TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, January 12, 2021
8:30 a.m.
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Councilmembers present: President Kevin Underwood, Vice President John Basham, Barry Richard, Ben Murray, Kathy Vernon, Roland Winger. Virtually Attending: Lisa Dullum.

Others present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Wafford.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Election of Officers - Doug Masson

Attorney Masson opened the floor for nomination for President. Councilmember Winger nominated Kevin Underwood for President, and John Basham for Vice-President, with a second from Councilmember Barry Richard. Hearing no other nominations, the floor was closed, the vote called, and Kevin Underwood was elected President and John Basham Vice-President.

III. Auditor’s Financial Report – Bob Plantenga

The 2020 Financial statement shows a General Fund beginning cash balance of $12,329,109. The projected miscellaneous revenue, property taxes, and deductions for circuit breakers leave the total funds available of $62,084,666. After deducting encumbrances, the 2020 Budget, and minimum balances established by Council, the beginning net balance is $1,800,784. In 2020, there have been approved appropriations of $4,005,747, making the balance available for appropriations $3,795,037. Of the appropriations approved, $3,946,498 was General Non-Cares request, and $59,249 was for CARES Act request. There was also an additional appropriation for revenue of $6 million requested.

The 2021 Financial statement shows a General Fund beginning cash balance of $14,988,895. The projected miscellaneous revenue, property taxes, and deductions for circuit breakers leave the total funds available of $66,739,081. After deducting encumbrances, the 2021 Budget, and minimum balances established by Council, the beginning net balance is $6,126,463.

The Revenue Report has been marked to note those funds affected by the Property Tax Settlement. Over $26.34 million was collected in taxes, with $26.39 million budgeted. The Financial Institutions Tax (0124) shows an ending balance of $225,712.60, which is 90% of the projected 2020 Budget. The License Excise Tax (0130) shows a balance of $2.4 million compared to the budgeted $2.3 million. The Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax (0131) shows a balance of $108,626.28, which is 96% of the projected 2020 budget. The COVID-19 CARES Act Reimbursement (0288) shows a balance of $6.2 million. This is the Fund where the CARES Reimbursements have been deposited. The Exam of Records Reimbursement (0299) shows a balance of $163,550. This money comes from the Property Tax Settlement. When the State Board of Accounts completes audits on various County Entities, the bill is paid out of the County General Fund, and then the funds are deducted from the entity’s property tax distribution. The Tax Refunds & Reimbursements (0731) shows a balance of $1.3 million. When there is a property tax refund, the County General Fund pays that, and it is deducted from the settlement.

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The fund balances show: The General Fund (1000) has an ending balance of $14.9 million. The Cum Cap Dev Fund (1138) had a negative beginning balance for December, but with the receipt of property tax money in December, the balance at the end of the month was $565,197.93. The Major Bridge Fund (1171) has an ending balance of $3.1 million. The Reassessment Fund (1188) has an ending balance of $222,927.58, which includes a receipt of property tax money. The County Self Insurance Fund (4710) had an ending balance of $9.6 million. The cash balance did decrease slightly in December, but overall for 2020, the balance did increase by $1 million. In 2020, there was $1 million moved from this fund to the General Fund (1000), to support the health insurance. The Project (Revolving) Fund (4880) has an ending balance of $2.4 million, which is the County Share of the TIF. The Local Income Tax Rainy Day Fund (4986) has an ending balance of $3 million. This is the new Fund that was created in a previous meeting, where money from the General Fund was transferred, which will help balance any potential decrease in income tax in future years.

