

## Tipton Board of Commissioners and County Council Joint Meeting

01-18-2022

Present:

Commissioners: Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline

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

Others Present: Elaine Beaty, Stan Brown

The meeting was opened Commissioner Henderson and Councilman Ashley, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Ashley discussed various revenue funds and the current balances, as of December 31, 2021. He also reported that Ratio is consulting with potential occupants of the old jail: Coroner, Health Department, Historical Society.

A discussion of future projects ensued.

Water Tower, Wastewater, and Sewer connection project: \$9.3 Million estimated cost.

The Indiana Economic Development Commission match is 1:1. This will be a joint venture of the County, City and Tipton Municipal Utility. Anticipated grant money will assist with the cost.

The fairgrounds exhibition Building needs a new roof and HVAC. \$85,000 for the roof and \$40,000 for the HVAC system.

Courthouse Elevator upgrade to AC, at \$225,000, and the generator, at \$126,460.53, will, most likely, come out of the Cumulative Capital Development fund, Fund 9200 or EDIT.

The repairs to the Courthouse roof and the generator might be paid out of the CAGIT Special legislation Fund #9200.

Digitization of Clerk's records, at \$270,000, and the second courtroom remodel could be a CCD expense.

The Readi Grant and American Rescue Plan may provide additional funding.

The relinquishment of SR28 and SR19 in Tipton County will bring in over \$4Million to the county, but will result in additional costs for a salt barn and equipment. It was suggested to either dedicate the revenue to the match portion of grants for road and bridge projects or to dedicate the money to maintenance of SR28.

It was suggested that Auditor Townsend consult with Attorney General Rokita to see if it would be appropriate to use Fund 9200 for remodeling the old jail to preserve it, as opposed to demolishing it.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to adjourn the Board of Commissioner portion of the meeting. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

The Tipton County Council took a five-minute recess.

The Council meeting was reconvened.

Organization:

Auditor Townsend took nominations for President of the Tipton County Council. Jim Purvis nominated Jim Ashley, with a second by Kirk Retherford. Mike Terry moved to close nominations, with a second by Brad Nichols. Jim Ashley will serve as President.

Jim Ashley took nominations for Vice President. Jim Ashley nominated Jim Purvis, with a second by Jan Smith. There being no other nominations, Jim Purvis will serve as Vice President.

**Resolution CC2021-40 Transfer -Highway**

**RESOLUTION # CC2021-40**

**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:

<b><u>FUND-DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Highway	Driver/Operator 1176.11311.000.0531	Driver/Operator 1173.11311.000.0531	\$8,120.64
TOTAL			\$8,120.64

Approved this 21st day of December, 2021  
**TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

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James D. Ashley, President

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Jim Purvis, Vice-President

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Jan Smith, member

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Michael Terry, member

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Kirk Retherford, member

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Butch Harpel, member  
Attest:

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Brad Nichols, member  
Prepared by: Mark R. Regnier  
Tipton County Attorney

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Gregg A. Townsend, Tipton County Auditor

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve Resolution CC2021-40. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

**Public Hearing for Resolution CC2022-01 Additional Appropriation – Community Corrections**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2022-03**

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>1175 Community Corrections</b>		
3000 Other Charges and Services	\$5,000.00	
4000 Capital Outlays	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	
Total for Fund	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00

Adopted and dated this 18th day of January, 2022

TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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James D. Ashley

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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

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.

120 S. West Street

Tipton, Indiana 46072

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 CC2022-01. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

### **Public Hearing for Resolution CC2022-02 Appropriation Reduction**

#### APPROPRIATION REDUCTION RESOLUTION CC2022-02

Whereas, It has been determined that it is now necessary to reduce appropriations 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 appropriations are hereby reduced out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

<b>Fund Name:</b>	Requested Amount	Approved
<b>1159 Health Department</b>		
10000 Personal Services	<u>-\$6,500.00</u>	
Total for Fund	-\$6,500.00	-\$6,500.00

Adopted and dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022

TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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James D. Ashley, President

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Jim Purvis, Vice-President

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Jan Smith, member

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Michael Terry, member

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Kirk Retherford, member

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Butch Harpel, member

Attest:

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Brad Nichols, member

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Gregg A. Townsend, Tipton County Auditor

Prepared by: Mark R. Regnier

Tipton County Attorney

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

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

Motion by Kirk Retherford to approve Resolution CC2022-01. Second by Jim Purvis. Motion carries.

### **Public Hearing for Resolution CC2022-03 Additional Appropriation –**

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION CC2022-03

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	Approved
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	Amount	Amount
<b>9101 Health Department- Emergency Preparedness Grant</b>		
1000 Personal Services	\$13,994.75	
2000 Supplies	\$ 6,005.25	
4000 Capital Outlays	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	
Total for Fund	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

Adopted and dated this 18th day of January, 2022

TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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Michael Terry

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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.

