

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING – TIPPECANOE ROOM
TUESDAY, February 9, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

The Tippecanoe County Council met Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building at 8:30 a.m. Council members present were: President David R. Williams, Vice-President John R. Basham II, Bryan E. Metzger, Sally J. Siegrist, Kathy Vernon, Kevin L. Underwood, and Roland K. Winger. Others present were: Auditor Bob Plantenga, Attorney Doug Masson and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

President Williams called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Alliance.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Bob Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga stated 2016 began with a General Fund Cash Balance of \$9,145,040.42. With Miscellaneous Revenue and projected Property Tax, the total available is \$41,302,091.42. Encumbrances were slightly adjusted since last month after reviewing requests. Deducting Encumbrances, the approved 2016 Budget and the minimum balance approved by the Council, the beginning Net Balance is \$709,559.42. Additional Appropriations of \$6,234 were granted last month; the available Appropriation is \$703,325.42. The COIT Fund began with a Cash Balance of \$2,262,873.18, adding in the Miscellaneous Revenue; Funds Available total \$10,917,993.18. Deducting the Encumbrances, the Budget and the \$1.5 million Minimum Balance; the Beginning Net Balance is \$360,171.18. February Additional Appropriations total \$284,465; \$240,985 is for the General Fund and \$43,480 is for COIT for the Sheriff's request.

Financial Statement January 1, 2016				
	General Fund		COIT Fund	Combined Funds
Cash Balance (01/01/2016)	\$9,145,040.42		\$2,262,873.18	\$11,407,913.60
DLGF Requested 2016 Projected Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,123,711.00		\$8,655,120.00	\$18,778,831.00
98% of Property Tax Estimated Levy	\$22,033,340.00		\$0.00	\$22,033,340.00
Total Funds Available	\$41,302,091.42		\$10,917,993.18	\$52,220,084.60
Less: 2016 Encumbrances	\$167,809		\$15,955	\$183,764
Less: DLGF Requested 2016 Budget	\$34,424,723		\$9,041,867	\$43,466,590
Less: Council Approved Minimum Balance (Res 2013-24-CU)	\$6,000,000		\$1,500,000	\$7,500,000
Beginning Net Balance	\$709,559.42		\$360,171.18	\$1,069,730.60
Additional Appropriations	Requested	Granted	Granted	Granted
January	\$6,234	\$6,234	\$0	\$6,234
February	\$284,465			
Total Additional Appropriations	\$290,699	\$6,234	\$0	\$6,234
Budget Reductions	Requested	Gen Fund Granted	COIT Fund Granted	Total Granted
Year to Date	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenditures (year to date total)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available for Appropriation	\$703,325.42		\$360,171.18	\$1,063,496.60

The proposed Tax Rates for 2016 have been received – General Fund which was 0.3246 in 2015 will go down to 0.3245. Auditor Plantenga requested input from Council members if they believe he is being too conservative on the Property Tax estimate of \$22 million. The estimate is based on 98% of Council approval at budget time. Using an estimate of 99% would free up some additional appropriation available money.

Referring to the Revenue Report, January revenue is lower than other months due to some departments turning in money twice in December. The only correction is on page 2 to Account 360-60-01 Miscellaneous Revenue which is an account of uncashed checks for the most part. The \$10,593.57 will go down approximately \$6,000 and will be corrected next month.

Referring to the Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements, Auditor Plantenga noted in January \$500,000 was moved to Fund 20, Jail Lease Rental - \$250,000 from Fund 98, the General Rainy Day Fund and \$250,000 from EDIT. It is the third year of the three year plan for the jail lease; the funds will help ease the property tax need. Fund 310, County Self Insurance receipts exceeded disbursements, however; the balance is still negative at \$180,088.61. Funds 575 and 576, Court Services reflect the first time in years the balance is positive.

Auditor Plantenga continued saying last month the Cumulative Capital Plan and the EDIT Plan were passed by Resolution. There was an error in the Resolution numbers; Resolution 2016-01-CL has been corrected to Resolution 2016-07-CL and Resolution 2016-02-CL has been corrected to Resolution 2016-08-CL.

