

Tipton County Council Meeting

06-15-2021

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

Absent: Butch Harpel

Others Present: Dick Klein, Nancy Cline, Tyler Jordannah, Ray Sheppard, Kelsey Kirkpatrick, Amanda Baird, Bob Edinger, Thomas Dolezal, Chuck Bell, Jeff Pyke

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tipton County Council Resolution No. CC2021-14

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2021-14

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 – 061 County Council		
10000 Personal Services	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	
Total for Fund	\$200,000.00	

Adopted and dated this 15th day of June, 2021
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.

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Tipton, Indiana 46072

Council Member Brad Nichols explained the request for the \$200,000.00 Additional Appropriation. The Personnel Committee intent is to use this appropriation to pay bonuses to county employees affected by Covid-19.

President Jim Ashley opened Public Hearing on Tipton County Council Resolution No. CC2021-14. There was no public comment.

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

Jim Purvis stated that he had learned that a resolution by the Board of Commissioners would be necessary to direct the use of the money. The County Attorney will attend the next meeting to address the issue. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Additional Appropriation Request -Sheriff Tony Frawley

Motion by Mike Terry to advertise for Additional Appropriation in amount of \$10,000.00 into jail monthly maintenance (1000-36501-000-0380). Second by Jan Smith. Motion Carries

Budget 2022

The Council Members and Deputy Auditor Katy Kramer discussed scheduling for the 2022 Budget.

Tax Abatements for 2021 pay 2022.

Council Member Kirk Retherford recused himself from discussion regarding Hartley Grain.
Hartley Grain

Motion to approve Tax Abatement by Jim Purvis. Second by Mike Terry. Motion Carries.

Wildcat Windfarm

Motion to approve Tax Abatement by Jim Purvis. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion Carries.

High-Performance Alloys

Motion to approve Tax Abatement by Brad Nichols. Second by Jim Purvis. Motion Carries.

Windfall Properties (part of High-Performance Alloys)

Motion to approve Tax Abatement by Brad Nichols. Second by Mike Terry. Motion Carries.

Pioneer

Motion to approve Tax Abatement by Jim Purvis. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion Carries.

IMPA

Motion to approve Tax Abatement by Jim Purvis. Second by Jan Smith. Motion Carries.

FCA Chrysler

Motion to approve Tax Abatement by Jim Purvis. Second by Mike Terry. Motion Carries.

Additional Appropriation Request for \$10,000 for courtroom technology - Judge Lett

Motion by Brad Nichols to advertise for the additional appropriation. Second by Mike Terry.

Motion Carries.

Minutes for County Council Minutes for May 18th, 2021.

Motion to approve County Council Minutes as presented by Jim Purvis. Second by Jan Smith.

Motion carries.

County Council Comments – Jim Ashley asked that they read the uses for the special purpose 9200 fund.

Public Comments -

Highway Superintendent Bret Morris – discussed the Community Crossings matching grant and the process of application for the grant.

Motion by Jim Purvis to authorize Highway Superintendent Morris to move forward, as budgeted, with chip and seal. Second by Jan Smith. Motion Carries
Surveyor Jason Henderson stated that he thought a tiered bonus made sense to him and acknowledged that employees got fully paid during the Covid emergency.

EMA Director Chuck Bell spoke in favor of additional pay.

Jim Purvis stated that the Personnel Committee is looking into many ways to save money for county employees.

Commissioner Nancy Cline – stressed that we need to consider using McGriff staff and attorney as additional resources regarding salaries for county employees. She also suggested waiting and using the COVID-19 money as reserve, if needed in future.

Sheriff Tony Frawley stated that the insurance deduction is a great start for the personnel committee, but does not benefit all county employees.

Brad Nichols asked to discuss Resolution CC 2021-06 as it is related to the requested jail staff pay increase that has been postponed since February 2021. Brad Nichols asked for \$2,500.00 pay increase for each of the 21 Jailers.

Discussion ensued.

Brad Nichols motion to approve Resolution CC 2021-06 at the reduced amount of \$52,500.00, which is \$2,500 for each of the 21 jailers. Second by Jan Smith. Motion Carries.

[**Note:** Resolution number changed to CC2021-06a, as part of Resolution CC2021-06 was passed on February 23, 2021 to cover rank pay (\$500) and Overtime (10,000), with the balance of the resolution tabled.]

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

Approved this 20th day of July, 2021

James D. Ashley, President

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