

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2006**

The Tippecanoe County Council Meeting began at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Kathy Vernon, Vice President Ronald L. Fruitt, David S. Byers, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Betty J. Michael, Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Kevin L. Underwood. Others present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Luhman called for nominations for President.

- Councilmember Kemper nominated David Byers to serve as President for 2006, seconded by Councilmember Underwood.
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to close the nominations, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.
- The motion to elect David Byers President carried.

Attorney Luhman called for nominations for Vice President.

- Councilmember Fruitt nominated Jeff Kemper to serve as Vice President for 2006, seconded by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

Councilmember Vernon thanked the Council for their diligent work in 2005.

President Byers thanked the Council for their support.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Robert Plantenga

2005

Auditor Plantenga recapped 2005 finances through December 31, 2005.

Cash Balance 1/1/05	1,757,911.43
Projected Misc Revenue 2005	14,543,744.00
DLGF Projected Property Taxes	15,676,434.00
Total Available	31,978,089.43
2005 Budget	31,052,078.00
Approved 2005 Budget Reductions	248,256.00
Encumbrances 1/7/05	701,741.00
Beginning Net Balance	472,526.43
Total General Fund Additional Appropriations	446,651.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures	7,902.36
Uncommitted Funds	17,973.07

Revenue Report (12/2005)

Property Tax credited (12/2005)	8,215,357.27
COIT (withheld for Homestead Credit = 100%) (12,723.59 more than estimated collected)	597,617.68

2006

Financial Statement January 1, 2006

Cash Balance 1/1/06	1,599,715.09
Projected Misc Revenue 2006	15,836,926.00
DLGF Projected Property Taxes (99% of levy)	16,361,200.00
Total Available	33,797,841.09
2006 Budget	31,960,620.00
Approved 2006 Budget Reductions	0.00
Encumbrances 1/7/06	822,173.00
Beginning Net Balance	1,015,048.09
Uncommitted Funds	1,015,048.09

TREASURER'S INTEREST REPORT: Oneta Tolle

Treasurer Tolle reported the average interest rate for November 2005 was 3.97%. She also distributed a printout of the Payment Processing Methods for 2005:

Total Payments to Process	96,079	
Lockbox Processed	42,360	45%
ACH Processed	3,214	3%
Electronic Tape – Escrowed	32,005	33%
Manually Processed	10,887	11%
Number of outstanding payments not paid as of 12/12/05	7,613	outstanding \$7,392,706.53 8%

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2005 Regular Meeting as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

COMMUNITY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: Health Children Grant Fund 671: Director Pam Biggs-Reed

Appropriation of Budget: \$50,000

27,125 Management
 16,250 Contractual Services
 6,625 Educational

Ms Biggs-Reed requested approval of the appropriation of these federal dollars that will be used for prevention and extensive needs assessments for children in the community. They will purchase an evidence based program and will train facilitators who will work as trainers in the community. This is the first year of a three year grant.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the budget of \$50,000 in Fund 671, seconded by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Juvenile Alternative Director Cindy Loper

TCCC – Juvenile Alternatives Grant Fund 211

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Part-time	Secretary	9.00	

TCCC – BEAMES/JEDIS Grant Fund 203

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Part-time	JEDIS Assistant	12.00	

TCCC – Project Income Grant Fund 440

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Part-time	Truancy Mediation Assistant	12.00	

Ms Loper requested approval to increase the part-time rate for the three part-time positions that will fill in for full time employees who are on family medical leave.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Salary Statement in the amount of \$12 per hour for the Part-time Truancy Mediation Assistant in Fund 440, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Salary Statement in the amount of \$12 per hour for the Part-time JEDIS Assistant in Fund 203, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the Salary Statement in the amount of \$9 per hour for the Part-time Secretary in Fund 211, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Cum Bridge Fund 011: Executive Director Opal Kuhl

Additional Appropriation: \$714,300

331,500 Bridge #U47 (Concord over Elliott Ditch)
 382,800 Bridge #U48 (Brady over Elliott Ditch)

Ms Kuhl explained these two bridges over Elliott Ditch are part of the City of Lafayette’s Brady Lane Project. By agreement, the County pays for the bridges and approaches and the City pays for the road. Part of the County’s cost was paid in 2005.

- Councilmember Murtaugh moved to approve the appropriation of \$714,300 in Fund 011, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

<u>Salary Statement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Part-time - Regular	Engineering Tech I	17.11	

Ms Kuhl explained that, because the Full Time Engineering Technician I position is unfilled, she is requesting approval to reduce the position from Full Time to Part-time Regular. The person filling the position will be responsible for GIS work on impervious areas and mapping for Phase II Stormwater.

