TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING
JUNE 12, 2007

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners and Tippecanoe County Council met in a special joint meeting on June 12, 2007 at 11:30 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd and Member John L. Knochel. Council members present were: President Jeffrey A. Kemper, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Betty J. Michael, Andrew S. Gutwein, David A. Byers, Kathy Vernon, and Kevin Underwood. Also present were Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Members of the Sheriff's Department that were also present were:

Sheriff Tracy Brown	Captain Rick Walker
Major Charles Williams	Sergeant Doug Caldwell

President KD Benson called the Commissioner's meeting to order.

President Jeffrey Kemper called the Council meeting to order.

Sheriff Brown presented information regarding the Sheriff's office organizational structure. The following statistics were shared for calendar year 2006:

o Staff	151
o Calls to 911	66,879
o Calls for Service	29,358
o Accident Investigations	1,652
o Civil Process	62,283
o Animal Control Complaints	5,790
o Inmate Bookings	8,400
o Average Population (daily)	516
o DOC Reimbursement	$100,000

Sheriff Brown reported the high crime areas in Tippecanoe County as the outer edges of West Lafayette, South Lafayette, and East Lafayette. Apartment complexes are reason for the high call volume in the county with drug offenses driving a large part of the crime.

Sheriff Brown confirmed the City of Lafayette has resumed their portion of the Animal Control responsibilities. With a large portion of calls inside city limits, the city has started an Animal Control division and Sheriff Brown reported the county currently has one Animal Control employee.

2008 SHERIFF'S CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS

o Patrol Vehicles (6) and SRT Truck	$174,742
o In-Car Video Systems	$75,000
o Office Work Stations	$50,000
o Repair of Showers in Jail Facility	$39,000
o Cell Door Locks	$24,882
o Security Cameras	$16,000
o Repair of Masonry Block and Expansion Joints	$14,112
o Replacement of Mobile Laptops	$12,000
o Refurbishment of Kitchen Floor	$10,000
o Records Storage System	$9,235
o Emergency Light Systems for Patrol Vehicles	$8,950
o Replacement of Desktop Computers	$5,000

BUDGET

Sheriff Brown requested two new positions in 2008. A Jail Nurse will attend to the large number of ill inmates and a Secretary will assist officers in the command center to alleviate the amount of paperwork officers have to complete. Sheriff Brown reported food prices are rising and currently the expense for the jail is $30,000 to $40,000 a month.

2007-2008 INITIATIVES

- Development of 5-10 year Strategic Plan
- Evaluate Organization Structure (Span and Control)
- Call Reduction (Alarms/Calls for Service at Apartment Complexes)
- Overtime Assessment (Shifting Training to Overtime Budget)
- Taser Program (Funding from 2007 Capital Projects)
- Further Roll-Out of VIPS and Citizens on Patrol ($4,953.00 to date)
- Dictation Systems for Records
- Staffing and Schedules
- Crime Prevention
- Evaluation of Reserve Program

E-911

Sheriff Brown confirmed system wide totals for 911 have dropped. He explained the equipment that records the data was inoperable for part of 2005/2006 and may have contributed to the totals. Disbursement of calls among districts has remained the same in the last four years. 911 call distribution showed 59% of calls are for the county, 33% for Lafayette, 6% for West Lafayette, and 2% for Purdue University. He implied a new server and storage network system are needed to back up and store data more efficiently. Sheriff Brown mentioned Captain Rick Walker is exploring the opportunity of job sharing with MITS for major projects in the department.

2008 E-911 Capital Projects Request

- File Server Replacement $50,000
- Storage Area Network System $12,000

2008 E-911 Personnel Requests

- No Additional Positions are being requested
- Remove Two (2) Communications Officer positions from 911 Budget

* One of the positions is assigned to the County Sheriff and the other is assigned to the West Lafayette Police Department. The position at the county would need to be shifted to the General Fund.

The Future of E-911

Issues
- Increasing Costs for Personnel
- Increasing Costs for 911 Service
- Decreasing Revenue (Due to migration to wireless and VOIP)

Potential Solutions

- Request for Proposal for E-911 Providers
- Legislation
- Move Radio Lease Payment/Software Maintenance Fees
  Motorola Radio Lease Payment = $286,610.24 (Last Payment 2012)
  Sungard OSSI Software Maintenance = $182,396.00

CIVIL PROCESS FEES

Sheriff Brown confirmed that a legislative change in 2006 allowed the Sheriff's Department to collect an additional $13.00 for every piece of civil process served. These funds go directly to the Sheriff's Department pension plan which has reportedly collected $7,000 a month since July 1, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn the Commissioner's meeting.

RECESSED

- President Kemper recessed the meeting until 2:00 p.m.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

absent
Jeffrey A. Kemper, President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President

Andrew S. Gutwein

Attest:
Jennifer Weston, Auditor

Betty J. Michael

David S. Byers

Kevin L. Underwood

Kathy Vernon

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

KD Benson, President

John L. Knochel, Vice President

Ruth E. Shedd, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor