

Tipton County Council Meeting

3-15-2022

Present: Jim Purvis, Mike Terry, Brad Nichols, Jan Smith, Kirk Rutherford, Jim Ashley, Butch Harpel

Others Present: Melissa Pickering, Stan Brown, Jim Ankrum, Bob Edinger, Tracey Powell, Mark Regnier

The Council meeting was opened by Jim Ashley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution CC2022-05 Transfer -Highway

RESOLUTION # CC2022-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to transfer monies from one appropriation category to another or from one personal services line to another;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tipton County Council, Tipton, Indiana, the following transfers are allowed:

<u>FUND-DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Highway	Janitor 1176.11317.000.0533	Outside Professional Services 1176.31100.000.0530	\$11,336.00
TOTAL			\$11,336.00

Approved this 15th day of March, 2022
TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

James D. Ashley, President

Jim Purvis, Vice-President

Jan Smith, member

Michael Terry, member

Kirk Retherford, member

Butch Harpel, member
Attest:

Brad Nichols, member

Gregg A. Townsend, Tipton County Auditor

Prepared by: Mark R. Regnier

Tipton County Attorney

Motion by Jim Purvis to approve Resolution CC2022-05, in the amount of \$11,336.00.. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries.

Resolution CC2022-06 Additional Appropriation – General

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2022-06

Whereas, It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the County Council of Tipton County, Tipton, Indiana; that for the expenses of the taxing units listed below; the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name:	Requested Amount	Approved Amount
1000 General - Commissioners		
1000 Personal Services	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	
Total for Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Adopted and dated this 15th day of March, 2022

TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

James D. Ashley

Jim Purvis

Janice L. Smith

Michael Terry

Butch Harpel

Kirk Retherford

Attest:

Brad Nichols

Gregg A. Townsend, Secretary and County Auditor

Prepared by: Mark R. Regnier

Tipton County Attorney;

MARK R. REGNIER, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

120 S. West Street

Tipton, Indiana 46072

Jim Ashley opened the public hearing for Resolution CC2022-06. There was no public comment.

Motion by Jim Purvis to close the public hearing. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carries.

Motion by Mike Terry to approve Resolution CC2022-06, in the amount of \$20,000. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Motion by Jim Purvis to appoint Joe Mahaney as the County Council representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Sheriff's Pension – Stan Brown, One America

Stan Brown presented copies of the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Tipton County Police Retirement Plan. He explained that currently, merit officers are vested with 10 years of service at retirement age.

Brad Nichols stated that if a merit officer has worked 20 years, by age 52 or later, he would receive 50% of the average of his highest three years of compensation, per year, for life. If he has only 10 years of service at retirement, he receives 25%, calculated at 2-1/2 percent per year of service. All merit officers are required to pay into the retirement fund four percent of gross pay. If they terminate before becoming vested, they get their money back with interest. He stated that the sheriff has paid in approximately \$25,600 into the plan. With the amended time served at 8 years, instead of 10 years, the sheriff would be paid \$16,000 pension per year for life. Stan Brown stated that an available option would pay less for coverage of husband and wife. Much discussion ensued.

Motion by Kirk Retherford to table to the next meeting. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Brad Nichols stated that, at the April meeting, they should either affirm and approve or rescind approval of the amendment.

Sheriff Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriations

Motion by Brad Nichols to authorize the Sheriff to advertise for Additional Appropriation, in the amount of \$50,000 in Fund 9200 for Maintenance and Repair-Equipment. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

No action was taken on request for Laptops and AED's.

Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriations for Clerk's Records Digitization and Infrastructure

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise for an additional appropriation, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, in Fund 8950 American Rescue Plan (APR) for the US31/SR28 infrastructure project. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carries.

Motion by Brad Nichols to advertise for an additional appropriation, in the amount of \$125,000.00, in the General Fund for Clerk's records digitization. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries.

Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriations – Library

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise for additional appropriations, in the amount of \$275,000.00 and \$85,000.00, for consideration at the April meeting. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carries.

Minutes for January 18, 2022 and February 15, 2022

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve the January 18, 2022 minutes, as presented in the packets. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Motion by Jim Purvis to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries.

Committee Reports

Jim Purvis stated that the Goodwill Committee will be meeting at 8am on Wednesday. Jan Smith will attend. He also reported that the Tipton Trails Committee had received, from the Indiana Department of Health, a \$30,000 no-match, walking and mobility grant for trails and bike path master planning to be appended to the City Comprehensive Plan. He stated that for an additional \$15,000, the county could have the plan expanded to the whole county and appended to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Mike Terry stated that costs are increasing and that it will affect the Sheriff and Highway Departments' budgets.

Public Comments

Commissioner Tracey Powell stated that the old jail schematic drawings from Ratio should be delivered by Friday, March 18, 2022. Bids for renovation work will come later.

County Attorney, Mark Regnier stated that the legislation concerning the old jail is not clear about use of the local income tax for the renovation. He stated that he would try to get committee minutes from the legislature to see if there may be clues to intent in those notes.

Auditor Townsend reported that he had inquired of the Attorney General's Office, but had not received a response.

Jim Ashley stated that the General Fund could be used for the renovation and jail operation expenses could be shifted to Fund 9200, where those expenses are clearly authorized.

Mike Terry stated that the next Redevelopment Commission meeting is Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Dennis Henderson stated that there might be money in ARP to help fund the Clerk's records digitization. Brad Nichols stated that this portion would be advertised to come from General.

Motion by Mike Terry to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Approved this 19th day of April, 2022

Tipton County Council

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Jim Purvis, Vice President

Kirk Retherford, member

Brad Nichols, member

Jan Smith, member

Butch Harpel, member

Michael Terry, member

Attest:

Gregg A. Townsend, Tipton County Auditor
Secretary to the Tipton County Council