Councilmember Vernon commented all Council members received an email message from Bob looking at the pay increase projections for 2017. Even though it is only February, job reclassifications are being made and people are being added to the payroll; it is a good summary of what's ahead in the 2017 budget. As a County, we all need to be aware of where we are financially – every person, every raise, and every reclassification rolls over into the next years reoccurring funds. Everyone needs to be diligent when filling positions, reclassifying, and also adding new people; the email was eye-opening and a concern. She thanked Auditor Plantenga for continuing to do the projections.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jennifer Weston

Treasurer Weston reported the January, 2016 interest noting Centier Bank has been added, replacing Chase Bank which was closed last year. Centier Bank will be used for online payments and Treasurer Weston moved \$15 million (from Lafayette Bank & Trust Savings) to the account on February 1 at a rate of 0.65%.

As of January 31, the Account Balance at Lafayette Bank & Trust was \$54,180,096.94. The Average Interest Rate was 0.59%, compared to last month at 0.34%. Combining the bank interest with Morgan Stanley and First Empire, the total Month-End Interest was \$53,735.14.

Interest Rate Weighted Average			
January 2016			
	<u>Account Balance</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Interest</u>
<u>Centier Bank</u>			
Comm NOW/checking	Opened account 1/29 funded 2/1 \$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
Centier Total	\$0.00		\$0.00

Lafayette Bank & Trust

Savings	\$37,899,905.94	0.60%	\$20,686.41
Primary/sweep	\$4,436,751.98	0.55%	\$1,536.58
Flex Benefits	\$111,629.06	0.00%	\$0.00
Claims/sweep	\$3,115,760.79	0.55%	\$1,141.09
Cary Home	\$428.63	0.60%	\$0.22
Cumulative Bridge	\$1,624,356.02	0.60%	\$893.31
Local Road & Street	\$443,154.86	0.60%	\$187.00
Drain Maintenance	\$1,511,762.25	0.60%	\$764.91
Gen Drain Main	\$961,586.12	0.60%	\$467.81
Hwy Escrow	\$55,277.42	0.60%	\$28.08
MVH	\$2,446,699.90	0.60%	\$1,192.09
E-Check	\$35,835.98	0.60%	\$34.19
Law Enforcement Warrant	\$1,536,947.99	0.55%	\$719.24
Lafayette Bank & Trust Total	\$54,180,096.94		\$27,650.93

Note: Claims Balance does not include Outstanding checks

Average Interest Rate		0.59%
This Month (Weighted Average Rate)	\$54,180,096.94	0.59%
Last Month (Weighted Average Rate)	\$56,129,123.71	0.34%

Morgan Stanley

EDIT Landfill	\$4,484,628.09	n/a	\$1,166.19
High Balance	\$16,170,679.62	n/a	\$16,227.82
Morgan Stanley Total	\$20,655,307.71		\$17,394.01

First Empire

High Balance	\$5,635,186.74	n/a	\$8,690.20
First Empire Total	\$5,635,186.74		\$8,690.20

Total Month-End Interest

\$53,735.14

Referring to the Interest Summary report, Treasurer Weston stated the General Fund Interest total was \$27,169.56 of the \$53,735.14 Total Interest. With 8.3% of the year lapsed; interest is 7.3% of the Revised Budget as of 1/16/16 of \$370,900.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items) - none

2016 COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

President Williams noted the Administrative Transportation Committee for Area Plan name has been changed to the MPO Policy Board. Councilmember Winger said he thought Bryan Hubbard resigned from the West Lafayette Library Board and questioned if he needed replaced. Also, the Commissioners had a change to the Otterbein Library Board and he questioned the validity of Michael Humphrey. Auditor Plantenga said he talked to Judd Barce from Otterbein and they have appointed the same people. President Williams will check with the West Lafayette Library Board and also on the Area IV appointment. The appointments will be reviewed in March.

