

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2003**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Connie Basham, Vice President Ronald L. Fruitt, David S. Byers Jeffrey Kessler, Jeffrey A. Kemper, and Betty J. Michael; Chief Deputy Auditor Janet K. Hill, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Basham called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then called upon Danny Hines, Associate Pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, to offer a prayer.

→ Councilmember Kathy Vernon entered the meeting.

President Basham announced that Auditor Bob Plantenga is in Indianapolis attending a meeting called by State Attorney General Steve Carter regarding the State's withholding of our COIT distribution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2002 Working Session, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2002 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kemper.

TREASURER: Oneta Tolle

The Interest Report showed the average interest rate for November 2002 was 1.52%. The average interest rate for MBIA was 1.34%. Mrs. Tolle said the numbers are not yet available for December 2002. She reported that, between December 9, 2002 and December 14, 2002, Atlas Collections, Inc. collected \$10,900 for Personal Property Tax Judgment accounts. Atlas is paid 35% of the total amount due.

Councilmember Byers asked what accounted for the Treasurer's significantly larger than projected revenue for 2002. Mrs. Tolle responded it was due to fees collected for Insufficient Funds and Mobile Home Transfer & Moving Permits.

SIA: Statement of Benefits (SB-1): General Counsel Tom Easterday

Mr. Easterday said this has been a difficult year for SIA (Subaru Indiana Automotive) and expressed their appreciation for the County's support. They plan to produce 108,905 Subarus and 30,000 Isuzus in 2003 for a total of 138,905 compared to 131,833 in 2002. They project they will build 160,000 Subarus by 2006. Mr. Easterday noted the sizeable capital investment for new machinery on the SB-1 Form should demonstrate they are investing for the future. This new machinery for the model change for the new models of Subaru Legacy, Outback, and Baja will implement flexible manufacturing which means several models and body styles will be produced in one area. A new model, different from others in their line, may begin production in 2005.

Councilmember Fruitt asked for the maximum number that have been employed at SIA. Mr. Easterday said that number was approximately 3200. He noted the SB-1 states 2,580 as the number of employees retained, but he speculated that number might be as high as 2,590 to 2,600.

Councilmember Kessler commented that tax abatements are used not only to recruit but to retain employees. He thinks approval of this abatement will allow them to become more cost effective and more competitive in the market place. He said they will be able to retain and possibly call back some of their furloughed employees.

Councilmember Kemper asked if SIA still has temporary employees. Mr. Easterday said they have none but they do have a pool of full time SIA associates who are used to fill in when needed.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the Statement of Benefits for SIA, Inc., seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT II (Refer to 1/9/2003 Working Session Minutes for Explanations by Judge Thomas Busch)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$8,802.00

4,000.00	Overtime
4,000.00	Part-time
612.00	Social Security
190.00	Retirement

Councilmember Kemper recommended tabling this request until February or March. Councilmember Kessler agreed because he thought it would set a bad precedent to approve an appropriation this early in the year. Referring to a printout compiled by the Auditor for 2002, Councilmember Byers pointed out what he thinks is a major difference in Overtime paid in Superior Court and Superior Court II for performing the same duties.

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2002	Part Time	Overtime	Total
Circuit Court	929.01	0.00	929.01
Superior	23,164.71	35,037.84	58,202.55
Superior 2	7,071.63	9,693.69	16,765.32
Superior 4	0.00	6,690.02	6,690.02
Superior 5	3,426.63	6,089.48	9,516.11
Superior 6	500.00	5,960.53	6,460.52
Total	35,091.98	63,471.55	98,563.53

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Councilmember Kemper requested the Auditor compile this same report for 1999, 2000, and 2001 for all courts for the February meeting.

