TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2007

The Tippecanoe County Council met at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday April 10, 2007 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Jeffrey A. Kemper, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, David S. Byers, Andrew S. Gutwein, Betty J. Michael, Kevin Underwood, and Kathy Vernon. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve minutes from the March 13, 2007 regular meeting, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT – Jennifer Weston

Auditor Weston presented a General Fund Financial Statement for March 2007. She noted that refunding proceeds received for the parking garage bond are approximately $500,000.

Financial Report

Uncommitted Funds as of January 2007	$1,981,908.39
YTD Council Approved Appropriations as of March	$ 182,017.00
YTD Council Approved Reductions	+$ 13,148.00
YTD Miscellaneous Expenditures	$ 2,924.48
Uncommitted Funds available:	$1,810,114.91

Rainy Day Fund Transfer

President Kemper suggested the council transfer funds as suggested by Greg Guerrattaz. Council members agreed that $250,000 should be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund and recommended consulting with the commissioners as to the best source for funding for the Self Insurance Fund. Auditor Weston will seek advice from the commissioners and advertise the transfers for the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga reported the average interest rate for April was 5.13%. Interest rates on accounts are stable from last month. He added that the total earned for the general fund interest is up, and the amount is 20% higher than a year ago. He mentioned that Benton County rates are not in; the delay will benefit the county by having one due date for property taxes.

Lafayette Venetian Blind CF-1

Mark Trowbridge from Lafayette Venetian Blind noted that business has been steady for the last several years. He noted that with the expansion to the property in 2004 the company expected to hire an additional 50 employees and after completion 186 employees were hired. He reported that business is declining slightly due to the decrease in home sales.

Employees and Salaries	Estimated on SB-1	Actual
Current number of employees	700	700
Salaries	20,150,000	20,372,597
Number of employees retained	700	700
Salaries	20,150,000	20,372,597
Number of additional employees	50	186
Salaries	903,640	3,534,000

- Councilmember Michael moved to find Lafayette Venetian Blind in compliance with statement of benefits, second by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

Rexam Pharma – Compliance with Statement of Benefits

Tammy Metzinger with Rexam Pharma and Cinda Kelly from Lafayette/West Lafayette Development Corporation presented information regarding the statement of benefits. President Kemper recapped last year's request and noted that Rexam was not in substantial compliance with statement of benefits. Council members agreed to allow Rexam another year to become compliant with the request. Ms. Metzinger noted that Rexam operates under lean manufacturing principals, which has allowed this facility to remain open. Currently, they have 44 full-time employees and 27 temporary employees. She added that in 2007 they plan to hire 4 of their temporary employees for full-time employment. They also project that the gross income will increase for 2007 to $12 - $16 million up from $9-$10 million in 2006.

Employees and Salaries	Estimated on SB-1	Actual
Current number of employees	68	41
Salaries	1,822,080	1,792,894
Number of employees retained	68	41
Salaries	1,822,080	1,792,894
Number of additional employees	16	8
Salaries	354,560	0

- Councilmember Murtaugh moved to find Rexam Pharma in compliance with statement of benefits, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

TREASURER – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga presented two salary statements for approval. He also requested that his part-time pay range be increased from to $7.00-$8.00 an hour. He would like to pay part-time employees according to experience.

Salary Statement: $34,206
$32,165 Property Tax/Investment Bookkeeper

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the request on the salary statement for $32,165 and the part time pay range of $7.00-$8.00 an hour, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

RECORDER – Oneta Tolle

Recorder Tolle presented two salary statements for approval with an additional appropriation to supplement the change in salary for these positions.

Salary Statement: $36,485
$36,485 Uniform Commercial Code Supervisor

Salary Statement: $30,654
$30,654 Document Processing Analyst

Additional Appropriation: $2,659
$2,339 Full Time
$179 Social Security
$141 Retirement

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the salary statements as presented, second by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Transfer: $2,000
$2,000 From: Full Time Payroll
$2,000 To: Printed Forms

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the transfer for $2,000 from Full Time Payroll to Printed Forms, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

CASA

Additional Appropriation: $ 224
$224 General Operating/Misc.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the request for an additional appropriation for $224, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

PROSECUTOR – Pat Harrington

Old Hoosier Act Fund 250

Prosecutor Pat Harrington requested additional appropriations for expenses not included in the 2007 budget.

Additional Appropriation: $ 4,000
$1,500 General Operating
$2,500 Travel & Training

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the request for additional appropriations as stated, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

Non-Drug Forfeiture Fund

Prosecutor Harrington requested additional appropriations for law enforcement equipment.

Additional Appropriation: $5,000
$5,000 Non Drug Forfeiture General Operating

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the additional appropriation for $5,000, second by Councilmember Gutwein; motion carried.

Prosecutor – IV-D Incentive Fund

Prosecutor Harrington requested additional appropriations for office equipment, computer hardware and software.

