TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING – TIPPECANOE ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017
8:30 A.M.

The Tippecanoe County Council met Tuesday, July 11, 2017 in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building at 8:30 a.m. Councilmembers present were President John Basham, Vice President Bryan Metzger, Kathy Vernon, Kevin Underwood, David R Williams, and Vicki Burch. Others present were Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney Doug Masson, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas. Councilmember Roland Winger was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

President Basham announced that the CASA items on the agenda had been pulled.

Auditor's Financial

Auditor Plantenga reported the county began 2017 with a General Fund cash balance of $8,632,770.77. With projected misc. revenue, property taxes, the COIT transfer, and deducting circuit breaker credits the total available is $53,404,949.77. The beginning net balance is $1,321,654.77. We have approved additional appropriations of $92,458 so far this year and there are $57,715 to review today. Deducting the misc. revenues and the budget reductions, the total available is $1,234,895.77.

He stated we completed settlement in the month of June. Property tax thus far has brought in total of $13 million which is 56% of budgeted amount. We cannot exceed the levy as listed in the report and there is usually more distributed in the spring than in the fall. Financial institutions, license excise, and commercial vehicle excise tax are all part of the settlement and came in as projected or a little bit higher. Public Defender Commission is at 77% of what we budgeted for the year and will potentially have five quarters this year. Examinations of records are audit fees for the State Board of Accounts. We pay that bill out of general fund uncommitted and then reimbursed through the settlement so it ends up at no cost to us. Fund 0411 Sheriff Inmate Housing is now over 100% of what we had budgeted. He said $25,000 per month would get us to the $300,000 and that may be a place to increase some revenue next year. General Fund revenue is 55% of full year budgeted, which is a little higher than what it should be due to COIT transfer.

General Fund balance is $10.5 million. Cu m Cap is almost at $2 million. Major Bridge we are going to have up to $1 million by the end of the year. The Reassessment Fund is doing well. Court Services Fund had $10,000 more receipts than expenditures even with three pay periods in the month. An appropriation done last month from Violence in Community hasn't been processed yet so not reflected in report. We gained about $75,000 in Health Insurance Fund. The Project Fund is where the county's share of the TIF money is deposited. The 2018 budgets are due this Friday and each Councilmember will get the budget for the departments they represent before the following Friday.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Weston stated the month-end interest was $136,834.01, which was due partially to the fact that federal funds rate went up another quarter of a percent. The average and the weighted average were both at 1.23%. We held $134 million in May but dropped to $47 million at the banks at the end of June with property settlement completed. Investments are holding steady and we are waiting for some to mature before we reinvest anything. We are at 56.5% collected for the general fund with our revised budget of $571,680. She said she expects us to hit over the 100% mark by the end of the year.

Public Comment (*Agenda Items*)

None.

Compliance with Statement of Benefits

American Fibertech Corporation (CF-1 /PP)

Auditor Plantenga said this was filed with the Assessor and is just a repeat from last month after they finally got the form. Attorney Masson said he would recommend approving it today and if there are any serious problems, he can look what they would need to do to overturn it.

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the compliance with statement of benefits as presented, second by Councilmember Burch. Motion carried.

Voestalpine Rotec, Inc. (CF-1 / PP)

Andrew Ball said the details on the statement show good a situation. Business is buoyant despite what they might be hearing about the auto industry.

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the statement of benefits as presented, second by Councilmember Burch. Motion carried.

LiquidSpring, LLC (CF-1 / Real Property)

Deal Bartolone introduced himself as the company president. He stated they requested the abatement in 2015. Since then they have spent well over $4 million on real estate and have a current employment level of 44. He thanked the Council for their support.

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the statement of benefits as presented, second by Councilmember Burch. Motion carried.

Declaratory Tax Abatements

LiquidSpring, LLC (SB-1 / PP)
Resolution 2017-17-CL Declaratory Resolution for Designation of ERA – LiquidSpring, LL

Attorney Masson said this is taking action on the proposed resolution which includes that statement of benefits. He reminded the Council that the process begins with a declaratory resolution then there is a public hearing and a confirmatory resolution at the next meeting. Since this property is in a TIF district, the Commissioners will need to take some action as well. Councilmember Williams asked if he needed to just move on the resolution. Attorney Masson said that is correct. Dean Bartolone said they are requesting a tax abatement for personal property for a total capital investment of $1.963 million. They are making investments to better utilize their manufacturing space as well as help manage costs. The equipment will allow them to expand their fabrication processes and expand their machine capacity. With the additional equipment, they plan to add 5 hourly positions with an average hourly wage of $20.25. They request the abatement for seven years and appreciate the Council's support.

