

Tipton County Council Meeting

12-18-18

Present: Beth Roach, Jeff Hoover, Jim Leffler, Emily Wilson, Dennis Henderson, Helen Tragesser

Absent: Jim Ashley

Others Present: James N. Mullins, Brian DellaRosa, Bob Edinger, Lou Ann Millett, Linda L. Johnson, Michael Terry, Brent Snow, Cara L. Kellerman, Butch Harpel, Vicky Boyd, Roberta Heinzmann

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ordinance CC2018-09 VASIA

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Ordinance CC2018-02 established the Adult Guardian program VASIA (Volunteer Advocate for Senior and Incapacitated Adults) per Indiana Code 29-3-8.5-1, et. seg and is hereby amended to read as follows, and

Whereas, in November 2017 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Honorable Thomas Lett, Tipton County Circuit Judge between Tipton, Howard and Cass County Courts and Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services to provide and operate the VASIA Guardianship Program in each respective county (Exhibit A), and

Whereas, the Indiana Supreme Court has available a grant program, that will allow a collaborative effort between the Tipton County Superior Court, Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services, Tipton County Commissioners and the Tipton County Council to utilize and provide an advocate/guardian to ensure quality care and community support to seniors or incapacitated adults to allow them to lead a safe, dignified and independent life, and

Whereas, the matching grant through the Supreme Court if approved annually will provide for fifty percent of the submitted budget requiring a match in the form of other local funds as well as documentation of any in-kind donations, and

Whereas, the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services have been approved to provide the VASIA (Volunteers and Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults) Program to residents in Tipton County in accordance to the VASIA guidelines which follow the National Guardianship Association and the Tipton County Circuit Court, and

Whereas, the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services program coordinator will provide the Tipton County Commissioners in June and December of each year a program report and a monetary request to assist in the funding of the program above revenues generated from the grant received by the Indiana Supreme Court, so therefore be it ordained

The Adult Guardian VASIA fund is hereby established, and

1. Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services will provide the VASIA (Volunteers and Advocates for seniors and Incapacitated Adults) Program to residents in Tipton County in accordance to the VASIA guidelines which follow the National Guardianship Association and the Tipton County Circuit Court.
2. Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services will apply and secure grant funding from the Supreme Court and all local matches as required.

3. Tipton County will receive all revenues from the Indiana Supreme Court grant for the counties involved in this agreement and disburse the total of all revenue received to the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services through the Tipton County Auditor.
4. All disbursement claims shall be presented by Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services for distribution.
5. Contributions made by the Tipton County Commissioners from appropriated funds shall be disbursed in accordance to the Governmental Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines to the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2018 by the Tipton County Council.

Beth Roach, President

Helen Tragesser, Vice-President

James F. Leffler

Dennis Henderson

Jeff Hoover

Emily Wilson

James D. Ashley

Attest:

Gregg A. Townsend, Secretary and County Auditor

Motion by Councilman Hoover to adopt Ordinance CC2018-09. Second by Councilman Henderson. Motion carries.

Encore- Cara Kellerman

Director Cara Kellerman delivered an update on the Encore program. They have added a transportation administrative staff member and 2 volunteer drivers along with 22 new riders since July. 2017 had 1259 rides, but 2018 is on target to have 4,200 rides, 80% of which are aged 60 and above. They have applied to be approved for Medicare transportation. Reimbursements from Medicaid would help fund the program. She will return in the Spring with an update report to the Council.

Financial Report – Auditor Townsend

Auditor Townsend presented a fund report, demonstrating that all but one fund is in the black. The fund with a negative balance is a reimbursable grant fund that may go into the negative, as the money is first spent and then reimbursed by the State.

Minutes for the November 26, 2018 Joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners, County Council, and Redevelopment Commission

Motion by Councilman Leffler to accept the Minutes of the Joint meeting of November 26, 2018, as presented, to include four pages of transcription of the comments of the Redevelopment Commission prepared by their secretary, Jane Harper. Second by Councilwoman Wilson. Motion carries, with Councilman Hoover opposed. Councilman Henderson did not vote.

Council Comments

Jeff Hoover thanked the four outgoing council members for mentoring the new members. He presented plaques to each of them acknowledging their service to the County.

Beth Roach and Dennis Henderson thanked the members of the Council.

Helen Tragesser commented that the Council had worked with the Board of Commissioners and other boards well, together.

Jim Leffler stated that, in his opinion, this was the best Council ever and that they had accomplished much. He stated that Helen Tragesser should be congratulated for her great efforts.

Public Comments

Jim Mullins expressed thanks, on behalf of the Board of Commissioner, to the outgoing council members. He stated that he believed that the two boards had set a template for how working together can accomplish great things.

Bob Edinger expressed thanks to the council. He recognized Jim Leffler and Beth Roach.

Brent Snow thanked all the members. He stated that it was refreshing to see all work together.

Motion by Councilman Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Wilson. Motion carries.

Approved this 15th day of January, 2019

Term ended December 31, 2018

Beth Roach, President

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Helen Tragesser, Vice President

Term ended December 31, 2018

Dennis Henderson, member

Jeff Hoover, member

Term ended December 31, 2018

James F. Leffler, member

James D. Ashley, member

Emily Wilson, member

Attest:

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

Respectfully submitted by Gregg A. Townsend