

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2000**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Ronald L. Fruitt, Jeffrey A. Kemper, and David S. Koltick; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Kessler called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called upon Dan Taylor, Executive Director of Trinity Mission, to offer a prayer.

COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT: Assessors' Salaries

Councilmember Basham reported that she and fellow Councilmembers Kemper, Fruitt, and Koltick met earlier today regarding salaries for the three township assessors for 2001. The Sub-Committee recommends paying the Fairfield, Wabash, and Wea Township Assessors a salary of \$40,515 for 2001.

- Councilmember Basham moved to set the salary rates for the Fairfield, Wabash, and Wea Township Assessors at \$40,515, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt.

Councilmember Byers asked if the annual \$1,000 compensation for Level 2 Certification is in addition to the \$40,515. Attorney Luhman said the \$1,000 becomes a part of their base salary and is increased every year by Statute. If any of the Assessors have a Level 2 Certification, the total salary will be \$41,515. If the next person elected to that office does not have the certification, the salary will be reduced by \$1,000. Attorney Luhman explained that the Chief Deputy's salary will be calculated on a percentage of the Assessor's base salary.

Councilmember Koltick said he was under the impression that the \$40,515, a 9% increase, was the total salary. He said the extra \$1,000 was not mentioned in earlier meeting. Councilmember Basham agreed that the Sub-Committee did not take the amount for the certification into consideration.

- After Councilmember Fruitt withdrew his second, Councilmember Basham amended her motion to establish the base salary for the Fairfield, Wabash, and Wea Township Assessors at \$39,515 with an enhancement of \$1,000, in accordance with the Statute, if the Assessor has earned a Level 2 Certification for 2001, seconded by Councilmember Koltick.

Councilmember Kemper asked for a clarification on the law since the Fairfield Assessor's salary will be lower for 2001 than for 2000. Attorney Luhman stated that the Council has the authority to set the elected official's salary for 2001.

- Councilmember Basham's motion carried.

CLARIFICATIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO 2001 BUDGET

Auditor Plantenga pointed out that the Clerk's Office Supplies line item was cut from \$15,000 to \$9,000 but \$6,000 of that amount was included in the Excess Levy request. If the cut stands, the Clerk's Office will only be working with \$3,000 in Office Supplies outside of Superior Court 6 needs.

Auditor Plantenga also pointed out that the Capital Outlay line item for Superior Court III was not cut. He said this request was not submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Councilmember Byers thought that request was for the Quest Software. No change was made.

FINAL APPROVAL: 2001 BUDGET

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve on second reading the 2001 Budget and Salary Ordinances with the exception of an additional \$6,000 in Office Supplies for the Clerk for a total amount of \$15,000 in that line item, seconded by Councilmember Byers.

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Budget Form 4 (Rev. 1985)

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Be it ordained by the County Council of Tippecanoe, Indiana: that for the expenses of the County government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2001, the sums of money shown on Budget form 4-A are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenues to meet the necessary expense of County government, tax rates are shown on Budget Form 4-B and included herein. Two (2) copies of Budget Forms 4-A and 4-B for all funds and departments are made a part of the budget report submitted herewith.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and read in full for the first time this 28th day of August 2000.

Attest _____
/s/Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

/s/Jeffrey Kessler, President

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and read in full for the second time, and adopted, this 12th day of September, 2000, by the following vote:

	Aye	Nay
Connie Basham		
Margaret K. Bell		
David S. Byers		
Ronald L. Fruitt		
Jeffrey A. Kemper		
Jeffrey Kessler		
David S. Koltick		

ATTEST: _____
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

APPROVED BY: TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.

Jeffrey Kessler, President

David S. Byers

Connie Basham

Ronald L. Fruitt

Margaret K. Bell

Jeffrey A. Kemper

ATTEST: _____
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

David S. Koltick

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Auditor Plantenga conducted the following roll call vote:

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

- The motion to approve the 2001 Budget passed 7 - 0 on second reading.