Councilman Winger asked about the Cash Balance showing as of January 1, 2021, and if it included the $3 million CARES Act Reimbursement. Auditor Plantenga advised that we received $6 million in CARES Reimbursements and that $3 million was moved out of the General Fund (1000) to the Rainy Day Fund (4986). The remaining $3 million of CARES Reimbursement Funds is reflective in the General Fund balance.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Weston
The Account Balances and Interest Rates report was distributed and shows an account balance of $121,543,488.76 with a total interest of $77,411.73. The average interest rate for the current accounts is 0.34%. With Bank rates being lower due to the pandemic and economy, the interest earned on those accounts in 2020 was less than the amounts earned in 2018. However, the interest earned on investments in 2020 was in between the 2018 and 2019 amounts earned. The interest earned for the General Fund in 2020 was $802,800, which is about 97% of the revised interest earnings estimate for the year. The Total Interest earned in 2020 for all funds was $1.3 million
The Property Tax Collections rates for Spring and Fall of 2020 were decreased slightly from previous years. Tax payments received through Stanley Credit Union, and Online increased significantly from 2019.
For 2020, the P-Card Administration saw the highest credit card usage. The total spent on P-Cards in 2020 was $652,517, with $3,658 in net rebates received. The high card usage can be credited to significant purchases made from COVID-related items.
Treasurer Weston asked if the interest from the Health Insurance Fund should continue to go to the General Fund in 2021? Attorney Masson advised that he needs to review the resolution to see if a new motion is needed. He believes that the procedure will stay the same until further notice. He advised if a new motion is needed, it can be completed at the February meeting.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

VI. Consent Agenda
• Councilmember Basham moved to approve the consent agenda as distributed, second by Councilmember Murray. Motion carried.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting December 8, 2020, and Joint Meeting December 9, 2020.
B. Community Correction – DOC Adult Grant Fund 9218SF19

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VII. Additional Appropriations:

A. Prosecutor-Patrick Harrington

1. Drug Enforcement Fund 2507 Appropriation
   $ 3,000 Utilities
   $ 6,000 Part Time Salaries
   $  460 Social Security
   $  9,460 Total Requested

   • Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.
   This appropriation is for funding for law enforcement. These funds are from the drug enforcement fund that come in through the court orders on seizures.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. ICAC Grant Fund 8198FF21 Appropriation
   $ 2,000 Minor Equipment
   $  8,000 Travel & Training
   $ 10,000 Total Requested

   • Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.
   This appropriation is for the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Grant. These funds are to be spent on Law Enforcement expenses.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

B. Probation 2021 Salary Statement

   $ 21,400 Probation DOC Grant 9512CF21

   • Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.
   This is for the Probation Officer position that was added at budget time. The appropriation for this grant was listed in the Consent Agenda, this is just the salary statement associated with the grant.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

C. Community Correction – Jason Huber

1. CC DOC Trans Fund 1123 Grant Appropriation
   $ 60,000 Other Supplies
   $ 60,000 Other Professional Services
   $ 120,000 Total Requested

   • Councilmember Murray moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard.
   This appropriation is for the annual appropriation of Department of Correction Funds for services and supplies out of the DOC Grant.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Forensic Diversion Fund 2250 Appropriation
   $ 1,831 Other Supplies

   • Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard.
   This appropriation is for the remaining funds from the forensic Diversion program.

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President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

3. CC DOC Adult Grant Fund 9218FY19
   Grant Appropriation $ 118,860 General Refunds
   • Councilmember Murray moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard.
   This appropriation is to reimburse the Indiana Department of Corrections for unused grant funds from fiscal year 2019.
   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

D. TEMA – Wm. “Smokey” Anderson
1. Hazmat Fund 2546
   Appropriation $ 14,894 Other Professional Services
   • Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.
   This appropriation is for deposits made in 2020 and one in 2019.
   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Hazard Warning Fund 4940
   Appropriation $ 89,043 Safety
   • Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Motion carried.
   This appropriation is to request funds for the upcoming repairs of sirens and purchase of new sirens.
   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

3. D4 Emergency Deploy Fund 8726
   Appropriation $ 8,034 Other Operating Supplies
   $ 6,033 Travel & Training
   $ 9,124 Repair & Maint / Vehicle & Equipment
   $ 23,191 Total Requested
   • Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.
   This is to appropriate 2020 funds into 2021 budget.
   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