2016 County Council Appointments

MPO Policy Board		
Administrative Transportation Committee (Area Plan)	Annual	Council President
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Annual	Vicki Pearl
Area Plan Commission	Term of Office	Councilmember Roland Winger Councilmember David Williams
Area IV Agency on Aging	Annual	Anne Painter
Cary Home Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember David R Williams
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember Kevin L Underwood
Court Services Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember Sally Siegrist
Convention & Visitors Bureau	2 Years Expires 12/31/17	Councilmember David R Williams Bob Mindrum (Hotel Rep) Rachael Johnson (Travel Rep)
Emergency Management Advisory Council	Annual	Councilmember John Basham II
Lafayette Economic Development Commission	4 years Expires 12/31/19	Councilmember David R Williams
MITS Advisory Board	Annual	Councilmember Kevin L Underwood Councilmember Roland K Winger
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)	Annual (1R 1D)	Matt Washburn (R) Jim Malady (D)
Romney Sewer District	Annual	John R Basham II
Tippecanoe County Economic Development Commission	4 years Expires 12/31/18	Charles Shook
Tippecanoe County Park Board (4 years - 1 R 1 D)	Expires 12/31/18 Expires 12/31/16	Scott Rumble (R) Robert Probasco (D)
Tippecanoe County Public Library Board (4 year term)	Expires 12/31/19	Dave Lahr
Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Annual	Councilmember John R Basham II
Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Management District		Councilmember John R Basham II
Tippecanoe Environmental Response Financing Board (TERF)	Annual	Councilmember Kevin Underwood
Wabash River Enhancement Corporation	Annual	Councilmember Sally Siegrist
Wabash Valley Alliance Board (3 year term)	Expires 3/1/18	Joe Seaman
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COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARRY RICHARD and TIPPECANOE COUNTY

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the Compensation Agreement with Sheriff Richard as presented, second by Councilmember Winger.

Sheriff Richard stated the Compensation Agreement is an annual agreement with no changes from the previous year.

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the Compensation Agreement for Sheriff Richard.

RESOLUTION 2016-06-CL – APPROVING SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND EXPENDITURES

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve Resolution 2016-06-CL approving the Sheriff Commissary Fund Expenditures as presented, second by Councilmember Winger.

Auditor Plantenga said Exhibit A included in the packet has been replaced by the provided handout which states the purposes of the Commissary Fund. Sheriff Richard said the list is the same as used by the previous administration; no additions or changes have been made. President Williams said a page is included showing the account balances in July and December, 2015. Auditor Plantenga stated as part of the statute, Council gets a report of all receipts and disbursements for the year. Attorney Masson said the report doesn't require a vote; it's simply a requirement to be on file. President Williams said the availability of Commissary Fund has provided some relief from the General Fund.

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of Resolution 2016-06-CL Sheriff Commissary Fund.

AGREEMENT for ANIMAL SHELTERING and DISPOSAL BETWEEN TIPPECANOE COUNTY and CRYSTAL CREEK BOARDING

Auditor Plantenga said the Agreement for Crystal Creek Boarding has been withdrawn.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 12, 2016

Comm. Corr. – Misdemeanor Fund 178 Transfer	\$ 7,000	General Operating / General Operating-Misc. to Departmental / Miscellaneous
WIC – NSA Grant “A” Fund 880 Transfer	\$ 7,600	Salaries & Wages / Part Time to Contracts / Miscellaneous

- Councilmember Siegrist moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Winger; motion carried.

Additional Appropriations:

CASA – Coleen Connor and Judge Graham
General Fund 001

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation request for CASA as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

CASA Director Connor said CASA requested approval of reclassification of seven positions, stating it has been about ten years since reclassifications were requested. In order to do the job well, it requires staff to be qualified and trained to comprehend situations they didn't encounter eight to ten years ago. Judge Graham said there have been 39 new CHINS cases and 15 termination cases in the first 40 days of the year. Director Connor continued to say the CASA staff accompanies every case into the Courtroom; often without an Attorney.

Appropriation \$48,407

\$	37,740	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
\$	3,300	Salaries & Wages / Part Time – Regular
\$	3,140	Social Security / Social Security
\$	4,227	Retirement / PERF

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for CASA.

2016 Salary Statement \$274,855

\$	274,855	CASA – (7) Job Reclassifications
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- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the 2016 Salary Statement for CASA as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

Capacity Building Grant Fund 532

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund 532 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Director Connor said the funds are now available through the State. Across the state, there is a need for advocates. Currently there are 130 children on the “wait list”; this grant allows more children to come off of the list. Tonight, 16 individuals will begin training. The grant will allow Director Connor to hire one additional staff member.