Councilmember Michael commented there are Clerk's employees in all the courts. She said Superior Court has two (2), Superior Court II has one (1), Superior Courts IV, V, and VI have two (2) in each, and Superior Court III has one (1). She said she would like to see a Caseload Report for each court. Attorney Luhman said each court will have such a report because they have to submit it to the State Supreme Court. Councilmember Michael offered to secure this report from each court.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to table this request, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

E-911: Fund 58: Sheriff William "Smokey" Anderson and Capt. Mark Kirby

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$30,000.00

30,000.00	Overtime
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Sheriff Anderson requested this appropriation for E-911 Fund 58 to pay Overtime that is currently paid from the General Fund.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the Additional Appropriation of \$30,000 for Overtime in Fund 58, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

CLERK: Records Perpetuation Fund 159 (Refer to 1/9/2003 Working Session Minutes for Explanation by Clerk Linda Phillips)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$31,450.73

21,819.00	Records Fund Deputy
1,352.78	Social Security
316.38	Medicare
654.57	Retirement
6,544.00	Health Insurance
764.00	Worker's Comp

- Councilmember Michael moved to approve this appropriation in Fund 159, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

<i>SALARY ORDINANCE</i>	Position	Rate	Salary
Full Time	Microfilm Deputy	909.12	21,819.00

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

AUDITOR: Plat Book Fund 67

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$10,765.00

10,000.00	Part-time
765.00	Social Security

This appropriation request will pay two (2) part-time MITS Department employees to verify property data in the GIS system.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the appropriation in Plat Book Fund 67, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

ANCILLARY: Jackie James (Refer to 1/9/2003 Working Session Minutes for Explanations by Judge Thomas Busch)

TRANSFER: \$58,412.00

From:	01-53-112135	Court Reporter	29,667.00
	01-53-171550	Overtime/Transcripts	17,500.00
	01-53-182100	Social Security	2,460.00
	01-53-182200	Retirement	2,241.00
	01-53-182300	Health Insurance	6,544.00
To:	01-53-323400	Pauper Transcripts	58,412.00

Attorney Luhman explained that this transfer will change the scope of work in the Ancillary Department to only court reporting. He said the judges have to adopt this rule.

Councilmember Byers noted there is no amount for reimbursement for County-owned supplies and the use of County-owned computer equipment for transcripts requested by private attorneys. Ancillary Department Court Reporter Jackie James explained that most of the transcripts are typed at home by the contractor who supplies her own computer, printer, transcriber, and paper. Attorney Luhman interjected that the contractors will be prohibited from typing these transcripts on County time.

Ms James thinks the change from hourly to per page charge will be more cost efficient. At \$4.00 per page, Ms James said the average number of pages per hour is seven (7). As the sole employee in Ancillary, Ms James will work in Circuit, Superior, and Superior II Courts as a roving Court Reporter and will type no transcripts except on a contractual basis after hours.

Commissioner Knochel explained the Ancillary Department was set-up to type transcripts during working hours to cut cost in the courts. He thinks the increase in caseloads has caused Overtime to get out-of-hand. This proposal will be going back to preparing Pauper Transcripts the old way.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Transfer contingent upon the inclusion of specific reimbursement fees for the use of any County supplies and equipment by the contractors, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

<i>SALARY ORDINANCE</i>	Position	Rate	Salary
Full Time		1,310.50/ 1,387.54	32,761.68

This position was approved in late 2002. Mrs. Houseman will be requesting an Additional Appropriation to fund this position for 2003 in February, but she has funds to transfer to pay this position until then.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried with Councilmember Kessler abstaining.

COMMISSIONERS

SALARY ORDINANCE	Position	Rate	Salary
Full Time	Office Manager	1,337.83	32,108.00
	Receptionist	1,036.88/	25,869.00
	1,091.50		

The Office Manager position is for the Soil and Water Conservation Office that is in the Commissioners' Budget. Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Kathy Dale requested approval of the Salary Ordinance that will elevate the current Administrative Assistant to Office Manager because they think this will improve efficiency. This reclassification was recommended by Wagner, Irwin, and Scheele, but was not funded by the Council during the 2003 Budget Hearings. Mrs. Dale said the Board of Supervisors is willing to pay the difference in salary for the reclassification from their Part-time line item.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Office Manager position for Soil and Water Conservation, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

The Council approved the reclassification of the Receptionist position in the Commissioners' Office during the 2003 Budget Hearings but the 2003 Salary Ordinance did not reflect this action. Approval today will match the Salary Ordinance with the 2003 Budget.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Receptionist position, seconded by Councilmember Michael; motion carried.