4. LEP Fund 1152
   Appropriation $ 3,000 Other Professional Services
   $ 8,000 Travel & Training
   $ 60 Legals Published
   $ 7,120 Safety
   $ 18,180 Total Requested
   • Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Motion carried.
   This appropriation if for funds for the new year. These funds include payment from State Homeland Security, as well as interest from the account.
   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

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E. Health – Khala Hochstedler
1. HIV Prevention Grant Fund 8482CF21

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Councilmember Murray moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard.
This appropriation is for HIV prevention promotion.
President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Health Dept 2021 Salary Statement

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Councilmember Murray moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Richard. Motion carried.
This is for the Harm Reduction site Manager position.
President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

F. Highway – Stewart Kline
1. Cum Bridge Fund 1135

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Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard.
This appropriation is because there was no overtime budgeted for 2021. Overtime needs to be budgeted every year, due to on-call employees that handle snowplow and emergency situations.
President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. MVH-Unrestricted Fund 1176

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Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard.
This appropriation is because there was no overtime budgeted for 2021. Overtime needs to be budgeted every year, due to on-call employees that handle snowplow and emergency situations.
President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

3. Co Share Surtax Fund 4805
   Appropriation $3,200,000 Infrastructure / Roads & Streets

   •Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Richard.
   This appropriation is for money that has been short budgeted to build up a cash balance. There is about $4.2 million available in the cash line. This is to cover the CR 500 & Lindberg road at the INDOT letting for the safety correction and River Road project. The Highway department will be billed for the projects and will have about two weeks to respond, so the appropriation is needed now for the funds to be available for the Commissioners to make the payment when needed.
   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

VIII. **Committee Reports** - None

IX. **New Business**

1. 2021 Council Assignments / Appointments

   The Park and Recreation Board submitted a letter to the Auditor to advise of a vacancy on the Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Scott Rumble has informed the Board that he wishes to retire from his service to the Park Board. The Park Board request that Mr. David Luhman be considered for the appointment to the Park Board with the term ending January 21, 2023.

   The Park and Recreation Board also advised of the term of Opal Kuhl expiring and request that she be reappointed to the Board for another Term.

   •Councilmember Winger moved to approve the assignments for Park Board as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.

   **No action is being taken, until the February Council Meeting, on the expired Otterbein Library Board Joint Appointment with Benton County.**

   **No action is being taken, until the February Council Meeting, on the Lafayette Economic Development Commission vacancy, previously filled by Former Councilmember Jody Hamilton.**

   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

2. **Approval of Auditor to process With-In Series Transfer without Council Approval**

   The Auditor stated that the State Board of Accounts requires the Council to grant the Auditor authority to transfer funds within the same series of appropriations. This approval is required annually.

   •Councilmember Winger moved to authorize the Auditor to transfer 2021 funds within the same series as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.

   President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

3. **2021 Sheriff’s Compensation Agreement**

   •Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the compensation agreement as presented, second by Councilmember Murray.

   The Board of Commissioners have already approved the agreement, and the amount of salary listed, matches the amount of appropriation that is listed in the 2021 Budget.

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President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

4. Resolution 2021-05-CL Tippecanoe County Council Pledging Payment Source to Build-Operate-Transfer Lease Payments

Attorney Masson advised approval to be contingent on DLGF determination if this project is outside or inside the max levy.

Councilmember Vernon moved to hear the Resolution as presented contingent on a determination by DLGF on lease payments and max levy, second by Councilmember Murray.

Councilmember Winger stated that whether this is inside or outside the max levy, the Council will need to understand the tax rate is, amount, and what the amount is going toward.

