

## Tipton County Council Meeting

4-26-2022

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

Absent: Jim Purvis

Others Present: Dick Klein, Josh Morris, Madison Truemner, Scott Reed, Christy Crawford, Jim Ankrum, Tracey Powell, Donald McElfresh, Bob Edinger, Tyler Juranovich, Jane Harper, Day Pope, Tom Dolezal, Troy Hooker

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

### Resolution CC2022-08 Additional Appropriations – Clerk’s Records Digitization

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2022-08

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>1000 General - Clerk</b>		
3000 Other Services and Charges	<u>\$125,000.00</u>	
Total for Fund	\$125,000.00	

Adopted and dated this 26th day of April, 2022

#### TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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Jim Purvis

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Janice L. Smith

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Kirk Retherford  
Attest:

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Brad Nichols

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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

Jim Ashley opened the public hearing on the additional appropriations. There were no comments.

Motion by Mike Terry to close the public hearing. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carried.

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve Resolution CC2022-08. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

### Resolution CC2022-09 Additional Appropriations – American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2022-09

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 Outlays	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>	
Total for Fund	\$1,000,000.00	

Adopted and dated this 26th day of April, 2022

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Jim Ashley opened the public hearing on the additional appropriations.

Commissioner Tracey Powell explained that this was necessary to meet the County's one-third match, along with the City of Tipton and Tipton Municipal Utilities to raise the \$3,000,000 match for the REDI grant to install the infrastructure connecting the west wastewater plant with Tipton's main plant.

Madison Trummer and Josh Morris from Wessler Engineering presented their study of the east and west treatment plants along with projected needs over the next twenty years, due to already approved planned urban development on the west side of Tipton. They concluded that, if the west plant were to be tasked with handling the anticipated flow, the plant would have to be doubled or tripled in size over that period of time. Their conclusion was that it made most sense to connect the west and east plants to take advantage of the east plants significantly greater capacity and to minimize cost and potential environmental liabilities at the west plant.

Discussion ensued regarding capacity at both plants, condition of equipment, costs of renovation, possible systems failures at the west plant, no emergency diversion at the west plant, as well as design flaws. Jane Harper lamented that mothballing the west plant would mean that the County had wasted \$6 million to upgrade the west plant. Bob Edinger asked if the REDI Grant was guaranteed. The response was "yes".

Motion by Mike Terry to close the public hearing. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Brad Nichols stated that he wanted to see the City relieve the County of the bond payment obligation; a county appointment to the Utility Board; and pledge of \$1million from the City of Tipton. Mayor Dolezal stated that he had signed a pledge to use ARP and EDIT money for the City's pledge.

Commissioner Powell stated that it is essential to get the match for the REDI Grant in place, as this project is first in line and we don't want to lose the grant to another county's project. The IEDC sent the agreement and the portal will be opened at the end of the month to start receiving claims. Claims are to be paid within two weeks of entry into the portal. Butch Harpel asked how much is owed on the bond.

Auditor Townsend responded approximately \$450,000 to be paid off by 2027, at approximately \$90,000 per year, with the City and County each paying one-half each payment. Jim Ashley, Kirk Retherford, and Jan Smith all spoke in the affirmative.

Motion by Mike Terry to approve Resolution CC2022-09, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 in Fund 8950. Second by Kirk Retherford.

Brad Nichols stated that he would like to have an answer concerning the debt and a member appointed to the Utility Board. Don McElfresh stated that the Utility Board would take it under advisement. Jim Ashley called for a vote. Motion carried, unanimously, with Brad Nichols voting “aye, with reservations”. Brad Nichols stated that he wants to see the Commissioners and Council prepare a plan for the ARP grant.

**Resolution CC2022-10 Additional Appropriations – CAGIT Special Legislation – Justice Center**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2022-10

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<b>Fund Name:</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
<b>9200 CAGIT Special Legislation-Justice Center</b>		
3000 Other Services and Charges	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	
Total for Fund	\$50,000.00	

Adopted and dated this 26th day of April, 2022

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The request is to cover increased costs of repair and maintenance at the jail.

Jim Ashley opened the public hearing on the additional appropriations. There were no comments.

Motion by Brad Nichols to close the public hearing. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve Resolution CC2022-10. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carried, with Kirk Retherford voting in the negative, stating that he has reservations about using the 9200 fund.

Further discussion about the ARPA grant ensued.

**Public Comments**

Bob Edinger asked if the CAGIT Special Legislation tax would end when the bond is paid off.

The tax has jail operations as part of its legal use; therefore, it will be up to the County Council at that time to decide.

Mayor Dolezal thanked the Council for supporting the infrastructure project.

Tipton Wastewater Superintendent Troy Hooker also thanked the Council.

Motion by Brad Nichols to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carries.

Approved this 21st day of June, 2022  
Tipton County Council

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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