SHERIFF: 2003 Compensation Agreement

The 2003 Compensation Agreement for Sheriff William "Smokey" Anderson is effective as of January 1, 2003 through and including December 31, 2003 for a compensation of \$97,594.00.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the 2003 Compensation Agreement for Sheriff Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS**RESOLUTION 2003-05-CL: 2003 Appointments & Assignments**

President Basham presented 2003 Council Assignments and Appointments for approval. Councilmembers were in agreement except for the appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

- Councilmember Byers nominated Vickie Pearl for a second term on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He thinks it is wise to have a female on the Commission since more females now have liquor licenses. He said Mrs. Pearl is involved in the community, and he thinks she understands the workings of the Commission. Councilmember Michael seconded this nomination.
- Councilmember Kemper nominated Don Smith who, prior to 2002, served several years on the Commission and is someone he thinks is well versed on the requirements for issuing permits.
- In Councilmember Kemper's opinion, this is a commission that needs experience.

President Basham asked for a vote on the two nominees by a show of hands:

<u>Vickie Pearl</u>	<u>Don Smith</u>
David Byers	Kathy Vernon
Jeffrey Kessler	Jeffrey Kemper
Betty Michael	Ronald Fruitt
	Connie Basham

- Don Smith was appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission by a 4 – 3 vote.

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-05-CL

2003 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, The Tippecanoe Council is charged with the responsibility of making appointments to various boards, councils, commissions and other bodies and appointing persons to serve in a variety of county positions; and

WHEREAS, The Council desires to appoint, ratify and confirm its appointment of the individuals named on Exhibits A and B attached hereto to the departments boards, commissions, bodies and positions set forth therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tippecanoe County Council hereby makes, ratifies and confirms the appointment of the persons named on Exhibit A and B attached hereto to the commissions, offices, boards, bodies and positions, set forth therein.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and adopted this 14th day of January, 2003.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Connie Basham
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David S. Byers
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Ronald L. Fruitt
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Jeffrey A. Kemper
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Jeffrey Kessler
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Betty J. Michael
- _____
Kathy Vernon

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

EXHIBIT A

2003 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Area Plan	Vernon	Kessler
Auditor	Basham	Byers
Building Permits	Byers	Michael
Cary Home	Basham	Fruitt
Clerk	Kessler	Kemper
Commissioners	Kessler	Byers
Community Corrections	Michael	Basham
Coroner	Kemper	Basham
County Extension	Fruitt	Vernon
County Assessor	Fruitt	Vernon
Court House & TCOB	Byers	Kessler
Court - Circuit	Kemper	Fruitt
Court - Superior I	Kemper	Michael
Court - Superior II	Byers	Michael
Court - Superior III	Kemper	Fruitt
Court - Superior IV	Byers	Michael
Court - Superior V	Byers	Michael
Court - Superior VI	Byers	Michael
Court - Magistrate	Kemper	Fruitt

Court – Ancillary	Byers	Michael
Court Services	Kemper	Fruitt
Cumulative Bridge	Kessler	Kemper
Division of Family & Children	Basham	Fruitt
Drainage Board	Vernon	Kemper
E-911	Basham	Michael
Election & Registration	Fruitt	Basham
Emergency Management	Kessler	Byers
Fairfield Assessor	Fruitt	Vernon
Fairgrounds	Fruitt	Vernon
Health Department	Basham	Michael
Highway Department	Kemper	Kessler
MITS/GIS	Kessler	Basham
Parks & Recreation	Basham	Kemper
Personnel	Basham	Vernon
Probation	Byers	Kessler
Prosecutor	Byers	Kessler
Public Defender	Kemper	Michael
Recorder	Vernon	Kemper
Sheriff/Jail	Basham	Michael
Surveyor	Vernon	Kemper
Tippecanoe Villa	Michael	Fruitt
Treasurer	Vernon	Kessler
Veterans Service	Kessler	Basham
Wabash Assessor	Fruitt	Vernon
Weights & Measures	Michael	Vernon
Wea Assessor	Fruitt	Vernon
Zoning Enforcement	Byers	Kessler

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EXHIBIT B

2003 COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Alcoholic Beverage Commission (Annual)	Don Smith
Area Plan Commission (Term of office)	Councilmember Kathy Vernon Councilmember Jeffrey Kessler
Cary Home Board (Annual)	Councilmember Connie Basham

