TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President Kevin Underwood, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Betty J. Michael, David S. Byers, Kathy Vernon and Andrew S. Gutwein. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve minutes from the March 11, 2008 meeting, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Net Balance	$1,659,421.22
Total Additional Appropriations	$ 587,724.00
Total Budget Reductions	$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures to date	$- 5,002.12
Uncommitted Funds	**$1,066,695.10**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Plantenga provided the monthly interest reported and reported the average interest rate continues to decrease.

RESOLUTION 2008-14-CL; PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing - Becknell Development, LLC

Attorney Luhman explained Becknell Development, LLC has requested approval for a 15-acre tract to be designated an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and tax abatement for real property improvements. The council approved the declaratory Resolution 2008-14-CL preliminary approving the ERA and abatement at its March 11, 2008 meeting.

Public Comment

None

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve Resolution 2008-14-CL; Confirmatory Resolution designating an ERA for Becknell Development, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - TRW

Attorney Luhman presented draft Resolution 2008-21-CL to approve TRW Statement of Benefits (SB-1). Dan Noe, Plant Manger, explained TRW's request for tax abatement on personal property. TRW plans to invest $29 million in a new line of work to grow their business and add 200 jobs over the next 2 years.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve Resolution 2008-21-CL, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 3- Loretta Rush

General Fund 001

Judge Loretta Rush requested an additional appropriation for DOC payments for the fourth quarter of 2007. Judge Rush anticipates $1 million in total bills for the DOC in 2008. She estimates parental reimbursements to be approximately $500,000.

Additional Appropriation: $400,000
$400,000 Administrative/DOC

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; ***motion withdrawn.***

Councilmember Byers disagreed with the request. He stated past practices have been to not approve excess funding this early in the year, he suggested Judge Rush return later in the year when the funds are needed.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve $200,000 for Superior Court 3, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried. *Councilmember Vernon opposed.*

MAGISTRATE

General Fund 001

Councilmember Murtaugh presented information for Magistrate Norris Wang. The Magistrate is requesting an appropriation to cover vacation/sick time for full time employees.

Additional Appropriation: $3,000
$2,785 Salaries & Wages/Part Time
$215 Social Security

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

CASA – Coleen Hamrick

CASA Fund 501

Director Coleen Hamrick reported salary statements were approved at the March council meeting for new positions funded with additional state money. Director Hamrick is recommending approval of the appropriations statement to fund the positions and other related expenses.

Grant Appropriation: $94,000

$59,378	Salary/Wages Full Time
$5,000	Salary/Wages Part Time/Other
$4,943	Social Security
$3,860	Retirement/PERF
$11,813	Insurance Benefit/Health
$183	Insurance Benefit/Long Term Disability
$124	Insurance Benefit/Life
$160	Insurance Benefit/Flex
$3,000	Departmental/Miscellaneous
$1,000	Departmental/Education
$4,539	Office Expense/Office Supplies

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the grant appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

BOARD OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Voting Equipment Reimbursement Fund 329

Grant Appropriation: $10,000

$10,000	Data Processing Hardware

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve the grant appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Grant Appropriation: $9,729

$4,609	Office Expense/Printed Forms
$5,120	General Operating/Postage

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the grant appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Clerk Linda Phillips confirmed the salary statement request represents previously approved increases.

Salary Statement

$7-25 per/hr	Part Time Election and Registration
$4,915	Election Board Member
$3,680	Election Board Member – Clerk
$2,560	Deputy Election Board Member

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; ***motion withdrawn.***

Linda Phillips confirmed the amounts requested for approval on the salary statement are the total amounts previously approved by the council.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the salary statement as requested, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Director Opal Kuhl recommended approval for a salary statement to reflect the new rates paid for part time.

Salary Statement: up to $12.50 per hr
$12.50 Part Time

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the salary statement as requested, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

TIPPECANOE VILLA – DeAnna Sieber

General Fund 001

Director DeAnna Sieber requested an additional appropriation for a new tractor. She explained their tractor is 30 years old and the estimated cost for repair is more than the current value of the tractor. The new tractor will also be used by maintenance department.

Additional Appropriation: $24,450
$24,450 Equipment/Maintenance

Councilmember Murtaugh suggested funding this project through the Cumulative Capital Plan. Since the appropriation was not advertised from the Cumulative Capital Fund members decided to proceed with the request as stated.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

HEALTH – Laurie Wilson

Medical Reserve Corps Fund 763

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval of grant funds for use in establishing a Medical Reserve Corps in Tippecanoe County.

Grant Appropriation: $10,000
$1,500 Advertising/Marketing
$3,400 Medical Services
$600 Other Professional Services
$3,000 Uniform/Clothing

$1,500 Travel/Training

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the grant appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Allen Nail

General Fund 001

Director Allen Nail and Kevin Becker, Maintenance Director for Parks Department reported a roof is needed on the Parks Administrative building. $12,000 from the Parks budget will supplement the $25,000 for roof repairs.

Councilmember Murtaugh suggested funding this capital project through the Cumulative Capital Fund. He is concerned about other departments requesting funding through the General Fund for capital projects rather than the Cumulative Capital Fund.

Additional Appropriation: $25,000
$25,000 Repair/Maintenance

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried. *Councilmember Murtaugh opposed.*

Recycled Product Purchasing Fund 270

Director Nail confirmed the grant appropriation is for recycled picnic tables used at Ross Camp Campground. The total amount for the tables is $10,000 and a match will be provided by the Parks & Recreation Foundation.