Greg Martz, GM Development, advised he had an update on the project from the December 9th Joint Public Hearing. At the end of the Public Hearing, the next step was to receive bank proposals the following week. Five bank proposals were received, with the rates averaging between 1.95% and 2.43%. The lowest rate came from Huntington Bank. Huntington Bank has approved the notice that goes out after this meeting to the newspaper. The notice will run until Friday, February 12th, 2021. February 15th, 2021 is the day that the interest rate is locked in until. After the Bank rates were selected, the Commissioner’s held a public hearing during their January 4th Commissioner’s meeting and approved the project to go to Council for review and potential approval. The remaining contingency for the project is the pending DLGF review. Huntington Bank’s Attorney Jacob McClellan is working with DLGF to review the language of the bank offer. If, for some reason, the DLGF does not the language of the offer from Huntington, a new bank would need to be chosen. The next step for the project, should the Council approve this pledge, would be to publish the notice of determination. This notice of determination period would retire on February 12, 2021.

Councilmember Winger asked if there would be a recap of the use of the proceeds in the presentation? Greg advised that he has a presentation that was made at the December 9th, 2020 Meeting.

Councilmember Winger stated his question was regarding the $16.725 million and if there are other uses for those proceeds, other than the new building at the Jail site and the expansion of Community Corrections? He also asked for a discussion about the tax rate. Commissioner Murtaugh advised that the cost of the expansion at Community Corrections and the new facility at the Jail will be approximately $2 million less than the $16.725 million project amount. The $2 million in excess will be available to borrow if so chosen. Commissioner Murtaugh advises that the tax rate will be based on the $16.7 million being borrowed. If the $2 million is not used, then it would be applied to the principal, decreasing the length of repayment. Discussions regarding the use of the $2 million include some sustainable energy projects, such as a solar field for the current projects and possibly replacing the roof on the Jail. The total cost of the jail and community corrections project is $14.7 million, plus $2 million that could be used for the roof and solar field, or all toward the solar field.

Councilmember Winger asked about what the tax rate would be if the Council just wanted to fund the building with or without the energy features?

Councilmember Vernon asked for a comparison between the current Jail Lease payment and the payment for this project with having a 1.95% interest rate and a 15-year term? Auditor Plantenga advised that the current debt service for the Jail lease is $1.1 Million a year, and the new project would be $1.4 million a year for the total $16.725 million borrowing amount. Greg Martz advised if the County was to only borrow the $14.8 million, then the payment is approximately $1.140 million a year. Auditor Platenga advised that the $1.140 Million is closer to what is being paid currently for the Jail. Greg Martz advised that Commissioner Murtaugh was correct that the full $16.725 million could

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be borrowed and then end up having $2 million not be used, but that would keep the payment the same. However, there is an option to only borrowing the $14.8 million and stating at the $1.140 million annual repayments. Councilmember Winger stated that this answered his question as well.

Councilmember Dullum stated that she was happy to read the feedback emails received. She feels that there is a lot of concern about mental health in our community. She acknowledges that there is a strong desire to change the carceral system in this country, considering the protest and rioting that took place last year. She wants the community to know that there were mental health and addiction professional positions added during our budget hearings in 2020. She encourages the Commissioners and Council to examine what additional things can be done to address mental health and addictions. She likes that sustainable energy projects are being considered. However, she wants to make sure that mental health is being funded adequately.

Commissioner Byers stated that the two rates we are comparing for the Jail Lease payment versus this project payment are a little different because the Jail lease was a 20-year payment, and the new project is a 15-year payment.

Councilmember Richard asked if some of the remaining $2 million could be used for Community Corrections to become self-sufficient in prepping meals for their participants and residents? He asked how many meals a day is the Sheriff’s department sending down to Community Corrections? He stated that he knows it’s a hardship on the Jail to prep that many meals and transport them each day. Community Corrections Director, Jason Huber, responded that they had reduced those numbers by providing breakfast themselves, so they don’t contract with the Jail to provide breakfast. He stated that the meal for lunch and dinner fluctuate from day to day, but he estimates that around 60 meals a day are provided by the Jail. He believes that the process with the Jail to provide and order those meals has been streamlined to be very efficient and that the addition of a kitchen would require staffing and a lot of additional resources. His preference would be that the process for meals remains as is, and if there were money left over, it would be used for something different other than meal prep.