Additional Appropriation: $38,000
$8,000 Office furniture & equipment
$30,000 Computer hardware & software

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the request for additional appropriations as stated, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

Salary Statement: $24,105
$24,105 Secretary

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the salary statement for a secretary position in the amount of $24,105, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried. Councilmember Michael abstained from the vote.

Fatal Alcohol Crash Team Grant Fund 604

Prosecutor Harrington presented information regarding a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. This grant will provide funding for the three fatal alcohol crash teams in the area that respond to accidents involving alcohol. The county's portion will pay for one deputy prosecuting attorney.

Additional Appropriation: $51,207
$51,207 Fatal Alcohol Crash Team

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

ORDINANCE 2007-17-CL

Recommended Salary Chart for Deputy Prosecutors

Prosecutor Harrington presented a salary chart created by Wagner, Irwin and Scheele. He stressed the importance of raising Deputy Prosecutor wages in an effort to retain employee's long term. He added that the salary is low compared to other counties and the prosecutor's office has lost numerous employees to private practice or other county entities.

PAT (Professional, Administrative, Technology) Schedule for 2007

Auditor Weston presented the new PAT schedule for 2007. The PAT schedule approved in 2007 was not updated and reflected 2006 rates; ***however*** budgets were calculated using 2007 rates. A new part time schedule specific to jobs in each individual department will be presented at the next council meeting.

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve Ordinance 2007-17-CL, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

- Councilmember Michael moved to suspend the rules and hear the ordinance on second reading, second by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve Ordinance 2007-17-CL on second reading, second by Councilmember Murtaugh;

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Kemper	Yes
Murtaugh	Yes
Michael	Yes
Byers	Yes
Gutwein	Yes
Vernon	Yes
Underwood	Yes

Ordinance 2007-17-CL passes 7-0.

GRANTS

Superior Court 3 Assessment Grant Fund 155

Additional Appropriation: $3,500
$3,500 Consultants/Contracts

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the additional appropriation from Grant Fund 155, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

Superior Court 3 Grant Fund 629

Additional Appropriation: $24,000
$24,000 Consultants/Contracts

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the request for an additional appropriation from Grant Fund 629, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

Recycled Product Purchasing Grant Fund 270

Parks Director Allen Nail requested an additional appropriation for Park Equipment.

Additional Appropriation: $8,000
$8,000 Park Equipment

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the additional appropriation from grant fund 270, second by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

TEMA Homeland Security Exercises Grant Fund 478

TEMA Director Mark Kirby requested additional appropriations for a district wide exercise.

Additional Appropriation: $16,377
$16,377 General Operating/Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Murtaugh moved to approve the request for an additional appropriation from grant fund 478, second by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Rhodes the West Lafayette Clerk/Treasurer inquired as to whether or not Auditor Weston would be addressing the fact that the CEDIT Homestead Credits, as advertised, are anomalous and could be adjusted more equitably. Auditor Weston advised she would be looking at that matter over the next couple of weeks as work begins for tax billing. Any new method would have to be approved by the state. Auditor Weston will communicate the timeline and requirements with council via email.

Wabash River Enhancement Corp Update – Stan Lambert

Executive Director Stan Lambert updated the council on the plans for the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation. He noted that this project is community driven with the leadership, development and fundraising efforts put forth by the community and community leaders. Mr. Lambert presented the strategic plan for the corporation and long term benefits with Purdue University as a partner. Pictures and data that include master plans for the Wabash Corridor were presented to board members.

Department of Child Services – Angela Smith Grossman

Director Angela Smith Grossman presented Practice Indicator Reports for Tippecanoe County. She mentioned that this report is a combination of all the agencies in the region, with Tippecanoe County representing the largest part. Director Grossman noted that budget is on track and DCS

does not anticipate borrowing any money for the current year. Currently, the number of children taken in for substantiated investigations is at the lowest point for the year. In closing, she noted that the Department of Child Services administration is providing more employees to decrease the workload and also new reports and statistics to benefit DCS programs statewide.

Youth Services Update – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Humphrey provided statistics on Department of Corrections and placements from Tippecanoe County. Her studies included trends for males and females in Fiscal Year 2002 – 2006 to include several surrounding counties. She included site sizes, price and construction estimates. Director Humphrey anticipates the center built on a 25 to 40 acre parcel with an estimated cost of approximately $22 million for construction. She continues to research alternative funding sources for the project in an attempt to recoup a portion of the cost for the county. Forums are scheduled in the next month in an attempt to get community feedback from parents of youth in the system.

COMMISSIONERS FYI

Commissioner Benson noted that Laurie Wilson from Voter's Registration has filled the Grant Coordinator position. Congressman Buyer arranged a visit for INDOT Commissioner Browning to visit Tippecanoe County to discuss the Hoosier Heartland Project and US 231 project. Mock Election is May 8th and Commissioner Benson encouraged everyone to vote. Department Head Luncheon will be held on May 9th in the Tippecanoe Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Council President Kemper reminded members that the next meeting will be held on May 15, 2007 due to the mock election on May 8th, 2007.

- Councilmember Byers moved to adjourn.

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Attest:
Jennifer Weston, Auditor

Kathy Vernon