Grant Appropriation \$36,702

\$	33,758	Salaries & Wages / Part Time – Regular
\$	2,582	Social Security / Social Security
\$	362	Gen Operating/Mileage Reimbursement

PROSECUTOR – Pat Harrington
General Fund 001

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appropriation for the Prosecutor's additional staff as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Prosecutor Harrington thanked the Personnel Committee for their review. He continued to say his office spent over \$119,000 in part time overtime last year; cases are more complex; the numbers are up 14%; and the advanced technology has overburdened his office. The police force now have body cameras which has increased viewing a video for an OWI arrest with two officers from 30 minutes to a 1½ to 2 hours, possibly even 3 hours. He invited Chief Dombkowski, our local expert to be here today but the Council members did not have questions for him.

Councilmember Winger stated the Council appreciates working with Prosecutor Harrington on this situation and acknowledge the increase in cases and workload since budget hearings. Knowing we have to keep up with the wave for the community to attack the problems, the Council would ask Prosecutor Harrington, Chief Dombkowski, the Lafayette Police Department, and Sheriff Richard to work together with the other departments. As an example, the drug problem affects many cases. Councilmember Vernon thanked the Prosecutor for working with his Council representatives and also sending an email to the rest of the Council members justifying the need for new positions.

Appropriation \$122,745

\$	78,474	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
\$	6,005	Social Security / Social Security
\$	8,790	Retirement / PERF
\$	29,084	Insurance Benefit / Health
\$	182	Insurance Benefit/Long Term Disability
\$	210	Insurance Benefit / Life

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for the Prosecutor.

2016 Salary Statement \$78,474

\$	31,321	Prosecutor–Legal Assistant- New Position
\$	47,153	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney-New Position

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the 2016 Salary Statement for the Prosecutor as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

Law Enforcement Warrant Fund 266

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the Law Enforcement Warrant Fund 266 appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Prosecutor Harrington said the Law Enforcement Warrant Fund is for a full time Deputy Prosecutor in cooperation with his office, Lafayette and West Lafayette Police High Tech Crime Unit. He stated it is the first time, and hopefully the last he has tapped into the Fund for internal use.

Appropriation \$120,781

\$	47,153	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
\$	3,608	Social Security / Social Security
\$	5,282	Retirement / PERF
\$	25,000	Training Costs / Travel & Training
\$	25,000	Equipment / Miscellaneous
\$	14,542	Insurance Benefit / Health

\$	91	Insurance Benefit/Long Term Disability
\$	105	Insurance Benefit / Life

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for Fund 266.

2016 Salary Statement \$47,153

\$	47,153	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney -- New Position
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Councilmember Winger moved to approve the 2016 Salary Statement for the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Amy Hutchison
General Fund 001

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the General Fund appropriation request for the Public Defender as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Public Defender Hutchison said she has an open full time position following a resignation. Additional Conflict Attorneys are needed and based on the Commissioner's recommendation; she requested to eliminate the full time position and split it into two regular part time positions. Councilmember Winger said the Council appreciates Public Defender Hutchison easing into the hiring by adding two part time positions. As a reminder, Commissioner Murtaugh and the Council members manage the Conflict Attorney program as discussed at budget time. Auditor Plantenga said Family Health Insurance has been added to the request. The plan is the most expensive and could be less based on the persons hired.

Appropriation \$35,259

\$	16,018	Salaries & Wages / Part Time - Regular
\$	18,966	Insurance Benefit / Health
\$	183	Insurance Benefit/Long Term Disability
\$	92	Insurance Benefit / Life

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for the Public Defender.

