

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2004**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners and Tippecanoe County Council met in a special joint meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 12:30 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth Shedd, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member KD Benson. Council members present were: President Kathy Vernon, David S. Byers, Jeffrey Kessler, Jeffrey A. Kemper, and Betty J. Michael. Others present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, County Attorney David W. Luhman, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Councilmembers Ronald L. Fruitt and Connie Basham were absent.)

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

President Shedd called the County Commissioners' meeting to order.

President Vernon called the County Council's meeting to order.

**PRIORITIZATION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Commissioners' Assistant Weston distributed a printout of departmental requested Capital Projects by priority level for the next 10 years with funding sources and estimated cost.

Changes:

- ♦ Community Corrections: moved from High to Medium Priority. If the County funds an expansion, the agreement should include the provision for a payback to the County.
- ♦ Emergency Management Sirens: change funding source from Developers/EDIT to Developers beginning 2005. Add to Subdivision Ordinance for enforcement.
- ♦ Juvenile Justice Center: moved from 2006 to 2005 (fall).
- ♦ Cary Home Upgrade: moved from 2006 to 2005.
- ♦ Highway – Salt Storage: moved from Medium to High Priority, added funding sources Hwy/Storm to CCD, and moved from 2004 to 2005.
- ♦ Probation Safe: moved to High Priority but remains in 2005.

Review technology plan and coordinate efforts with MITS before equipment is ordered to prevent duplication. After MITS' wireless request is reviewed, it may be moved to High Priority but will remain Medium for the present.

Fairgrounds Master Plan

Commissioner Knochel reported the Fairgrounds Master Plan Committee decided the Fairgrounds will remain in its current location. They think there is sufficient room for another 20 to 25 years. He said the Large Animal and Home Economics Buildings are in most need of attention. Councilmember Byers somewhat agreed but would rather see the Fairgrounds moved.

Efficiency Study

Hire a consultant to determine staffing needs (understaffed/overstaffed) department by department to provide services the County wants to provide.

Commissioner Benson said the Commissioners need to appoint a committee to develop an RFP. The study needs to be approached in the right way. Mr. Guerrettaz said it will be difficult to have the results by August in time for the 2005 Budget Hearings.

New York Trip

Mr. Guerrettaz announced the group will visit Fitch, Moody's, and FSA the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are made, and he will send an itinerary to group members. A meeting of the group will be held at 1:30 P.M., Monday, April 19, 2004 to discuss participants' roles.

Councilmember Kessler suggested making a presentation of the "State of the County" to the community.


**ADJOURNMENT**

- Upon the motion of Commissioner Knochel and the second of Commissioner Benson, the Commissioners adjourned.

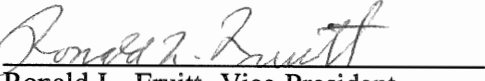
**RECESSED**

President Vernon recessed the Council at 1:30 P.M.


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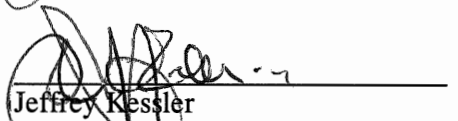
  
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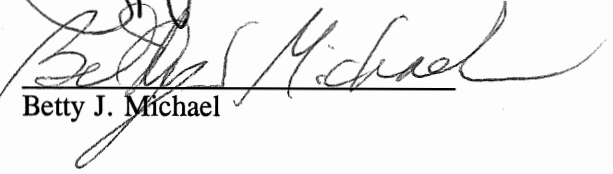
  
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 Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

  
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