120 S. West Street

Tipton, Indiana 46072

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

Motion by Jim Purvis to close the public hearing . Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve Resolution CC2022-03. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

**Sheriff's Pension Fund – Tony Frawley with Elaine Beatty and Stan Brown (McCready & Keen)**

Sheriff Frawley requested that the qualification for sheriff's pension be reduced from 10 years to 8 years. He stated that the Merit Board had approved the request. To make the change to the pension plan requires approval of the Merit Board, the Sheriff, and the County Council. The amendment to the current plan would affect merit officers and would add \$3,200 to the 2022 pension plan of \$206,710, bringing the total to an estimated \$210,196. Elaine Beatty stated that there was no urgency, but the sooner the better. Brad Nichols stated that he would like to have the personnel committee look at the deferred comp for the other employees. Jim Purvis asked if 8 years was the standard. Sheriff Frawley responded that many counties are going from 8 years to 10 years. It used to be about 70% were at 8 years, but now it is about 50%. Brad Nichols stated that in the past, they had lowered the retirement age from 55 to 52. Jim Purvis Pointed out that this would make a two term sheriff eligible. Elaine Beatty stated that counties had gone to 8 years, because sheriff's are term limited. Jim Purvis asked if the matron is a merit officer. Sheriff Frawley stated that she is not a merit officer, and that the amendment would only apply to deputies and the sheriff. Elaine Beatty stated that the Chief Deputy and Matron are appointed by the sheriff. The Chief Deputy would only qualify if he was already a merit officer when appointed. Jim Purvis asked what the City's vesting was. Brad Nichols stated that the county had matched the city in the past. Elaine Beatty stated that there are different plans in the statutes to cover the different forces. Brad Nichols stated that he had seen the details at Merit Board meeting in December. He stated that the Council should look at deferred compensation for the other county employees. He stated that the process was for the sheriff to take the amendment to the Merit Board and then to the County Council. He stated that the amendment could be prepared in January for the February meeting.

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve the amendment to the Sheriff's Pension Plan. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries. The amendment is to be prepared for signature at the February meeting.

**2022 Appointments**

Plan Commission

Motion by Brad Nichols to appoint Jim Purvis. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) – Tabled

Joint 911 Executive Board

Motion by Jim Purvis to appoint Brad Nichols and Re-appoint Mike Terry. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Motion by Jan Smith to re-appoint Francis Letsinger. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries.

Library Board – Tabled

Community Corrections Advisory Board – Checking to see if Brad Nichols has 4 year term

Community Center Board

Motion by Jim Purvis to re-appoint Bailey Franklin. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries.

Solid Waste Board

Motion by Jan Smith to appoint Mike Terry. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)

Motion by Brad Nichols to appoint Virginia Baker as Level II Democrat. Second by Mike Terry. Motion carries

Goodwill Committee

Motion by Jim Purvis to appoint Jan Smith, with Butch Harpel to attend as rotating member, as available.

Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries

Liason to the Merit Board

Motion by Mike Terry to appoint Brad Nichols. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries

Extension Education Board

Motion by Jim Purvis to appoint Kirk Retherford. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries

Redevelopment Commission

Motion by Jim Purvis to re-appoint Jim Ashley, Jan Smith, and Mike Terry. Second by Butch Harpel.

Motion carries

Regional Planning Organization

Motion by Mike Terry to appoint Jim Ashley. Second by Jim Purvis. Motion carries

Audit Finance Committee

Motion by Jim Purvis to re-appoint Butch Harpel and appoint Kirk Retherford and Jim Purvis. Second by Brad Nichols. Motion carries

### **Minutes for County Council Minutes for December 21, 2021.**

Motion by Brad Nichols to approve County Council Minutes for December 21, 2021 with corrections. Second by Jan Smith. Motion carries. Butch Harpel abstained as he was absent.

Jim Purvis stated that several documents from 2020 need to be signed, as they were part of zoom meetings. Please stop by the Auditor's Office.

**Public Comments** - None

### **Committee Reports**

Jim Purvis stated that the Goodwill Committee will be meeting at 8am on Friday. Brad Nichols and Butch Harpel will attend.

Jim Ashley mentioned that passing of Auditor Townsend's brother, Kris Townsend, today.

Motion by Jan Smith to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kirk Retherford. Motion carries.

Approved this 14th day of February, 2022  
Tipton County Board of Commissioners

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Dennis Henderson, President

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Nancy Cline

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Tracey Powell, DC, Member

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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