2016 Salary Statement \$64,071

\$	64,071	Deputy Public Defenders (RPT) New Positions
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- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the 2016 Salary Statement for two new positions for the Public Defender as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

SHERIFF – Barry Richard and Charlie Williams
COIT Fund 002

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for the Sheriff COIT Fund 002 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Sheriff Richard requested the appropriation of the funds approved the previous month to add a Communication Officer. The position is very significant and far overdue for the safety of the community

and the dispatchers. A full time dispatcher has not been added for decades; putting the County far behind to safely handle calls. The department handled over 62,000 - 911 calls in 2015 with 12 full time and one part time dispatchers. In comparison, the Lafayette Police Department has 27 full time and two part time dispatchers answering 59,000 - 911 calls in 2015. Major Williams stated the dispatcher would be added to the "power shift" 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; the busiest time for calls. All of the ambulance calls come through the Sheriff department. Sheriff Richard said the calls coming into the department in 2015 totaled 219,012. The one part time allocation will not go away; it is used for training purposes to get a dispatcher ready for the front line. Councilmember Siegrist asked if overtime would be eliminated in the 911 area. Sheriff Richard said it absolutely would. Councilmember Vernon said looking at the growing community and the current issues continuing; Council may be looking at additional overtime or a need for additional people at budget time.

Auditor Plantenga said the request was for the entire year but two payrolls have passed. He provided a Fiscal Impact Statement with the Salary amount for 11 months of \$33,769. The following amount will be the appropriation versus the amount on the Request for Appropriation in the Council packet. Major Williams said the person has not been hired so the amount will be even less.

Appropriation \$40,136

\$	33,769	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
\$	2,584	Social Security / Social Security
\$	3,783	Retirement / PERF

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the revised appropriation for the Sheriff.

Donation Fund 127

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for the Sheriff Donation Fund 127 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Sheriff Richard said it is an annual request to appropriate the funds coming from donations of various individuals.

Appropriation \$14,332

\$	14,332	General Operating/General Operating-Misc.
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- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for Fund 127.

False Alarm Fee Fund 174

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for the Sheriff False Alarm Fee Fund 174 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Sheriff Richard said it is another annual rollover account that gets moved at the beginning of the year.

Appropriation \$16,150

\$	16,150	General Operating/General Operating-Misc.
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- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for Fund 174.

Firearms & Training Fund 177**Appropriation \$83,576**

\$ 83,576 General Operating/General Operating-Misc.

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for Firearms & Training Fund 177 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

Accident Fund 179**Appropriation \$34,470**

\$ 34,470 General Operating/General Operating-Misc.

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for the Sheriff Accident Fund 179 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

Continuing Education Fund 180**Appropriation \$20,357**

\$ 20,357 General Operating/General Operating-Misc.

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for the Sheriff Continuing Education Fund 180 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

Inmate Medical Co-Pay Fund 319**Appropriation \$50,000**

\$ 50,000 Administrative/Institutional Care

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for the Sheriff Inmate Medical Co-Pay Fund 319 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

Sheriff Sale Fund 725**Appropriation \$40,000**

\$ 40,000 General Operating/General Operating-Misc.

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for the Sheriff Sale Fund 725 as presented, second by Councilmember Siegrist; motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Heath**TANF Block Grant Fund 226**

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for Community Corrections Block Grant Fund 226, second by Councilmember Siegrist.

Community Corrections Director Heath said the grant is from the Department of Corrections for a part time Case Manager to provide cognitive training and job skills for people on parole and probation.

Grant Appropriation \$74,104

\$	21,112	Salaries & Wages / Part Time
\$	1,615	Social Security / Social Security
\$	10,097	Departmental / Miscellaneous
\$	41,280	General Operating/General Operating-Misc.

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the grant appropriation for Community Corrections Fund 226.

2016 Salary Statement \$14/Hr

\$14/Hr New Part Time Position

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the 2016 Salary Statement for Community Corrections as presented, second by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

TEMA – Wm. “Smokey” Anderson
General Fund 001

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for TEMA from the General Fund for reclassification of two positions as presented, second by Councilmember Basham.

TEMA Director Anderson presented two job reclassifications that were approved last month – one for the Deputy Director and one for the Coordinator.

Appropriation \$13,134

\$	11,050	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee
\$	846	Social Security / Social Security
\$	1,238	Retirement / PERF

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for TEMA.

Local Emergency Planning Fund 420

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for TEMA Local Emergency Planning Fund 420 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham.

Director Anderson said Fund 420 deals with hazardous materials and is part of the emergency planning.

Appropriation \$12,299

\$	6,299	General Operating/General Operating-Misc.
\$	6,000	Training Costs / Travel & Training

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for TEMA Fund 420.

D-4 Emergency Deployment Fund 726

- Councilmember Metzger moved to approve the appropriation for TEMA D-4 Emergency Deployment Fund 726 as presented, second by Councilmember Underwood.

