

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2000**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2000 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President Jeffrey Kessler, Vice President David S. Byers, Connie Basham, Margaret K. Bell, and Ronald L. Fruitt; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney Thomas H. Busch, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Councilmember David S. Koltick was absent.)

President Kessler called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then offered a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the July 11, 2000 (Joint w/Commissioners) minutes as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the July 11, 2000 (Regular) minutes as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Auditor Robert Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga reported the estimated 2000 uncommitted County General Funds through July 31, 2000 are \$472,496.61.

INTEREST STATEMENT: Treasurer Ruth Davidson

Treasurer Davidson reported \$764,930.14 was earned in interest through June 2000 with an average interest rate of 6.4%. The MBIA interest rate for June was 6.35%. She also reported the annual Tax Sale will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2000.

SUBARU-ISUZU AUTOMOTIVE INC. COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS

Chief Counsel Tom Easterday reported a projected production volume of 207,824 vehicles for 2000. The payroll for 1999 was over \$170 million for their estimated 3,175 full time employees. The average wage for a Production Associate is \$19.94 per hour. He said approximately 48% of the employees live in Tippecanoe County.

Other items of interest discussed by Mr. Easterday:

- Three new products for 2001 include the Outback H6-3.0 VDC model, the Outback H6-3.0 L. L. Bean Edition, and the Isuzu Axiom Sportwagon.
- The Child Care Center opened in March 2000 and is presently attended by 96 children ages 6 weeks to 6 years.
- SIA donated \$50,000 to Ivy Tech's Service Lab and 26 pilot vehicles for educational purposes.
- The SIA Foundation donated \$144,484 to 43 organizations, 18 of which were in Tippecanoe County.

Mr. Easterday credited local governmental cooperation for a portion of their success.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to find that Subaru-Isuzu Automotive Inc. is in substantial compliance, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

ALLOY CUSTOM PRODUCTS, INC. COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS

Corporate Secretary Louie Brubaker said they have a \$2 million payroll and pay an average salary of \$33,000 to their 57 employees. They hope to add another 20 employees before the end of the year but that number depends on how quickly they can be trained since they must be highly skilled. Although they did not begin operation until 1999, they are operating with a backlog and need to add employees. Mr. Brubaker estimated approximately 50% of their employees live in Tippecanoe County.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to find that Alloy Custom Products, Inc. is in substantial compliance, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

CORONER

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$9,000.00

2,000.00	Deputies
7,000.00	Transfer Service

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve an additional \$2,000.00 for Deputies and \$3,000.00 for Transfer Service, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

PARKS: Superintendent Ron Dye

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$18,200.00

2,700.00	Garage, Gasoline
2,500.00	Repair & Maintenance Supplies
13,000.00	Repair & Maintenance Services

Mr. Dye distributed his account balances after the August 2, 2000 claims were submitted. There is a balance of \$48.46 in Garage, Gasoline and \$546.95 in Repair & Maintenance (R & M) Supplies. He already has bills for \$881.00 for R & M Supplies and estimates the total will be \$4,500.00 for next month. The balance in the R & M Services Account is \$14,870.88.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve an additional \$2,700.00 for Garage, Gasoline, \$2,500.00 for Repair & Maintenance Supplies, and \$5,000.00 for Repair & Maintenance Services, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

SHERIFF

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$112,000.00

100,000.00	Food
12,000.00	Telephone

The balance in the Food Account at the end of July 2000 was \$12,297.89.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve an additional \$50,000.00 for Food and \$12,000.00 for Telephone, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

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TRANSFERS: \$5,300.00

From:	15-70-40700	Capital Outlay	3,200.00
	15-70-311000	Travel & Training	1,000.00
	15-70-211000	Office Supplies	600.00
	15-70-182100	Social Security	500.00
To:	15-70-323050	Contractual Services	5,300.00

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the transfers to Contractual Services, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

TRANSFER: \$12,000.00

From:	07-01-321200	Administrative/Legal	12,000.00
To:	07-01-171600	Part-time	12,000.00

These funds were originally put in Administrative/Legal because they thought the position would be contractual.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the transfer to Part-time, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried with Councilmember Kessler abstaining.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Republican Registrar Linda Phillips was present.

TRANSFERS: 2,597.37

From:	01-26-311000	Travel & Training	675.82
	01-26-111000	Appointed Officials	1,785.00
	01-26-182100	FICA	136.55
To:	01-26-402600	Capital Outlay	2,597.37

The transfer amount of \$675.82 requested from Travel & Training is more than the balance in that Account. The request was lowered to \$586.82 and a transfer of \$89.00 from Retirement was requested to preserve Travel & Training funds for later in the year.

These transfers will fund the purchase of bar code readers, desks, and a 6 drawer file cabinet.

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the transfers to Capital Outlay, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2000-54-CL

Attorney Busch explained that this ordinance amends Ordinance 99-64-CL which omitted the cost of the receipts and the procedure for mailing photocopies.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2000-54-CL
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 99-64-CL PERTAINING TO
DOCUMENT PHOTO COPY, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION AND CERTIFICATION
FEES**

WHEREAS, there are requests made upon the various offices of Tippecanoe County Government for photo copies, facsimile transmission, and certification of documents; and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of good government, a consistent and standard fee should be charged for said photo copies other than those fees already established by previous County Ordinances, State Statute and Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost of photo copies is five cents (\$.05) per side per page for 8 ½ by 11 inch and 8 ½ by 14 inch photo copies and ten cent (\$.10) per side per page for 11 by 17 inch photo copies plus twenty five cents (\$.25) for the cost of the receipts; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost of facsimile transmission is twenty five cents (\$.25) per page; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost of certification is one dollar (\$1.00) per page;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** that there is now established a standard fee of twenty five cents (\$.25) per order plus five cents (\$.05) per side per page for 8 ½ by 11 inch and 8 1/2 by 14 inch photo copies and ten cent (\$.10) per side per page for 11 by 17 inch photo copies; and

Be it further **ORDAINED** that there is now established a standard fee of twenty five cents (\$.25) per order plus twenty five cents (\$.25) per page for facsimile transmissions of documents; and

Be it further **ORDAINED** that there in now established a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each certificate under seal attached in authentication of a copy, of any record, paper, or transcript.

Be it further **ORDAINED** that any request for delivery of photocopies by mail shall be accompanied by a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage affixed.

PROVIDED, however, that the Clerk of the Court may collect any fee established by court order for the copying of any record, paper or transcript;

Be it **PROVIDED** further that the Recorder may charge any fee permitted by statute;

Be it **PROVIDED** further that this ordinance does not rescind any previous Ordinance, State Statute or Federal Law whereby photo copy fees, facsimile transmission fees, or certification fees have been established or could be established.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and read in full for the first time and approved on first reading this 8th day of August, 2000, by the following vote:

VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
Jeffrey A. Kessler	_____ Jeffrey A. Kessler, President
David S. Byers	_____ David S. Byers, Vice President
Connie Basham	_____ Connie Basham
Margaret K. Bell	_____ Margaret K. Bell
Jeffrey Kemper	_____ Jeffrey Kemper
David S. Koltick	_____ David S. Koltick
Ronald L. Fruitt	_____ Ronald L. Fruitt

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and read in full for the second time, and adopted this 8th day of August, 2000, by the following vote:

VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
Jeffrey A. Kessler	_____ Jeffrey A. Kessler, President
David S. Byers	_____ David S. Byers, Vice President
Connie Basham	_____ Connie Basham
Margaret K. Bell	_____ Margaret K. Bell
Jeffrey Kemper	_____ Jeffrey Kemper
David S. Koltick	_____ David S. Koltick
Ronald L. Fruitt	_____ Ronald L. Fruitt

ATTEST:

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- Councilmember Byers moved to approve Ordinance 2000-54-CL on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Kemper.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Connie Basham	Yes
David Byers	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
David Koltick	Absent

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2000-54-CL on first reading passed 6 – 0.
- Councilmember Byers moved to suspend the rules and allow a vote on second reading the same day as presented, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Byers moved to approve Ordinance 2000-54-CL on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Bell.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Ronald Fruitt	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
David Byers	Yes
Connie Basham	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
David Koltick	Absent

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2000-54-CL on second reading passed 6 – 0.