Emergency Management Advisory Council (Annual)	Councilmember Jeffrey Kessler
Convention and Visitors Bureau 2 years in odd year (1-1-03 thru 12-31-05)	Councilmember Ronald L. Fruitt Bob Mindrum (Hotel rep.) Rachel Johnson (Travel rep.)
Council on Aging (Annual - no term limit)	Sandy Marchel
Community Corrections Board (Annual)	Councilmember Betty Michael
GIS (Annual)	Councilmember Jeffrey Kessler Councilmember Connie Basham
Lafayette Economic Development Commission - 4 years (1-31-99 to 1-31-03)	Councilmember Jeffrey A. Kemper
MITS Board (Annual)	Councilmember Jeffrey Kessler Councilmember Connie Basham
Wabash River Parkway Commission (Annual) (Ord 84-11-CM)	Councilmember Connie Basham <u>President of County Council</u>
Wabash Valley Hospital Board 3 years (11-1-00 thru 11-1-03)	Mary Vaca
Wildcat Solid Waste District Board (Annual)	Councilmember Betty J. Michael Councilmember David S. Byers (Alt.)
Tippecanoe Co. Economic Development Commission (appt. for 4 years) 2/1/02 thru 1/31/06 (Ord. 80-1-CL)	Charles Shook
Tippecanoe Co. Park Board (appt. for 4 years) 2003 thru 2006 (appt. for 4 years) 2001 thru 2004 (1 Republican, 1 Democrat)	Paul E. Finkenbinder (R) Robert Probasco (D)
Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Advisory Council (Annual)	Councilmember David S. Byers
Tippecanoe County Library Board (appointed in 2000 for 4 years [1-1-00 to 12-31-03] [4 consecutive term limit])	Daniel Taylor
West Lafayette Public Library Board (reappointed 7/10/2001 for 4 years 7-10-2001 to 6-30-2005)	Ann McKenzie
TERF Board (Annual)	Councilmember Ronald L. Fruitt
PTA Board of Appeals (Annual) (1 Republican, 1 Democrat)	Suzanne Burchett (R) Richard Harlow Jr.(D)
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- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve Resolution 2003-05-CL, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

REPORT: Revenue Committee:

Councilmember Kessler, Revenue Committee Chairman, reported the Committee is still examining all fees currently charged by County departments because they think it is fair for users to pay 40% to 50% of the costs. He said the Sheriff is may commit to paying rent for space E-911 occuppies in the Jail as well as paying for some employee positions with E-911 Funds. In addition, he said the Sheriff may be able to pay physician costs from the Inmate Health Care Fund.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

President Basham announced that Villa Director Terri Hively will host a site visit for the Council at 8:00 A.M., Thursday, February 6, 2003. Coffee and donuts will be served.

The Council will hold the Agenda Review at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 11, 2003 followed by the Regular Meeting at 2:00 P.M. Both meetings will be held in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

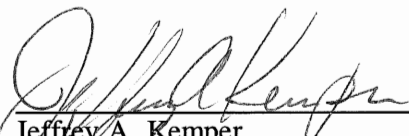
ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Kessler moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.


TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL



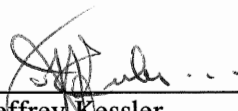
 Connie Basham, President



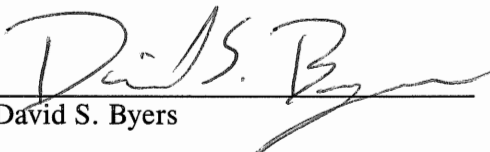
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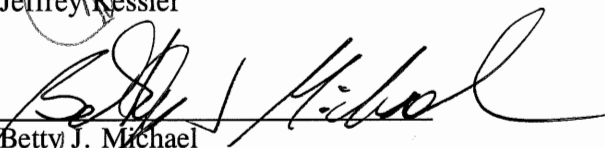
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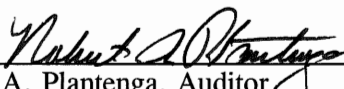
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Attest: 

 Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor



 Kathy Vernon