

Tipton County Council Meeting

7-19-2022

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

Others Present: Dick Klein, Ray Sheppard, Tracey Powell, D.C., Lindsay Ogden, Jim Ankrum, Tracy Regnier, Lou Ann Millett, Rick Chandler, Joe VanBibber, Mark Regnier, Thomas Dolezal

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

Resolution CC2022-15 Additional Appropriations and Appropriation Reductions

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2022-15

Whereas, It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money in other funds 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 sums of money are hereby additionally appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name:	Requested Amount	Approved Amount
1173 MVH Restricted 0532 Road Repair		
27001 Road Maintenance	<u>\$215,692.65</u>	
20000 Supplies	\$215,692.65	
Total for Fund	\$215,692.65	

Adopted and dated this 19th day of July, 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

Highway Superintendent Bret Morris explained that this is the match for an INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant project on Division Road from US31 to 800W.

Jim Ashley opened the public hearing for Resolution CC2022-15. There were no comments.

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

Motion by Jim Purvis to approve Resolution CC2022-15, in the amount of \$215,692.65. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Sheriff Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for Transport Van

Sheriff Frawley stated that the current transport van had been purchased out of Fund 1175 County Corrections six years ago and has 80,000 miles on it. He is going to sell it to Blackford County.

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$35,000 in Fund 1175 for a new transport van. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Sheriff Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for Inmate Meals

Brad Nichols suggested that the council consider using Fund 9200.

Motion by Brad Nichols to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 in Fund 9200 for prisoner meals for the next meeting. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Sheriff Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for Garage and Motor

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise for garage and motor, in the amount of \$10,000 for a public hearing next month. Second by Kirk Retherford.

Sheriff Request to make part-time cook at the jail full-time

Motion by Brad Nichols to allow the transfer of \$11,500 from part-time cook to full-time cook and making the part-time cook a full time cook, effective July 24, 2022. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for Litigation/Enforcement to defend a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise for an additional appropriation for the Planning Commission, in the amount of \$25,000 for litigation/enforcement for the next meeting. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carried.

Health Department Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for Employee Group Medical

Jim Purvis stated that this is positive, as it shows that employees are signing up. Mike Terry agreed.

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise for an additional appropriation for the Health Department, in the amount of \$36,876.64 for the next meeting. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Resolution CC2022-16 Transfer – Highway

RESOLUTION # CC2022-16

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>
	Lease Purchase	Garage & Motor	
Highway	1176.46000.000.0533	1176.22000.000.0533	\$60,000.00
TOTAL			\$60,000.00

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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 Brad Nichols to approve Resolution CC2022-16. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carried.

Highway Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for MVH Fuel

Highway Superintendent Morris stated that they use 50,000 gallons of fuel each year and costs have risen dramatically.

Motion by Mike Terry to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$120,000 for the next meeting. Second by Jan Smith.

Commissioner Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for Earned Employee Benefits

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$30,000 for earned employee benefits. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Commissioner Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriation for Group Medical

Motion by Mike Terry to advertise for an additional appropriation, in Fund 5101, in the amount of \$550,000 for Group Medical. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nancy Cline stated that, if we use Fund 5101 IU Health Insurance Reserve, in two years it could be depleted. Jim Purvis stated that the money was put there for health insurance and that he is not in favor of saving just to save it.

IMPA Purchase Agreement

County Attorney Mark Regnier stated that IMPA is needing to purchase 7 acres from the industrial park, jointly owned by the County and City of Tipton at an agreed price of \$12,000 per acre. The Council is requested to approve the sale and sign an ordinance for that sale. The county and city will incur closing costs. Mike Terry stated that there is a committee established to assist with development of the industrial park and asked if every deal must be presented to the County Council. Mark Regnier stated that the committee is advisory and has no authority to convey. Brad Nichols asked how the \$12,000 per acre price was determined. Jim Ankrum of the Tipton Municipal Utilities stated that IMPA needed to provide three-phase power not on a circuit. They searched several locations and identified a need for 12 acres. IMPA asked what the County and City was willing to sell the land for. They also intend to purchase contiguous land owned by the Tipton County Economic Development Foundation. IMPA is not for profit and that results in lower energy costs to keep rates lower. Brad Nichols stated that the energy

remains in the community. He stated that he is disappointed that the county will have to pay closing costs. Mr. Ankrum stated that part of the agreement is that there will be no tax abatement. Brad Nichols asked if there is a calculation of tax revenue. There has been none. Motion by Jim Purvis to authorize Mark Regnier to prepare paperwork for the purchase. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carried.