Councilmember Richard asked Sheriff Goldsmith how his personnel and employees felt about the meal prepping for Community Corrections? Sheriff Goldsmith responded that when you look at what they are trying to do for the future, adding a kitchen would not be an ideal use of the funds. He feels that the money could be best used elsewhere.

Councilmember Winger stated that he agreed with Councilmember Dullum’s comments and thinks the Council needs to continue pursuing what’s effective. He feels like there is an opportunity to more fully communicate the fact that we are not starting from zero. The County funds $1.5 million annually for a mental health levy, which goes to Valley Oaks for mental health services. Community Corrections, United Way, the Sheriff’s Department, and the Health Department are all involved in the Recovery Resilience Network. While he feels that things may not be moving as fast as some would like, it’s a step by step process taking time to learn what works and what doesn’t.

Councilmember Murray states that he agrees with Councilmember Winger and Councilmember Dullum and feels that there is an opportunity through programming to meet the needs of community members in relation to Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

Commissioner Murtaugh mentioned that his office received some emails that were shared with the Council, in opposition to the project. He feels that there is some miscommunication regarding information because the emails referred to the expansion of the Jail cells. He thinks that there was a miscommunication about the project itself, and the emails specifically addressed the need for mental health and improving access to mental health. He states that he has responded to those emails but wanted to clarify that, although they had an option to build a new pod on the Jail to house more inmates, they chose to move forward with this option in hopes of changing the tide and provide help for the individuals in the system and to hopefully reduce recidivism.

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Councilmember Winger commented that there were a couple of emails that did acknowledge they knew the project wasn’t about adding more beds but still felt that there was a greater need to focus more on mental health.

Sheriff Goldsmith commented that Mental Health is a big thing, but he feels that a lot of people don’t understand that last year when the contract was redone with Quality Correctional Care, there was an addition of 80 hours a week of Mental Health Services put in place at the Jail. These Services are coupled with the services offered at Community Corrections. There has also been an addition of a program called Life 360, which is showing great success. The Sheriff’s Department links up with outside resources so that when an inmate is released, they can continue services in the community. This project would allow for more space and the ability to grow the programs already being offered but limited by space.

Councilmember Vernon stated that she agrees that mental health is important and that the County is doing something to address it. She acknowledges that Community Corrections has social workers and addiction specialists to help address these issues. Jason Huber stated that the new plans show offices for 10 case managers, which work to help the participants develop a plan for the time they are in the system. He advised that they currently staff one Licensed Addictions Counselor and contracts with the Health Department for a Peer Recovery Specialist. Community Corrections has been approved for a second Licensed Addictions Counselor and a Mental Health Counselor for 2021. With the additions to the building, the current administrative hallway would become the Behavioral wellness and education center. As they work to develop these programs, Community Corrections will be reviewing and applying for eligible grant funds to help cover funding for social workers and additional peer recovery coaches. All these individuals would work together to ensure the success of the participants and ensure they have all the resources necessary. Councilmember Vernon stated that to reiterate the point that Community Corrections isn’t waiting until they get bricks and mortar for the addition, to address the substance abuse and mental health needs of their participants. Jason responded that they have worked to build this foundation, and this project is a financial investment on behalf of the community, and it’s on Community Corrections and the Sheriff to make good on that investment.

Councilmember Vernon asked for someone to explain again the $16.7 million versus the $14 million costs on this project? She wants to know what the difference of $2 million dollars is going for on this project and what the contingency is for that money? Greg Martz advised that the bottom line on this money is that it can be used for any tax-exempt purpose. The current discussions on the potential use of this money have involved sustainable energy proposals that could use the entire $2 million, or a portion of it. The second option is the replacement of the roof on the Jail, but if needed, that project could probably be delayed for 3-5 years.