Grant Appropriation: $5,000
$5,000 Equipment/Parks Equipment

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the grant appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

PROSECUTOR – Pat Harrington

Adult Protective Services Fund 250

Prosecutor Harrington requested an additional appropriation for a voluntary contribution received from another county. These funds will be used for maintenance and fuel for vehicles used by Investigators.

Additional Appropriation: $4,000
$4,000 Equipment/Vehicles

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

Drug Enforcement Fund 257

An additional appropriation was requested for use of drug forfeiture money.

Additional Appropriation: $25,000
$12,500 General Operating
$12,500 Equipment/Law Enforcement

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

Fatal Alcohol Crash Team Fund 604

He requested an additional appropriation for funding the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

Additional Appropriation: $5,955
$2,541 Social Security
$3,414 Retirement

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

WABASH TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – Janet Freels

General Fund 001

Assessor Freels requested a transfer for office supplies.

Transfer: $81
$81 General Operating/Dues & Subscriptions to
Office Expenses/Office Supplies

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the transfer as requested, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

General Fund 001

No information was available.

Additional Appropriation: $3,000
$3,000 Office Expenses/Printed Forms

- Councilmember Byers moved to table the appropriation, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

Reassessment Fund 281

Wea Township Assessor Linda Mussche explained the request for an additional appropriation for the general reassessment of commercial property. Councilmember Murtaugh informed the council Assessor Steele suggested approving half of the appropriation and re-evaluate later in the year.

Additional Appropriation: $330,000

$330,000	Contracts/Consultants

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve $165,000 for the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES

Truancy Mediation Fund 203

Director Tammy Patrick requested an additional appropriation for various Juvenile Alternatives operating expenses.

Additional Appropriation: $8,712

$3,500	Office Supplies
$500	Miscellaneous Supplies
$200	Apparel
$2,000	Travel & Training
$500	Printing
$2,012	Cell Phones

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Approval was requested for a Juvenile Specialist position as a PAT II. This position will allow Juvenile Alternatives to implement evidence-based practices and work with the Probation office to collect unpaid fees. The position will be funded through Community Corrections.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the Juvenile Specialist position as a PAT II as requested, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

CARY HOME – Rebecca Humphrey

General Fund 001

Director Rebecca Humphrey requested an additional appropriation for part time staff to increase supervision and safety for children at Cary Home.

Additional Appropriation: $43,469

$40,380	Salaries/Wages/Part Time
$3,089	Social Security

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

Director Humphrey reported Cary Home for Girls is complete and ready for review by state licensing officials.

SHERIFF – Tracy Brown

General Fund 001

Sheriff Brown requested an additional appropriation for sheriff's equipment.

Additional Appropriation: $1,828
$1,828 Vehicles

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

Sheriff Equipment "B" Fund 183

Sheriff Brown requested approval of funds to purchase equipment for the SWAT and Dive teams.

Grant Appropriation: $11,504
$11,504 Equipment/Sheriff

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the grant appropriation as stated, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2008-18-CL; AMENDING CUMULATIVE CAPTIAL PLAN

Attorney Luhman gave details regarding the amendment to the Cumulative Capital Plan. The resolution adds the 2008 Capital Outlay Expenditures in the amount of $1,164,332.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve Resolution 2008-18-CL as presented, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2008-19-CL; AMENDING EDIT PLAN

Attorney Luhman gave details regarding the amendment to the EDIT Plan. This resolution endorses an amendment to the Economic Development Income Tax Plan providing additional funds for new projects in 2008 to include; Project #57 adding the Voice-Over-Internet Protocol phone system for TCOB for $491,000 and Project #58 adding additional improvements to Cary Home for fire escapes for $90,000.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve Resolution 2008-19-CL as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS – Frank Cederquist

Cumulative Capital Fund 010

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist reported the Coroner received a $1,500 donation from Donor Services of Indiana for autopsy tables.

Additional Appropriation: $1,500
$1,500 Equipment/Test Equipment

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the appropriation as requested, second by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

FOCUS PROGRAM LEASE

Director Humphrey requested approval for a lease for the FOCUS program. The lease with the YWCA will allow the FOCUS and JAMS programs to be co-located and save the county approximately $15,000.

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve Resolution 2008-16-CL, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

PURCHASE OFFER

Dan Teder gave details regarding an offer to purchase real estate for the potential Juvenile Center. Mr. Teder reported the commissioners have made an offer on the Duncan Road property which was selected for price and location. The property will be purchased according to net usable acres at approximately 23 acres and with an estimated price of $1,224,300. Contingencies for the purchase include special exception zoning, drainage board approval, appraisal and funding.

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the Resolution 2008-22-CL, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE

Director Humphrey reported a public meeting will be held to discuss plans for the Juvenile Center. The Charette Design Exercise will begin at noon on April 9, 2008 and continue on April 10, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

Director Angela Smith Grossman provided a financial update for DCS. Currently the department has $368,000 in outstanding bills, $1.2 million in cash balances with YTD expenditures approximately $2.7 million. Reimbursements for children receiving services in 2007 were $3.5 million and repayments from parents were approximately $790,000.

OTHER BUSINESS

Auditor Weston reported Greg Guerrattaz would like to attend the May Council meeting to discuss the business plan.

She also reminded the council the EDIT appropriation for Tax/Assess software will appear on the May agenda.

COMMISSIONERS FYI

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Taylor, Lafayette, shared his enthusiasm for the Juvenile Center. Mr. Taylor explained his child was in the care of DOC and lost in the administrative system. Their son served two additional years due to the errors in the system. He explained it was a hardship for his family having to travel to visit their son. He agreed, with a facility in the county, parents will have the opportunity to visit frequently and be a part of their child's rehabilitation.

- Councilmember Byers moved to adjourn.

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Attest:

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