Acquisition of INDOT Surplus and along US31 North of Love's

County Attorney Mark Regnier stated that INDOT has agreed to sell approximately three and a half acres of surplus land, located north of Love's on the west side of US31, for the appraised value of \$11,800 plus \$55 filing fees. Brad Nichols stated that Scott Campbell owns land on three sides. Brad Nichols wants access to the land first. Jim Purvis stated that this may be the only chance to get the land at a bargain price. After much discussion, Jason Henderson presented a drawing of the area depicting an easement that would allow access to the land.

Motion by Jim Purvis to authorize paperwork to be drawn up to purchase the area, out of EDIT. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Animal Control – Rick Chandler

Rick Chandler stated that the Board of Commissioners had committed to putting \$30,000 in their proposed budget for 2023. Jim Purvis stated that the budget process sets amounts. Brad Nichols stated that the Board of Commissioners will present their budget and that the Council will look at total revenues during the budget process. Jim Ashley stated that the best they could do is to consider it at budget time. Jim Purvis affirmed the need and echoed Jim Ashley's comment.

Committee Reports

Jim Purvis went to the Board of Commissioners' meeting yesterday. He stated that the City of Tipton received a \$30,000 trail study grant. For an additional \$12,500, the whole county could be included in the study and could be incorporated into the Master Plan.

Motion by Jim Purvis to advertise \$12,500 for the grant in the General Fund, Commissioners budget. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carried.

Brad Nichols stated that this will already be done at a reduced cost when the Comprehensive Plan is revised. He also stated that he would like to see an updated CIP Plan. He commented that the 4-H fair was a great fair and that it points out repairs that needed to the 4-H fairgrounds. Tracey Powell stated that when Katy Kramer was still here, she had worked on a CIP spreadsheet.

Jim Ashley recommended working on budgets from noon to 4 pm. It was decided to schedule workshop meetings with department heads beginning at 2pm on August 16, 2022 and August 18, 2022, and to have an all-day meeting, beginning at 9am on August 25, 2022.

Highway Superintendent Morris stated that there had been discussions about how to finance the purchase of the salt barn. It was decided to pay for the building out of EDIT, with reimbursement from the relinquishment of SR28 and SR19. Jim Ashley stated that it is not a given that it should be taken out of relinquishment money. He also stated that he thought that there needed to be an ordinance for the relinquishment money. Brad Nichols stated that whether it is a requirement, it is always beneficial if the County Council looks at the appropriation to look at the merits. Then we have a public hearing, which gives us a month for public input and then we meet to determine if it is appropriate.

Commissioner Nancy Cline stated, "I think we need to acknowledge what our roles are, under the law, and maintain those roles and cooperate. That is my understanding of how government works. But I am disappointed that I have seen people who talk behind the scenes, make the decisions behind the scenes, and then pretend like they haven't been talking and making those decisions. They come to a meeting, and as a token, vote, but you can tell, and I can tell because I am very perceptive. That is one of my gifts. And I can tell that it has been decided before the meeting. That's my viewpoint. It was commented that the personal life and the public life is different. That's not true. We can't separate our individual character with the way we conduct ourselves publicly, because good character and morals are an integral part of us, whether we are in a Council meeting, a public meeting, at home with my family, that's character. I just implore us to have good character. Thanks."

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

Approved this 16th day of August, 2022

Tipton County Council

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Kirk Retherford, member

Brad Nichols, member

Jan Smith, member

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Michael Terry, member

Attest:

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