Auditor Plantenga announced that \$25,572,793 is the total amount approved for the 2001 General Fund Budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the August 3, 2000 Executive Meeting minutes, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the August 3, 2000 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Auditor Robert Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga reported the estimated 2000 uncommitted County General Funds through August 31, 2000 are \$393,929.60.

CATERPILLAR LOGISTICS: Compliance with Statement of Benefits

Facility Manager Greg Myszkowski reported that the company has invested more than anticipated and 78 employees have been hired rather than the 75 projected. He said the business is growing and the company is doing well. He thanked the Council for the opportunity.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to find that Caterpillar Logistics is in substantial compliance, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

PROBATION**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$4,320.00**

4,320.00 Health Insurance

- Since Councilmember Kemper was unable to talk with Chief Probation Officer Joe Hooker about this request, he moved to table the request until the October 10, 2000 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS: County Agent Scott Rumble**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$8,000.00**

8,000.00 Utilities

TRANSFERS: \$9,000.00

From:	01-33-326100	Maintenance & Repair	7,000.00
To:	01-33-225070	Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00
	01-33-171600	Part-time	4,000.00
	01-33-171500	Overtime	2,000.00
From:	01-33-325300	Utilities	2,000.00
To:	01-33-171500	Overtime	2,000.00

Mr. Rumble explained that we are required to pay overtime to Fairgrounds' Caretaker Ben Anderson at this time because he cannot accumulate over 480 hours of comp time without being paid. He said funds were transferred from Utilities and Repair & Maintenance to pay him for 440 Overtime hours. Mr. Rumble said he discussed with the Human Resource Director Frank Cederquist and the Commissioners how Mr. Anderson's time can be better managed to avoid this in the future. Mr. Rumble said the Bureau of Labor requires Mr. Anderson to supervise more than two employees before he can be placed on salary.

Councilmember Byers inquired if this problem can be alleviated by moving Mr. Anderson to the Parks Department where he can draw a salary with the stipulation that he can also work at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Knochel said the job description would have to be rewritten and an agreement between the two departments reached. Mr. Rumble said he has discussed this with Mr. Cederquist who informed him the Parks Department is under the same labor restrictions. Mr. Rumble suggested adding a second employee at the Fairgrounds as a possible option.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to appropriate an additional \$8,000 in Utilities, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.
- Councilmember Bell moved to approve the transfers, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

COUNTY EXTENSION: County Agent Scott Rumble**TRANSFERS: \$8,500.00**

From:	01-27-118000	Office Manager	500.00
	01-27-117100	Secretary	3,500.00
	01-27-117200	Secretary/Receptionist	4,500.00

To: 01-27-323050 Cleaning, Maint. Contract 8,500.00

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

ELECTION BOARD: President Bob Reiling

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: 8,907.00

6,000.00	Contracts
2,700.00	Part-time
207.00	Social Security

Mr. Reiling requested an additional \$6,000 in Contracts so that the per diem for Election Poll Workers can be increased. The request for additional funds in Part-time and Social Security is to pay a Democratic Deputy to work in the Election Board Office for eight (8) weeks for the November Election. Mr. Reiling said this position is necessary for checks and balances in checking work performed by the Deputies.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve the additional appropriations, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

In response to Councilmember Fruitt’s question, Mr. Reiling said the Inspectors will be paid \$120, the Democratic Judge will be paid \$95, the Republican Judge will be paid \$90, and the two Clerks will be paid \$85 each.

E-911: Sheriff Dave Murtaugh

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$10,650.00

8,111.00	Admin. Assist.
621.00	Social Security
406.00	Retirement
1,228.00	Insurance
284.00	Workman’s Comp

<u>2000 SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	Full Time	Administrative Asst.	1,622.17 8,110.85

<u>2001 SALARY ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	Full Time	Administrative Asst.	1,734.13 41,619.00

Sheriff Murtaugh requested the additional appropriation of \$10,650 to pay for the newly created position of Administrative Assistant for the remainder of 2000. The position was approved due to increased activity in the E-911 Office.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve an additional \$10,650 for the E-911 Administrative Assistant for the remainder of 2000, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.
- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for 2000 for the Administrative Assistant, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for 2001 for the Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$41,619.00, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

It was noted that this position will be reviewed by Wagner, Irwin, and Scheele. After the salary for 2001 is set, a request for an Additional Appropriation will be required.