- Councilmember Underwood moved to approve the Salary Statement, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

2006 SHERIFF’S COMPENSATION AGREEMENT: Sheriff William “Smokey” Anderson

The Sheriff’s 2006 Compensation Agreement provides an annual salary of \$101,537 which is a 2% increase over the 2005 salary.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the Sheriff’s 2006 Compensation Agreement in the amount of \$101,537, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

SHERIFF: Highway Safety Program Grant Fund 230: Sheriff Anderson

Appropriation of Budget: \$12,000

12,000 Overtime

Sheriff Anderson explained this grant is to pay Overtime for Operation Pullover which is seat belt enforcement and sobriety checks.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriation of \$12,000 in Fund 230, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-04-CL: Endorses Cum Cap Plan Amendment: Resolution 2006-03-CM: Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston

Resolution 2006-04-CL will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

Mrs. Weston explained the Cum Cap Plan is updated annually to mirror the amounts approved in the annual budget. Two additional items in the Plan are \$25,000 to improve the interior of the house located west of the Fairgrounds and \$30,000 to replace water lines at the Fairgrounds. When renovated, the house will be the residence for the Fairgrounds Caretaker and the current Caretaker's residence may be moved to Cary Home property to house some of their programs.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve Resolution 2006-04-CL, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS: Cum Cap Fund 010: Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston

Additional Appropriation: \$55,000

25,000	Buildings/Residential
30,000	Improvements/Event Structures

These appropriations will pay for the two items added to the Cum Cap Plan just approved in Resolution 2006-04-CL.

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve the appropriation of \$55,000 for Fund 010, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/MERIT PAY: Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston

Additional Appropriation: \$76,015

66,300	Full Time Employees
5,072	Social Security
3,647	Retirement

583	Full Time Employees
311	Part-time – Regular
69	Social Security
33	Retirement

Mrs. Weston explained the appropriation request for \$66,300 for Full Time Employees plus the amounts for Social Security and Retirement is to fund Merit Pay for 2006 that was not approved during the 2006 Budget process. The appropriation request for \$583 for Full Time Employees plus the amounts for benefits is to pay administrative corrections to 2005 Merit Pay found after Council approval on December 8, 2005.

Councilmember Vernon asked why there is a correction. Mrs. Weston said the Soil & Water Department submitted completed evaluations well before the deadline that were not included due to misfiling.

- Councilmember Murtaugh moved to approve the appropriation of \$75,019 for 2006 Merit Pay, seconded by Councilmember Underwood.

Councilmember Fruitt asked why the Commissioners are requesting the appropriation for 2006 now. Mrs. Weston responded that it will show department heads that the money is appropriated.

Councilmember Kemper expressed his hesitancy to consider this appropriation this early in the year since the Council has already been apprised of the possible high cost of upcoming legal actions in the courts.

Councilmember Murtaugh said he thinks Merit Pay is a motivational tool, but Councilmember Kemper responded the decision to fund this could wait until later in the year. Councilmember Vernon agreed there will mounting legal costs but she thinks the employees need to be rewarded and money should be set aside. If the funds aren't available in the fall, Councilmember Vernon said the appropriation may have to be reduced.

- The motion to approve the appropriation of \$75,019 for 2006 Merit Pay passed 4 – 3 with Councilmembers Fruitt, Kemper, and Byers voting no.
- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation of \$996 for 2005 Merit Pay corrections, seconded by Councilmember Murtaugh; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-06-CL: Endorses EDIT Plan Amendment Resolution 2006-05-CM: Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston

Mrs. Weston said this EDIT Plan Amendment is an update to match the 2006 approved Budget amounts.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Resolution 2006-06-CL, seconded by Councilmember Underwood; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

FYI: Commissioner John Knochel

- ♦ Commissioner Knochel said he thinks the Council and Commissioners took a giant step forward in the meeting earlier today toward building a juvenile detention facility.
- ♦ The future Caretaker's house, located just west of the Fairgrounds, is currently under renovation. Ben Anderson, the Caretaker, will do most of the renovation. Any work for which he lacks expertise will be contracted out. Commissioner Knochel said he is unsure when the current Caretaker's house will be moved.

OTHER BUSINESS

The County Extension Board Meeting will be held at 6 P.M., Thursday, January 26th at the Extension Office.

Council Appointments:

Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Advisory Council: from Councilmember Byers to Councilmember Underwood
West Lafayette Public Library Board: appointment has expired.

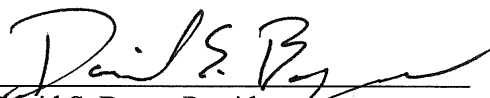
NEXT MEETING


The next County Council Meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 14, 2006 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

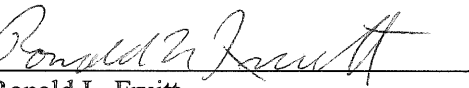
ADJOURNMENT


- Upon Councilmember Vernon's motion, the meeting adjourned.

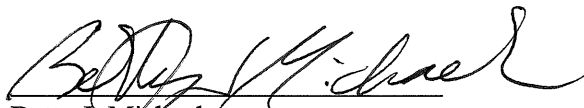
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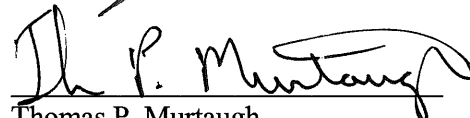

David S. Byers, President

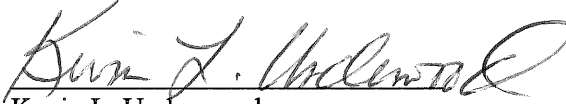

Jeffrey A. Kemper, Vice President


Ronald L. Fruitt

Attest: 
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor


Betty J. Michael


Thomas P. Murtaugh


Kevin L. Underwood


Kathy Vernon