Director Anderson said the agenda lists Fund 726 as a Grant Appropriation but it is not; it is the money TEMA is reimbursed from the State for deployment.

Appropriation \$16,542

\$	2,542	Training Costs / Travel & Training
\$	14,000	Equipment / Emergency Equipment

- Motion carried with all Councilmembers voting in favor of the appropriation for D-4 Emergency Deployment Fund 726.

AUDITOR – Robert Plantenga Ineligible Homestead Fund 727

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation for the Auditor Fund 727 as presented, second by Councilmember Basham.

Auditor Plantenga said the request is a result of a new financial system the County is implementing. Extra time will be needed to assist the various departments with entering claims and processing the new procedures. The appropriation is to provide a couple of hours per week of overtime for the Deputy and other Auditor staff to be available to provide resources to the other departments. The overtime option instead of comp time will be used through the end of the year.

Appropriation \$4,754

\$	4,000	Salaries & Wages / Overtime
\$	306	Social Security / Social Security
\$	448	Retirement / PERF

- Motion carried with all Councilmember voting in favor of the appropriation for the Auditor from Fund 727.

Committee Reports

- Councilmember Basham reported on the Romney Sewer District saying they recently held a public meeting with State officials and engineers from Hometown Engineering, in addition to an engineer to help with the step system. Ron Knolls from the Health Department, along with 40 constituents from the Town of Romney also attended. The US Rural Development requested a denial letter due to the Sewer District not needing to use their water. The law office of Stuart and Branigan is working on the denial letter and the process is still moving forward.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS - none

COMMISSIONER FYI

Commissioner Byers reported the following:

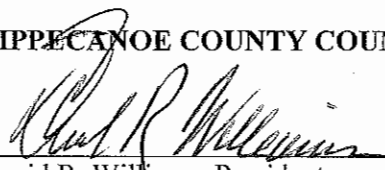
- Reminded everyone the Legislators are available now if you want to talk to any of them about drug funding or any bills.
- The Landfill currently has an Engineering class at Purdue with 80+ senior students working on what can be done to reclaim the Landfill. It is a very interesting set-up combining a lake and a landfill.
- The Washington DC trip is coming up.
- The Bicentennial Relays are coming up in October, 115 applications have been received; 24 people are needed. The choice will be very difficult as the applications cover a very broad range of ages and people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Extension Office Director Crabtree introduced Veronica Jalamo, Community Wellness Coordinator for Tippecanoe County. Ms. Jalamo has been with the Extension Office as a Nutrition Education Program (NEP) Assistant, is from the area and is familiar with the various agencies. She will network with the various agencies, including the Health and Parks Departments, to coordinate healthy wellness type of activities. The position is federally funded with no cost to the County.
- March 3rd is the Legislative Session update.
- The Extension Board annual dinner is February 18 and the Council is invited. Please RSVP if attending.

As there were no other public comments, Councilmember Winger moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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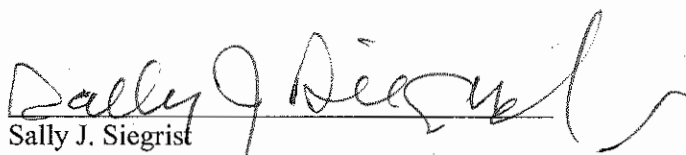
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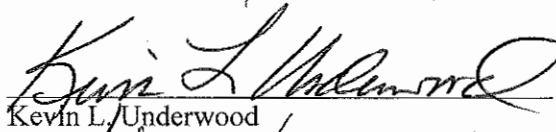


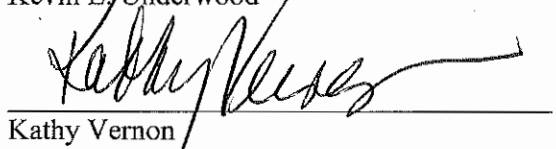
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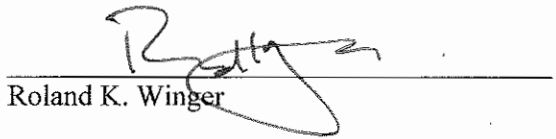


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