ORDINANCE 2000-55-CL

Attorney Busch explained this ordinance will allow the Building Permits Department to charge for expenses incurred when providing specialized reports requested by the public. The fees, approximately \$1,000 annually, will be deposited in a special fund to pay for programming and computers.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Ordinance 2000-55-CL on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Connie Basham	Yes
David Byers	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
David Koltick	Absent

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2000-55-CL on first reading passed 6 – 0.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to suspend the rules and allow a vote on second reading the same day as presented, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Ordinance 2000-55-CL on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Bell.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
David Byers	Yes
Connie Basham	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
David Koltick	Absent

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2000-55-CL on second reading passed 6 – 0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Information Services Director Dan Gentry and Information Services Network Administrator Jack Carnes

FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION PROJECT

Mr. Carnes said the County has purchased faster computers but the existing wiring is being overused in both the Courthouse and TCOB. The wiring in the Courthouse is eight (8) years old and its capacity is saturated. IS would like to install fiber optic cable connecting the remote

wiring closets with the main communication room in the Courthouse, and connecting the three lower floors of TCOB with the Computer Room. This installation will improve the speed and capacity of the system. Although the wiring is newer in TCOB, IS still wants to run fiber optic cable. With the installation of fiber optic cable, Mr. Carnes estimated a 10 fold increase in the band width for existing and future applications.

INTERNET BASED PROPERTY RECORD ACCESS

There are approximately 300 registered users and many occasional users of the County's Web site for court records. Mr. Gentry would like to extend Web access for Property Records information for some of the following reasons:

- Taxpayers, professionals, researchers, and others will not have to come downtown to access the information.
- County employees will not have to deal with as many public inquiries for the information.
- The County will be able to satisfy our obligations under Public Information laws without having to set special access methods or processes.
- Tax Payments, applications, permits, etc. can be automated to lessen the amount of employee time for processing these items.

Approaches to the goal:

- Existing systems can be modified to send data to a central location where it is updated once a year. (Vanderburgh Co. program used as example) Our public version of the Assessors' program only changes once a year, but the Auditor and Treasurer change their public versions more often.
- New software could replace our existing software for integration of information between offices. (Manatron program used as example)
- A combination of the two former options might be our best option. Replace older systems that don't work well with new systems without disturbing the systems that work well. The Health Department's Imaging System for septic permits, the Tax System, and GIS maps as current systems that are working well.

Implementation Plan:

- Phase 1 Discover/catalog all available information. (Find out what form the information is in.)
 Assess public need
 Explore budgetary problems
 Develop a RFP
- Phase 2 Move information to available formats/platforms
 Coordinate maintenance of information
- Phase 3 Develop Internet based access system.
- Phase 4 Develop Internet based interaction system. (i.e. Payments [taxes], filings, orders, etc.)

Director Gentry would like to complete Phase 1 by the end of 2001 at an approximate cost of \$25,000.00.

CUM BRIDGE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Knochel said it is the Commissioners' plan to offer the interest from the Cum Bridge Fund to cover employees' raises for a restricted period of time. The proposal this year is for a 4% raise and the second half to grid.

MINUTES ON INTERNET

Commissioner Knochel said he will be meeting with the Auditor and Information Services Director Dan Gentry to discuss a proposal by an individual to put the County Council and County Commissioner minutes on the Internet for a fee. If they decide to pursue this, it may be necessary to ask the Council for an appropriation.

ADJOURNMENT

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


SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- The next working session will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2000 at 3:30 P.M.
- The County Council will hold a special meeting with representatives of the Tippecanoe County Library at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 12, 2000.
- The County Council's regular meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 12, 2000.


All three meetings will be held in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

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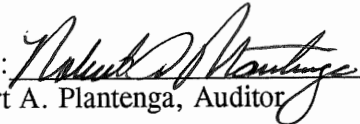
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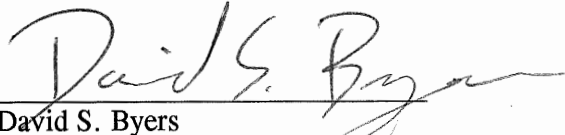
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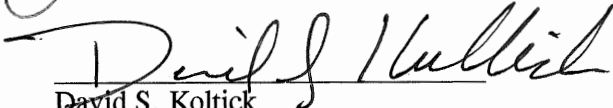
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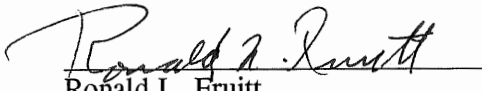
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