

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2014

The Tippecanoe County Council met Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building. Council members present were: President David R. Williams, Vice-President John R. Basham II, Andrew S. Gutwein, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Bryan E. Metzger, Kevin L. Underwood and Roland K. Winger. Others present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney Dave Luhman, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar

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

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Jennifer Weston

Auditor Weston reviewed the General Fund and COIT Fund Financial Statement for November, 2014 stating the beginning net balance of the combined funds is \$2,143,824.32. To date additional appropriations have been granted in the amount of \$447,757.00 of the requested \$482,907.00. Budget reductions total \$27,856.00. Subtracting the miscellaneous expenditures to date of \$9,063.68, the amount available for appropriation is \$1,714,859.64.

	<u>General</u>	<u>COIT</u>	<u>Combined Funds</u>
Minimum Balance Res 2013-24-CL	\$6,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$7,500,000.00
Beginning Net Balance	\$2,053,949.42	\$ 89,874.90	\$2,143,824.32
Total Additional Appropriations	\$ 413,564.00	\$ 34,193.00	\$ 447,757.00
Total Budget Reductions	\$ 27,856.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,856.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures (to date)	\$ 9,063.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,063.68
Funds Available For Appropriation	\$1,659,177.74	\$ 55,681.90	\$1,714,859.64

Auditor Weston continued to say she advertised \$100,000.00 additional appropriation from COIT which was going to be for Health Insurance; however, after further review, COIT would have likely dropped below the target minimum balance. The Self Insurance Fund would drop below the minimum balance also so it is better to leave COIT alone to avoid two funds going under minimum balances. Currently, the cash balance is \$766,490.40 in the Self Insurance Fund and Auditor Weston expects the balance to fall to as low as \$150,000.00 which is below the target minimum. Looking ahead, the changes in Health Insurance premiums and the 2015 budgets will bring in approximately \$700,000 to the Self Insurance Fund and the balance should reach the target minimum.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga presented the October Treasurer's Report. The October average interest rate was down to 0.34% compared to September at 0.38% and the weighted average interest rate was down at 0.35% compared to September at 0.37%. Total interest for October was \$26,041.02 compared to September which was \$39,631.98. November will have an increase for the General Fund as property taxes are held. The interest for the year is over the budget estimate. The average and weighted average interest rates are down due to closing Lafayette Savings Bank which had a high interest rate.

Chase Bank has a balance of \$72,419.52 for property tax eCheck and credit card payments. Lafayette Bank & Trust had a balance of \$95,401,682.75, earning 0.35%. The Lafayette Savings Bank account was closed 10/3/14. Morgan Stanley and First Empire are individual securities without a set interest rate. The total amount in Morgan Stanley is \$11,389,618.97; First Empire has a total of \$3,350,757.33.

Treasurer Plantenga provided a handout for Morgan Stanley and First Empire as previously requested by Councilmember Kemper, explaining that the Yield is the interest rate received. Councilmember Kemper thanked Treasurer Plantenga for the information and said the bank interests are so low that he would like to see a significant additional amount go into Government Bonds in the future.

Councilmember Basham asked if there is any follow up with the banks on their ratings since the invested amounts are very large and only certain amounts are FDIC insured. Treasurer Plantenga said when the RFP is sent, the bank rating is one of the questions. FDIC coverage is \$250,000; however, there is PDIF for public deposits only. If a bank goes under, the Public Deposits Insurance Funds (PDIF) provides \$600 million, but that is statewide. All banks are rated and if the rating is lower, they have to collateralize their funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items) – none

ORDINANCE 2014-21-CL - Amending County Code Section 34.75(A) Imposing License Excise Surtax on “Motor Driven Cycles” – 2nd Reading

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Ordinance 2014-21-CL on 2nd reading, second by Councilmember Gutwein.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Basham	Aye
Gutwein	Aye
Kemper	Aye
Metzger	Aye
Underwood	Aye
Williams	Aye
Winger	Aye

Ordinance 2014-21-CL passed 7-0 on second and final reading.

ORDINANCE 2014-25-CL - Amending 2015 Salary Ordinance for Sheriff Chief Deputy Position/Classification

- Councilmember Gutwein moved to approve Ordinance 2014-25-CL, second by Councilmember Basham.

Auditor Weston said the Ordinance is a second amendment to the 2015 Salary Ordinance. Exhibit A is a change to the Deputy Sheriff and also the Elected Official pay grid. The change takes into account the change in the Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy, removing the position of Major on the first pay grid and adding the Sheriff Chief Deputy to coincide with the other Elected officials and Chief Deputies on the second chart. Exhibit C changes the compensation classification for the two positions, Chief Deputy and Deputy Sheriff – Captain. The State Board of Accounts will refer to the classification schedule during their audit. The amount for the Chief Deputy was entered as the amount previously approved. If there is a change to the amount or an appropriation is necessary, it would need to be done at the January meeting.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Basham	Aye
Gutwein	Aye

Kemper	Aye
Metzger	Aye
Underwood	Aye
Williams	Aye
Winger	Aye

Ordinance 2014-25-CL passed 7-0 on first reading.