SUPERIOR COURT: Bailiff Brooke Kerner

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$46,600.00

11,000.00	Jury Expense
600.00	Supplies
20,000.00	Pauper Attorney
7,000.00	Evaluation Services
8,000.00	Central Law Library

Ms Kerner provided the following information:

Jury Expense	\$2,143.00 in bills	
Supplies	324.00 in bills,	16.15 balance
Pauper Attorney	13,384.00 in bills,	-4,280.00 balance
Evaluation Services	4,353.00 in bills,	90.00 balance
Central Law Library	5,630.00 in bills,	716.00 balance

It was noted that funds were previously transferred from the Central Law Library line item.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Additional Appropriations as requested, seconded by Councilmember Koltick; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT III

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$1,165,224.00

633,975.00	Institutional Care (Boys' School) (prior years)
178,643.00	Institutional Care (Boys' School) (current year)
303,937.00	Institutional Care (Girls' School) (prior years)
48,669.00	Institutional Care (Girls' School) (current year)

Councilmember Basham reported that the Legislature ruled last year that Institutional Care charges for the juvenile court cannot be moved to DFC as was previously discussed by the Council. She also reported that, after reviewing bills submitted by Superior Court III for Institutional Care placements, different locations with different per diems are listed. After further investigation, Councilmember Basham discovered that if the Boys' or Girls' Schools don't have room for our placements, they will send them to another facility that may charge a higher per diem. She discussed this with a DFC Director in another county who offered the following suggestions for clearing our debt:

1. Try to negotiate with the DOC so that we pay a per diem no higher than charged by the Boys' and Girls' Schools for placements in other facilities.
 2. Ask the Judge to negotiate a lump sum agreement with both schools to clear our debt.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to table the request for funds for Institutional Care, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt.

Councilmember Kemper wants to find out if our debt to the Schools can be stricken. Councilmember Byers said the Council needs to determine if reimbursements are going to the DFC or a County account.

- The motion to table the request carried.

COUNTY COURT I: Deputy Court Reporter, Debbie Long

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$28,000.00

22,500.00	Pauper Attorney
5,000.00	Jury Expenses
500.00	Judge Pro Tem

Ms Long said she has bills totaling \$13,390 in Pauper Attorney since June, a balance of \$960 in Jury Expense with 15 trial dates remaining, and is holding \$325 in bills for Judge Pro Tem. County Court I has already held 13 trials and she anticipates that at least 10 trials will be held for those 15 scheduled dates. Ms Long estimated \$500 per trial for Jury Expenses.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve an additional \$17,500 in Pauper Attorney, \$2,500 in Jury Expenses, and \$500 in Judge Pro Tem, seconded by Councilmember Byers; motion carried.

CLERK

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$26,913.00

25,000.00	Part-time
1,913.00	Social Security

TRANSFERS: \$1,500.00

From: 01-01-326500 Union Planters Contract
 To: 01-01-171600 Part-time

Clerk Betty Michael was unable to attend today's meeting because she was asked to attend an awards' ceremony in Indianapolis. Auditor Plantenga explained that he examined the Clerk's Budget yesterday and, due to attrition in three Deputies line items, a transfer of \$22,000 to Part-time was possible. Following this transfer, there is no longer a deficit in the Part-time line item. He clarified that these transfers were between line items within the same series and therefore did not need Council approval. Mrs. Michael signed the transfer form.

