

**Tipton County Council Meeting**

**07-20-2021**

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

Others Present: Dick Klein, Tracey Powell, D.C., Brian N. Shortridge, Doug Heath, Jim Ankrum (TMU), Shelly Ankrum, Christy Crawford, Dennis Henderson, Rick Chandler, Melissa Rhoades, Mark R. Regnier

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Jim Purvis to amend the agenda to place the wastewater and dog shelter items after the vote center discussion.

**Discussion of use of Federal Grants to fund Raises – Mark Regnier**

County Attorney Regnier that Indiana State law prohibits changes to compensation for elected officials after the budget is approved for the ensuing year. He stated that he is no comfortable with extending raises to elected officials. Jim Purvis stated that he and Brad Nichols had attended training at the County Council conference and had learned that the use of payroll for the CARES Act, prohibited use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for public safety wages or bonuses.

**Vote Center – Resolution CC2021-15– Christy Crawford**

**RESOLUTION CC 2021-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TIPTON COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA, APPROVING**

**THE DESIGNATION OF TIPTON COUNTY AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code Section (“IC”) 3-11-18.1 allows counties to adopt a vote center model; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tipton County Council of Tipton County, Indiana , Indiana desires to approve the designation of Tipton County as a vote center county; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tipton County Election Board has the responsibility for properly drafting a vote center plan for Tipton County, which will take effect upon unanimous vote of the County Election Board and having the plan properly filed with and approved by the Indiana Election Division.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL OF TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA** that Tipton County is approved as a vote center county upon the required approval and filing of the county vote center plan.

**SO RESOLVED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2021.**

TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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Jim Purvis

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Janice L. Smith

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Michael Terry

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Butch Harpel

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Kirk Retherford

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Brad Nichols

Attest:

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Gregg A. Townsend, Secretary and Count

Prepared by:

Mark R. Regnier

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Motion by Jim Purvis to approve Resolution CC2021-15. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries.

**Wastewater Plant Connection – Jim Ankrum, General Manager, Tipton Municipal Utilities**

Jim Ankrum asked the Council to consider using ARPA grant money to assist in a project to connect the west treatment plant with the main treatment plant, to make use of its larger capacity. He stated that there are operational issues with the west plant.

**Dog Shelter – Rick Chandler**

Rick Chandler stated that the Kokomo Humane Society is no longer taking out of county animals and that Elwood has been assisting until Tipton can get a facility up and running. A lease was signed July 1, 2021, with the City of Tipton for a facility at 825 W. Jefferson St.. They have raised \$21,000 and are requesting a \$52,000 grant from the Tipton County Foundation. The City of Tipton has \$30,000 in the budget for renovation of the building. He is requesting matching annual donations from the County and City of \$30,000 each and will be asking for donations from the incorporated towns and the general public. Melissa Rhoades stated that the dispatch center had received 132 county and 187 city calls for animal control between July of 2020 and July of 2021.

Assisting, by way of donation, would limit the liability of the County and City as only a funding mechanism. The shelter would have its own liability insurance.

The Council took a 5 minute break.

The Council reconvened at 8:14pm

**Additional Appropriation Resolution CC2021-16 – Circuit Court – Video Equipment**

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2021-16

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:

<b>Fund Name:</b>	Requested Amount	Approved Amount
<b>1000 General – 232 Circuit Court</b>		
4000 Capital Outlay	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$10,000.00
Total for Fund	\$10,000.00	

Adopted and dated this 20th day of July, 2021

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Jim Ashley opened the public hearing. There was no public comment.

Motion by Brad Nichols to close the public hearing. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carries.

Motion by Jim Purvis to approve Resolution CC2021-16. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

**Additional Appropriation Resolution CC2021-17 – Jail -Mowing**

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2021-17

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<b>Fund Name:</b>	Requested Amount	Approved Amount
<b>1000 General – 0380 Jail</b>		
30000 Other Services and Charges	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$10,000.00
Total for Fund	\$10,000.00	

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Jim Ashley opened the public hearing. There was no public comment.  
Motion by Jim Purvis to close the public hearing. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries.  
Motion by Jim Purvis to approve Resolution CC2021-17. Second by Butch Harpel. Motion carries.

### **Additional Appropriation Resolution CC2021-18 – West Elwood Sewer Project –County Share**

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2021-18

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:

<b>Fund Name:</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
<b>8950 American Rescue Plan</b>		
4000 Capital Outlay	<u>\$300,000.00</u>	\$300,000.00
Total for Fund	\$300,000.00	

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Jim Ashley opened the public hearing.

Dennis Henderson stated that three years had been spent on the drainage project in West Elwood and was 90% accomplished. He stated that Mr. McGoff with the Indiana Finance Authority had assured the county that if Tipton County put up \$300,000 out of ARPA grant funds for the sewer project and set aside \$50,000 to cover unpaid customer billing over the next five years, the IFA would cover the rest of the expenses of the project, expected to be approximately \$1.4 million.

Discussion ensued concerning the source of the \$300,000; some indicating a preference to use EDIT funds, instead of ARPA grant funds.

Motion by Butch Harpel to close the public hearing. Second by Jim Purvis. Motion carries.

Motion by Mike Terry to approve Resolution CC2021-16. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries, with Jim Purvis opposed.

#### **Revised Salary Ordinance CC2021-01 - Amends Rank Pay & Overtime**

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve Salary Ordinance CC2021-01 dated February 23, 2021.

Second by Butch Harpel. Motion carries.

#### **Revised Salary Ordinance CC2021-02 – Amends Jailer Salaries**

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve Salary Ordinance CC2021-02 dated July 20, 2021. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carries.

#### **Community Crossings Grant Match – Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation**

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise a \$134,000 additional appropriation for the General Fund for the Community Crossings Matching Grant project. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

#### **Minutes for County Council Minutes for June 15, 2021.**

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

#### **Committee Reports**

Jim Purvis stated that we need to have a written electronic meeting policy in place.

#### **Budget Workshops**

The Council will meet on August 10 and 11, 2021 with department heads to discuss their proposed budgets. Brad Nichols suggested that an advertisement be submitted for possible additional workshop days on July 17 and 18, 2021, starting at 4:30pm, if needed.

#### **Public Comments - None**

Motion by Jim Purvis to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021

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James D. Ashley, President

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Jim Purvis, Vice President

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Kirk Retherford, member

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Brad Nichols, member

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Jan Smith, member

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Butch Harpel, member

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Michael Terry, member

Attest:

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