- Councilmember Winger moved to suspend the rules and hear Ordinance 2014-25-CL on second reading, second by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.
- Councilmember Winger moved to hear Ordinance 2014-25-CL on second reading, second by Councilmember Underwood.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Basham	Nay
Gutwein	Aye
Kemper	Nay
Metzger	Aye
Underwood	Aye
Williams	Aye
Winger	Aye

Ordinance 2014-25-CL passed 5-2 on second and final reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – November 12, 2014

Auditor – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$	800	Salaries & Wages / Part Time to Office Expense / Office Supplies
Assessor – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$	8,200	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to General Operating / Postage
		7,800	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Contracts / Consultant
		1,224	Social Security / Social Security to Contracts / Consultant
		1,600	Retirement / PERF to Contracts / Consultant
Cary Home – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$	15,000	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Buildings / Maintenance & Repair
		15,000	Salaries & Wages / Part Time to Equipment / Data Processing-Hardware
Parks – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$	2,500	Maintenance / Maintenance & Repair to Maintenance / Parts

Sheriff – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 50,000	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Utilities / Miscellaneous
Clerk – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 42,000	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Administrative / Other Prof Services
	2,500	Social Security / Social Security to Office Expense / Printed Forms
	2,500	Retirement / PERF to Office Expense / Printed Forms
Public Defender – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 3,000	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Administrative / Other Prof Services
	3,600	Salaries & Wages / Part Time to Administrative / Other Prof Services
	2,000	Social Security / Social Security to Administrative / Other Prof Services
Circuit Court – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 1,600	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Administrative / Other Prof Services
Superior Court 1 – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 2,000	Administrative / Other Prof Services to Salaries & Wages / Part Time
	200	Administrative / Other Prof Services to Salaries & Wages / Overtime
Superior Court 3 – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 3,500	Departmental / Medical to Court Expenses / Pauper Attorney
	1,000	Training Costs / Travel & Training to Salaries & Wages / Part Time
CASA – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 7,000	Salaries & Wages / Part Time – Regular to Court Expenses / Pauper Attorney
Health – General Fund 001 Transfer	\$ 12,700	Salaries & Wages / Full Time Employee to Departmental / Medical
	3,800	Social Security / Social Security to Departmental / Medical
	10,000	Retirement / PERF to Departmental / Medical
Health – Local Health Dept Trust Fund 761 Transfer	\$ 4,500	Salaries & Wages / Part Time - Other to Contracts / Consultant
Highway – MVH Fund 101 Transfer	\$ 40,118	Reimb/Engineer Time / Cum Bridge to Equipment / Miscellaneous

Juvenile Alternatives – Truancy JABG ICJI 13/14 Grant Fund 132		
Transfer	\$ 2,784	Salaries & Wages / Part Time to General Operating / Incentives
	1,846	Salaries & Wages / Part Time to Departmental / Educational Materials
	354	Social Security / Social Security to Departmental / Educational Materials

Councilmember Kemper said Superior Court 1 has a request for a \$2,200 transfer on the Consent Agenda. The request is for part time and overtime, the amount will be approximately \$200 short of bringing the account to \$0. If the account is in the red at the end of the year, Councilmember Kemper asked if it creates a problem and/or could an additional transfer be done. Auditor Weston said, technically, it will not cause a problem, even though we'd like to avoid budget shortfalls.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilmember Basham reported on the Romney Sewer District, saying they had a meeting last night and all the home surveys of income have been sent and are expected to be returned by December 19. Good feedback has been received from the community.
- Councilmember Gutwein reported on the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation, saying they continue to make steady progress in acquiring property along the river. In addition, they continue to slow the runoff and enhance measures to slow erosion in farm and urban areas which feed into the watershed.
- Councilmember Kemper reported on the Tippecanoe County Library, saying Ed Perez has left the area and a replacement will need to be appointed. President Williams said the Library appointment follows later on the agenda.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

2015 Proposed Council Meeting Dates (change Sept 8 to Sept 9)

Auditor Weston said the schedule was handed out at the last meeting. The September meeting was changed from Tuesday the 8th to Wednesday the 9th due to Labor Day backing up the Commissioner meeting until Tuesday. Budget hearing will begin following the meeting on September 9th.

Appointments to Library Boards

President Williams said there are two Library Board appointment recommendations – Courtney Metzinger for the Otterbein Library Board, replacing Richard Moore and Dave Lahr for the Tippecanoe County Library Board, replacing Ed Perez.