- Councilmember Basham moved to table the request for Additional Appropriations in Part-time and Social Security, seconded by Councilmember Koltick; motion carried.
- Councilmember Byers moved to approve the Transfer, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

CUM BRIDGE FUND 25: Executive Director Mark Albers

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$4,300,000.00
 4,300,000.00 Twyckenham Bridge Project

Executive Director Albers requested approval of the appropriation of \$4.3 million for the Twyckenham Bridge Project as agreed in the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City of Lafayette.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the appropriation of \$4.3 million for the Twyckenham Bridge Project, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

SURVEYOR: Steve Murray

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$20,000.00
 20,000.00 Engineering Fees

Mr. Murray requested additional funds to pay Engineering Consulting Fees (\$65/hr) to Christopher Burke who reviews drainage projects. The County paid Mr. Burke \$35,000 to review 25 projects in 1999 and has paid \$29,571 to review 28 projects through the end of June 2000. He said he is holding bills totaling \$11,413.75 through August. Mr. Murray explained that the County pays for the first 10 review hours and the developer pays for review hours over 10. Because of this charge to the developer, Mr. Murray said approximately 60% of the requested \$20,000 should come back to the General Fund.

Councilmember Kemper asked how we can get more user fees for this line item. Mr. Murray suggested amending the Ordinance to lower the number of Engineering hours the County will pay for or raise the fee to the developers. He said the number of projects in a given year is driven by the economy.

➤ Councilmember Byers left the meeting.

Since Mr. Murray is a Registered Surveyor, Councilmember Basham asked why we pay Christopher Burke to review the projects. Mr. Murray responded that he doesn't have time because each project averages 27½ hours. He requested a meeting with the Council to discuss needs in the Surveyor's Office.

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve the request for \$20,000, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS: Building Commissioner Ron Highland

TRANSFER: \$400.00

From: 01-29-332100 Professional Engineering
 To: 01-29-211000 Operating Supplies

- Councilmember Koltick moved to approve the Transfer, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

Mr. Highland mentioned that the new Permit Fee went into effect September 1, 2000 and it looks like there will be a substantial increase in the amount collected for the remainder of the year.

SUPERIOR COURT 11

TRANSFERS: \$900.00

From:	01-42-321250	Jury Expenses	900.00
To:	01-42-171600	Part-time	839.25
	01-42-182100	Social Security	60.75

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Transfers, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

FUTURE DATES

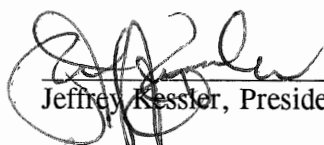
Thursday, October 5, 2000 Administrator	2:30 P.M.	Don Morrison, Grant
	3:30 P.M.	Working Session
Tuesday, October 10, 2000	1:00 P.M.	City of Lafayette
	2:00 P.M.	Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2000	2:00 P.M.	City of West Lafayette
	3:30 P.M.	Working Session
Tuesday, November 14, 2000	1:00 P.M.	Judge Rush
	2:00 P.M.	Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

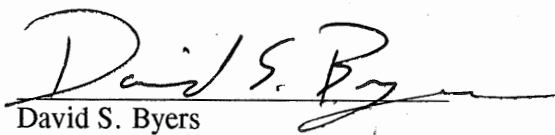
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

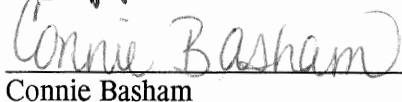
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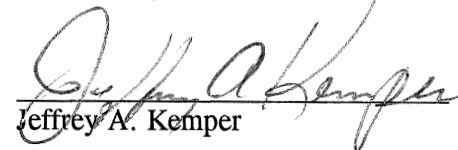
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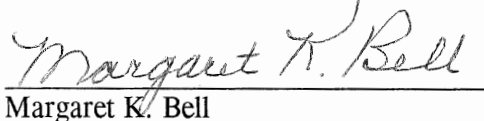
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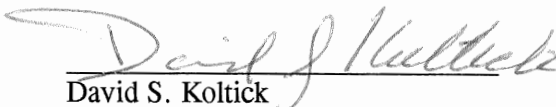
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Attest: 

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor



Ronald L. Fruitt