Councilmember Winger states that he supports the $14.7 million and pursuing some more sustainable energy, but he does not support borrowing money to replace a roof on the Jail that’s 20 years old. He feels we are asking the taxpayers to fund an additional amount, and whether it is financed for 1, 20, or 15 years doesn’t matter. He suggested using the public safety money to take care of the Jail roof replacement. He supports borrowing up to $15.7 million if the additional $1 million would be clarified regarding the expected use of funds.

Commissioner Murtaugh stated that the Commissioners are working to determine what options they could have and put together for sustainable energy projects. He verified that the consensus is to look at what can be done for around $1 million with sustainable energy projects.

President Underwood stated he would take the consensus by consent if that was acceptable. Council provided consent.

Councilmember Winger asked what would be the action to solidify the consensus based on the motion.

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Attorney Masson stated that as it has been introduced with no amendments yet, it’s at $16.7 million. If they wanted to limit it to $15.7 million, they would need to amend the motion to approve Resolution 2021-05-CL, contingent upon DLGF determination on the levy and payment not to exceed $15.7 million.

- Councilmember Vernon moved to amend previous motion for RES-2021-05-CL to add payment not to exceed $15.7 million, second by Councilmember Murray.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve RES-2021-05-CL, with amendments and contingency from DLGF and payment not to exceed $15.7 million, second by Councilmember Murray.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

X. Unfinished Business - None

XI. Commissioner FYI

Commissioner Murtaugh advised that the Vaccine Clinic opened yesterday at 12pm. The first day of the clinic was successful. Commissioner Murtaugh wanted to thank the Maintenance Department, TEMA, and Health Department for their hard work in setting up the clinic. He advised that anyone over 80 years old is eligible to receive the Vaccine. He also wants the public to be aware that the State is the one who sets the protocol for the vaccine eligibility and order of administration.

Commissioner Murtaugh also advised that the legislative session is currently taking place. They are working on issues to allow flexibility and spending, especially within the Highway Department, to reduce restrictions so as the County faces shortfalls, we will be able to make the current budgets work.

Commissioner Byers presented former Coroner Donna Avolt with the Tippecanoe County Governments Exceptional Service Award, in appreciation and recognition for decades of dedicated service and commitment to the citizens of Tippecanoe County.

Lisa Barker, Executive Director of Indiana State Coroners Association, recognized Donna Avolt for over 21 years of dedicated service to the Association, Tippecanoe County, and the State of Indiana. Alongside her late husband Dr. David Avolt, they made the Tippecanoe County Coroner’s Office one of the best in the State. Donna contributed many years and hours to the betterment of death investigation.

Councilmember Winger asked Commissioner Murtaugh if there was a website that’s the best source for information for the vaccine clinic? Commissioner Murtaugh advised that the sign-up link for the vaccine can be located on the State of Indiana website, and on the County’s Website. WLFI News Channel 18 also has listed a link and instructions on their website for anyone wanting to register for the vaccine clinic.

XII. Public Comment

Amanda Estes, Facebook, commented, “We are aware of what is happening. What we are saying is that these funds would be better used for mental health resources in the community before people enter the carceral system.”

Katey Watson, Facebook, commented “Agree with Amanda. This is exactly what my letter expressed too, that we should invest in services that prevent people entering the carceral system, i.e., investing in mental health services, food security, etc.”

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Public comment, in opposition of the expansion, was received by email from the following 10 individuals:
Barby Halliday, 1421 Holloway Drive, Lafayette, IN 47905
Katey Watson
Mairead Willis
Polly Barks
Leila Yanni
Alex Mason, 471 Maple Street, West Lafayette, IN
Ian Andrews, 28 S. 26th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904
Patrick DeBonis, 1416 Main Street, Apt 1, Lafayette, IN 47901
Amanda Estes, 1822 Kossuth St. Lafayette, IN 47905
Toby Kaufmann-Buhler

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Winger moved to adjourn, and the President adjourned the meeting.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

Kevin L. Underwood, President

John R. Basham II, Vice President

Barry Richard

Ben Murray

Kathy Vernon

Lisa Dullum

Absent

Roland K. Winger

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 2/09/2021

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