauper Attorney bill for \$438 and, because Circuit Court does most of the Probates for the County, they are required to have two set of law books plus any updates.

Councilmember Byers questioned why they need the law books in hard copy since the information is on the web. Councilmember Michael commented that, when she was Clerk, all the courts except Circuit were willing to get the information from the Web. Councilmember Kemper said he didn't know but will ask the Bailiff before the next meeting.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve \$438 for Pauper Attorney, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to table the request for Law Books, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS: County Agent Bryan Metzger**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$7,500.00**

7,500.00 Utilities

Mr. Metzger estimated they will need \$7,500 to pay Utilities at the Fairgrounds until the end of the year. Balances in the Maintenance accounts as well as Overtime were cited by Councilmembers as possible sources for transfers. Mr. Metzger said any Maintenance balance is committed to pay bills for the recent paving project in front of the Home Ec Building and Overtime has been used but not submitted.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the appropriation of \$7,500 for Utilities, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSION: Building Commissioner Ron Highland**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$10,077.00**6,000.00 Mileage Reimbursement
1,000.00 Part-time
3,000.00 Office Supplies
77.00 Social Security

Mr. Highland withdrew his request for Part-time and Social Security but reported he has bills totaling \$2,870 for Office Supplies. Mr. Highland requested \$6,000 for mileage which, added to the \$3,150 balance, should be enough to pay the Inspector's claims that average \$2,100 per month until the end of the year. He noted the Council granted a \$1,000 appropriation for Travel & Training at the August meeting but said he will forego the training and transfer the \$1,000 to Mileage.

Councilmember Kessler commented that a record number of permits are being issued for single family dwellings in the County. Mr. Highland reported he has proposed permit fee increases for the Commissioners' consideration.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve \$6,000 for Mileage Reimbursement and \$2,870 for Office Supplies, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

Councilmember Kessler noted that current gasoline prices are close to \$2.00 per gallon and wondered if the County could save money if it purchased small fuel efficient vehicles for the Inspector's use. Auditor Plantenga commented he didn't think there would be a savings for the County since payments are based on miles traveled.

CARY HOME: Director Rebecca Humphrey

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$8,000.00

8,000.00 Overtime

TRANSFER: \$581.00

From:	001-3610-413-35-05	Dues & Subscriptions	581.00
To:	001-3610-412-23-10	Cleaning Supplies	581.00

Mrs. Humphrey reduced her Overtime request to \$4,000. She said she has enough funds available for Social Security and Retirement due to vacant positions.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve \$4,000 for Overtime, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the transfer of \$581, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

CARY HOME: Substance Abuse Education Fund 137: Director Rebecca Humphrey

APPROPRIATION: \$9,375.00

9,375.00 Contract/Educator

Mrs. Humphrey explained they received a grant from the Coalition for a Safe & Drug-Free Tippecanoe County to pay a Substance Abuse Educator to provide prevention education to the boys at Cary Home through August 2005.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the appropriation, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

PROBATION: Deputy Chief Probation Officer David Hullinger

Adult User Fee Fund 510

APPROPRIATION: \$12,540.00

12,540.00 General Operating - Misc

Auditor Plantenga explained these are Administrative Fees that will be used to pay the increase in the Probation Officers' salaries mandated by the State. If approved, the Probation Department will submit a claim from Adult User Fee Fund 510 to General Fund 001 to pay the salaries.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the appropriation of \$12,540 for Fund 510, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

SHERIFF'S UPDATE

Sheriff Anderson reported the DOC has paid all 2003 bills except an estimated \$40,000 to \$60,000 they are contesting. The County has billed the DOC through May 2004 and is ready to submit a bill for June and July. As of July 31, 2004, the total amount owed by the DOC was \$868,000.

PROBATION resumed

JAIBG SHOCAP Grant Fund 602

TRANSFER: \$122.00

From:	602-7203-423-32-10	Travel	122.00
To:	602-7203-421-11-10	Employee	89.00
	602-7203-421-15-10	Social Security	5.00
	602-7203-421-16-10	Retirement	2.00
	602-9410-411-17-10	Health Insurance	22.00
	602-9410-411-17-50	Workers Comp	4.00

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the transfers in Fund 602, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2004-35-CL: Endorsing Amendment to Cum Cap Plan

Resolution 2004-35-CL, that will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office, endorses Resolution 2004-34-CM that amends the Cum Cap Plan to add funding for Project KK for 2004. It adds \$12,000 to replace the Courthouse air conditioning compressor and \$3,000 for the renovation of the Courthouse 4th floor restroom plumbing and floor.

Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston explained this funding will replenish accounts that were used to pay for repairs.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve Resolution 2004-35-CL, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS: Cum Cap Fund 010

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$15,000.00

15,000.00 Maintenance/Bldg Improvements

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the appropriation of \$15,000 in Cum Cap Fund 010, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT II: Judge Thomas Busch

TRANSFERS: \$5,979.00

From:	001-7102-413-46-05	Jury Expense	5,979.00
To:	001-7102-411-12-20	Part-time	2,400.00
	001-7102-411-13-10	Overtime	3,000.00
	001-7102-411-15-10	Social Security	414.00
	001-7102-411-16-10	Retirement	165.00

Judge Busch said he is requesting the transfers to pay for Part-time and Overtime already incurred. He said he will request an additional \$5,979 in November to replenish the Jury Expense line item.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the transfers, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: TB Grant Fund 760

TRANSFER: \$350.00

From:	760-9010-451-12-20	Part-time - Other	350.00
To:	760-9010-452-25-90	Supplies - Misc	350.00

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Director Steve Wettschurack

TRANSFER: \$3,100.00

From:	001-5210-421-11-10	Full Time Employee	3,100.00
To:	001-5210-422-22-10	Garage	1,000.00
	001-5210-423-30-40	Physical Exam	300.00
	001-5210-423-32-10	Travel & Training	300.00
	001-5210-423-37-20	Telephone	1,500.00

Mr. Wettschurack withdrew the request to transfer \$300 to Travel & Training for the Deputy Director since it will be paid by the State. He explained extra funds are needed in Garage due to increased fuel costs and to pay for repairs. The Physical Exam expense is for Haz-Mat volunteer physicals and Telephone is to pay for additional cell phone usage during the tornado and 2 floods.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the transfer of \$1,000 for Garage, \$300 for Physical Exam, and \$1,500 for Telephone, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: 2004 Capital Projects Fund Plan Revision: Library Board President Van Phillips

Mr. Phillips reported they were able to replace the HVAC units at the downtown facility with 2004 funds. Because this project was planned for 2005, he said they would instead like to use those funds to complete the renovation of the basement at the downtown library.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to accept the 2005 Capital Projects Fund Plan Revision for 2005 funds, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

TIME CHANGE: November Meeting

The November 9, 2004 County Council Meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe room in the County Office Building. Councilmember Byers announced he will be absent.

AIC MEETING

Councilmember Basham announced she attended the AIC (Association of Indiana Counties) Conference last week and, during the Association of Indiana County Council Session, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston and Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz discussed our County's Business Plan. She said several counties expressed interest.

Councilmember Basham reported that Hamilton County filed a lawsuit against the Department of Revenue due to their unwillingness to show records of precise collections and returns of COIT Funds. She thinks the outcome will impact future returns of COIT collections to counties.

ROAD CREW UPDATE

Councilmember Kemper reported he met with Commissioner Shedd regarding the shortage of Community Corrections' Road Crew participants. They plan to meet with all the judges to encourage them to assign more clients to Road Crew instead of to community service. He said one judge, who deals with this type of client on a regular basis, has already agreed to divert more to Road Crew so we can offer their help as needed around the community. Councilmember Kemper said he and Commissioner Shedd plan to meet again next week.

BOARD OF ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Election Board Member and Clerk Linda Phillips reported they received 2,000 new voter registrations on the last day of registration and 1,000 absentee ballot requests during the last week. She assigned as many Clerk's personnel as possible to help, but she said additional funds will be needed in November to pay the extra costs.

FYI: Commissioner Ruth Shedd

- The Commissioners received the Juvenile Commission's recommendation regarding a Juvenile Center and a written response was requested. She said it will not be put on the back burner but the Commissioners don't have a written plan yet since they are unsure of the capacity of the facility.
- The Commissioners are still addressing the bird problem outside the Courthouse and are now addressing the chipmunk problem in the Courthouse. Tom Myers, Maintenance Director, received literature on electronic devices to help the bird problem. The fake owls stationed around the Courthouse lawn approximately one month ago have been ineffective.

CAMERA QUOTES

In response to the request to air County Council meetings on Insight Cable, Mrs. Weston reported quotes for camera equipment to tape the meetings ranged from \$15,000 to \$20,000. She expects to receive more quotes. President Vernon said we are getting quotes because the cable company doesn't have the staff to do the taping for us but will air the tape if we purchase our own equipment.

PEDOMETER COMPETITION

The County and both cities are participating in a nationwide program to promote walking as part of a healthy lifestyle. Due to the overwhelming response, the start of the competition was delayed until more pedometers are delivered. Each of the 300 County employees who signed up have the goal of walking 10,000 steps per day for 6 weeks. The number of steps by all County employees will be averaged to determine which of the three entities walked the most.

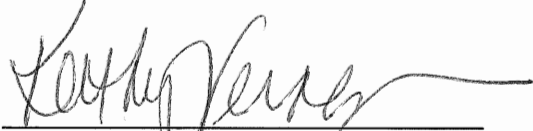
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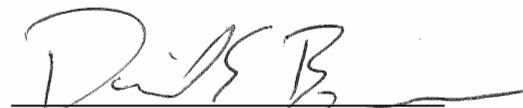
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ADJOURNMENT

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


TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL



Kathy Vernon, President

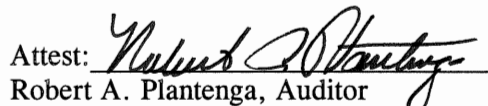

David S. Byers

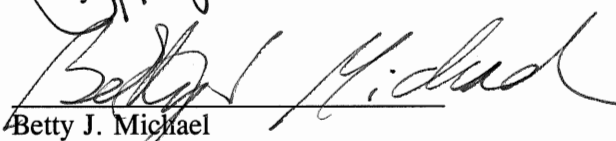

Ronald L. Fruitt, Vice President


Jeffrey A. Kemper


Connie Basham


Jeffrey Kessler

Attest: 
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor


Betty J. Michael