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the resolution as presented, second by Councilmember Burch. Motion carried.

All State Fastener of Indiana (SB-1 / PP)
GIO 3 Holding LLC (SB -1 / Real Property)
Resolution 2017-16-CL Declaratory Resolution for Designation of ERA – GIO 3 Holdings, LLC and All State Fastener of Indiana

Attorney Masson stated this has already been through the Commissioners and they approved an abatement for five years instead of the requested seven years. Councilmember said the two different companies are wrapped up in the single resolution. Attorney Masson said GIO 3 Holdings is making the investment in real estate so they would get the

exemption for ten years. AllState Fastener is requesting the abatement for personal property so theirs is for five years. Charles McCosh stated AllState Fasteners is a longtime supplier to Wabash and they are planning to add another 10 employees. They are also planning a new distribution center which will be 54,000 square feet on ten acres.

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the resolution as presented, second by Councilmember Burch. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – June 13, 2017

Health –Zika Preparedness Fund 8467			
Transfer	$	80	Travel & Mileage *to* Other Supplies/Non Specified
HPP & PHEP Fund 8476			
Transfer	$	250	Other Professional Services *to* Other Machinery & Equipment
HIV Prevention Fund 8482			
Transfer	$	836	Salaries Part time
	$	64	Social Security *to* Other Professional Services

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood. Motion carried

Additional Appropriations:

Superior Ct. 4 – *Judge Zeman*

General Fund 1000

Appropriation	$	2,991	Pauper Attorney

- Councilmember Burch moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood. Motion carried.

Clerk – *Christa Coffey*

Clerk Records Perpetuation Fund 1119

Appropriation	$	10,322	Other Machinery & Other Equipment

Director Coffey said this is to replace the old microfilm reader that they can no longer get cards for. Councilmember Burch thanked her for appropriating this out of Fund 1119 instead of the General Fund.

- Councilmember Burch moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried.

Court Services –*Dave Hullinger*

Court Services Fund 2581

Appropriation	$	16	Transfer Out

Director Hullinger said he is serious about paying back the Rainy Day Fund. The appropriation from last month was a little short and so this is to cover that. Councilmember Burch thanked him for paying it back into the Rainy Day Fund.

- Councilmember Burch moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried.

Juv Alt – *Rebecca Humphrey*

Juv Alt Safe Place Fund 9211

Grant Appropriation	$	485	Utilities
	$	14,600	Other Professional Services

Rebecca Humphrey said this grant is from the Indiana Youth Services Association and is a two year grant. This pays for staff to respond to calls to the hotline from youth or from the various safe locations in the community. Councilmember Burch asked if this is the second year f a two year grant. Ms. Humphrey said it is actually a new two year grant.

- Councilmember Williams moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Metzger. Motion carried.

Coroner – *Donna Avolt*

General Fund 1000

Appropriation	$	50,000	Professional Svc/Autopsies

Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams.

Coroner Avolt stated they have added another forensic pathologist who is board certified because the pervious pathologist doubled his fees and this one does not. They also need to get a new repair person. She stated they have no control over what cases they get so she appreciates the Council granting them the money to enable them to do their job well.

Councilmember Williams moved to amend the requested amount to $25,000, second by Councilmember Underwood. Councilmember Williams said we really don't know what they are going to have the rest of the year so he would rather approve an amount they know they need now and appropriate more as needed.

Motion to amend the appropriation to $25,000 carried.

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation in the amended amount of $25,000, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried.

County Extension –*Roberta Crabtree*

AG Test Plot Donation Fund 4115

Appropriation	$	1,906	Other Professional Services

Roberta Crabtree explained these funds were raised from the soybean and corn test plots. They are no longer using them due to difficulty getting equipment to their area. Their plan is to turn it into more community garden plots due to high demand.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Williams. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

None.

Unfinished/New Business

None.

Commissioner FYI

Commissioner Brown said the fire at the fairgrounds was caused by arson and there is a $5,000 reward from the Indiana Arson Association. Law enforcement is following up on leads and hopefully, we will be taking the building down before the start of the fair.

Public Comment

Roberta Crabtree introduced the new Health and Human Sciences Educator, Amber Nowell.

Councilmember Burch moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Metzger. President Basham adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 8/8/2017

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