- Councilmember Winger moved to approve the appointment of Courtney Metzinger to the Otterbein Library Board and Dave Lahr to the Tippecanoe County Library Board for the terms outstanding, second by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

Other Appointments/Assignments

President Williams said the 2014 County Council Appointments and the 2014 County Council Member Assignments are included in the packet for review. He asked Council members to review both and contact him if they have suggestions for changes or additions.

Councilmember Gutwein said he serves on an Advisory Board to Court Services and they have requested a representative continue to serve. Councilmember Basham said he serves on the TEMA Advisory Board but Councilmember Metzger is assigned as their liaison. President Williams noted to review the issues.

COMMISSIONER FYI

Commissioner Byers reported on the following:

- Surveyor Zach Beasley was awarded "Surveyor of the Year"; Treasurer Bob Plantenga was awarded "Treasurer of the Year" Commissioner Tom Murtaugh was awarded "Commissioner of the Year" by the Association of Indiana Counties. Highway Director Opal Kuhl was awarded "Highway Engineer of the Year" and Auditor Jennifer Weston was awarded "Auditor of the Year" from the Indiana Association of County Commissioners (IACC). Congratulation to all.
- A "Thank You" party is scheduled for Commissioner Knochel on Monday, December 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Country Club.
- Both appraisals have been received for the 4th Street building – one at \$1.121 million and the other at \$1.344 million, a \$1.2 million median. A price has been negotiated and a purchase agreement, much less than the median price, is being presented this morning. If the purchase agreement is accepted, an approval could be on the agenda at the Commissioner's meeting next Monday.
- Commissioner Byers thanked Councilmembers Gutwein and Kemper, saying they have been wonderful to work with and he appreciates the knowledge and power they have brought to the Council. He announced that Attorney Luhman would also be retiring following the next Commissioner's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Brown thanked Councilmembers Gutwein and Kemper for their service to the community and specifically to the men and women of the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's office. Both have served as the Council representative for the department and gotten involved with whatever is necessary to complete the mission of the department. Sheriff Brown presented a plaque reading "*Presented to Tippecanoe Council Members Andrew Gutwein and Jeffrey Kemper in recognition of your (eight years for Councilmember Gutwein and 20 years for Councilmember Kemper) of service to the citizens of Tippecanoe County with appreciation from the men and women of the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office and Tippecanoe County Government*".

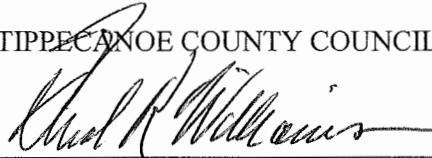
President Williams said Council also recognizes Councilmember Gutwein for eight years of service, Councilmember Kemper for 20 years of service, and Auditor Weston for eight years of service. President Williams said without Auditor Weston's assistance, Council would still be working on the budget. He presented a plaque to each of them, reading "*In appreciation for your years of dedicated service to the Tippecanoe County Council*".

Auditor Weston thanked the Council, saying it has been a pleasure to work with all of them.

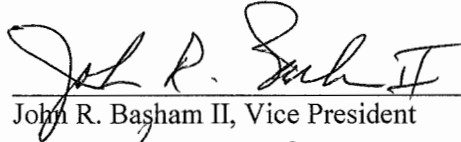
President Williams adjourned the meeting and invited all to remain for snacks and refreshments provided by Auditor Weston.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

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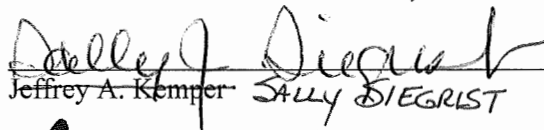
David R. Williams, President



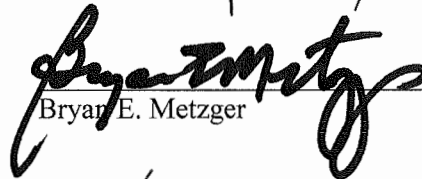
John R. Basham II, Vice President



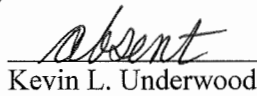
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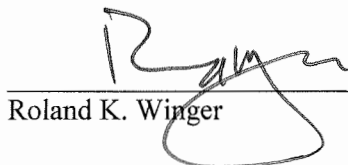
Jeffrey A. Kemper SALLY DIEGRIST



Bryan E. Metzger

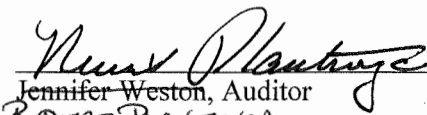


Kevin L. Underwood



Roland K. Winger

ATTEST:



Jennifer Weston, Auditor
ROBERT PLANTENGA

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