

## **TIPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 20, 2023**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

The Tipton County Council Board met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room, 101 E. Jefferson Street, Tipton, IN.

Present: Those in attendance were Jim Ashley, Joe VanBibber, Janice L. Smith, Michael Terry, and Kirk Retherford.

Not Present: Attorney, Mark Regnier, Brad Nichols and Jim Purvis.

Others Present: Mike Cline, Nancy Cline, Phil Beer, Lindsey Ogden and illegible signing attendant.

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

### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023

The Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023, with changes noted, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Terry and seconded by Councilman Retherford. The motion carried.

The Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023, with changes noted, were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Terry, and the motion carried. Let the minutes reflect that Councilman VanBibber abstained.

### **ABATEMENT DISCUSSION:**

Economic Development Director addressed the Council with the three-hour training by DLGF, Steve McKinney. She has not completed the program for abatements as of yet and continues to work through this process with Kirk Retherford to ensure that the abatement process and the revenue affected is responsibly considered. She has been appointed by the Council to develop a program for the Council to process abatements. Councilman Terry asked if Abbie would be coming back to the Council with an update on the process for the Council to consider moving forward. Compliance will be discussed later in the meeting.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Ordinance No. 2023-05

Ordinance No. 2023-06

Ordinance No. 2023-07

Ordinance No. 2023-08

Ordinance No. 2023-10

Additional Appropriations were published in the paper on June 7, 2023, for today's public hearing.

**Board of Commissioners / Phil Beer for Additional Appropriation Resolution #2023-05:**

County Engineer, Phil Beer addressed the Council with the additional appropriation of \$374,000 from the ARPA Fund 8950. He explained that the BOT Project does require funding regarding the five locations in the BOT Project. He further explained the need for the funding for the improvements to buildings and structures, roofing at the Courthouse, Doctor's Park, Old Jail, and Fairgrounds roof. The north park is on hold for now. He is asking for these funds to pay the Architect and the Developer (Envoy) fees. They are currently discussing a potential bond with bond counsel. The public hearing was opened for public comment. Commissioner, Nancy Cline addressed the Council regarding the BOT Projects and the need for funding with structural damage and roof repairs at the Courthouse and the Fairgrounds. The Commissioners are considering other roofing materials that would be both aesthetic and cost saving. There was further discussion regarding the BOT Projects between the Council, Commissioner Cline and County Engineer, Phil Beer. Abbie Smith also addressed the Council, backing up the need for funding for the Projects by the Commissioners. The Council also discussed the need for a Coroner's facility. The concerns regarding the Getrag Bond and if Getrag pulls out of the facility how that will affect the Getrag bond payment. This is a concern for the Auditor as well. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Terry and seconded by Councilwoman Janice L. Smith. The motion carried. A motion to approve the additional appropriation in the sum of \$374,000 from the ARPA Fund 8950, was made by Councilwoman Janice L. Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kirk Retherford. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION CC 2023-05 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2023 annual budget, now  
BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Tipton County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following additional sums on money  
are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

<b>Additional Appropriations</b>		<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>FUND NAME:</u></b>		
<b>8950</b>	<b>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA) FUND</b>	\$ 374,000.00	\$ 374,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 374,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 374,000.00</u></b>

The additional appropriations were presented to the Council of Tipton County, Indiana, and read in full for the first time this 16th day of MAY, 2023.  
The additional appropriations were read in full for the second time and adopted this 20th day of JUNE, 2023.

**The Tipton County Council:**

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Jim Ashley, Council President

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Michael Terry, Council Vice President

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Brad Nichols, Council Member

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Janice L. Smith, Council Member

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Jim Purvis, Council Member

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Joe Vanbibber, Council Member

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Kirk Retherford, Council Member

**Attest:**

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Melissa D. Pickering, Auditor

**Health Department:**

**Health Department/Additional Appropriation Ordinance #2023-06:**

Health Department Director, Lindsey Ogden addressed the Council regarding an expense of \$43,058.43. Both Fund 1159 and Fund 9003 were advertised with \$43,058.43 with consideration that there would be discussion regarding both funds and which would be better suited for this additional. The Council was in agreement to an additional appropriation in Fund 9003.

The public hearing was opened by Councilman Ashley. There being no public discussion, the Council closed the public hearing with a motion by Councilman Terry and seconded by both Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Retherford.

The Council took action on the additional appropriation in the sum of \$43,058.43 which was requested due to an invoice due from IU Health for the COVID Clinic. A motion to approve the additional appropriation to Fund 9003 in the sum of \$43,058.43 was made by Councilman Terry, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

## ORDINANCE CCO-2023-06 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

### RESOLUTION CC 2023-06 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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<u>FUND</u>	<u>FUND NAME:</u>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>9003</b>	<b><u>COVID-19 FUND Testing Site</u></b> 9003.31100.000.000	\$ 43,058.43	\$ 43,058.43
<b><u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 43,058.43</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 43,058.43</u></b>

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**Attest:**

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Melissa D. Pickering, Auditor

**County Highway/Additional Appropriation Ordinance #2023-07:**

Phil Beer addressed the Council with the Additional Appropriation Request in the sum of \$259,000. He stated that Baumgartner was the lowest bid.

The floor was open for public comments. Public comment was closed on a motion by Councilman Terry and seconded by Councilman Retherford. The motion carried.

Councilman Terry made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in Fund 4508 in the sum of \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Janice L. Smith. The motion with all in favor, carried.

**RESOLUTION CC 2023-07 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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<b><u>4508</u></b>	<b><u>OLD SR 28 RELINQUISHMENT FUND</u></b> 4508.27001.000.000	<b><u>\$ 259,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 200,000.00</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 259,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 200,000.00</u></b>

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**County Highway/Additional Appropriation Ordinance #2023-08:**

Phil Beer, in the absence of Bret Morris that the amount of \$694,534.50 was received by EFT in August of 2023, in the Auditor's Office for the CCMG 2022-2, matching grant. They are asking for these funds to be appropriated into the budget in fund 9400. A motion to open public hearing was made. No comment, Councilman Terry made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Janice L. Smith seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried. The additional appropriation in the sum of \$694,534.50 was made by Kirk Retherford and seconded by Councilwoman Janice L. Smith. With all in favor, the motion carried. The Auditor will request a round figure from the DLGF in the sum of \$694,535.00, as DLGF does not approve change in an additional appropriation request.

**RESOLUTION CC 2023-08 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>FUND NAME:</u></b>		
<b>9400</b>	<b><u>CCMG MATCHING GRANT FUND</u></b>		
9400	9400.27001.000.000	\$ 694,534.50	\$ 694,534.50
<b><u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 694,534.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 694,534.50</u></b>

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**RESOLUTION No. #2023-10:**

A motion to approve the additional appropriation in Fund 9200 in the sum of \$140,000, was made by Joe Vanbibber and seconded by Janice L. Smith. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION CC 2023-10 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>FUND NAME:</u></b>		
<b><u>9200</u></b>	<b><u>CAGIT</u></b>		
44200	Equipment	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 140,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 140,000.00</u></b>

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## **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND REPORTS/OTHER ABATEMENT DISCUSSION:**

### **Economic Development Coordinator:**

Economic Coordinator, Abbie Smith addressed the board regarding an education session coordinated by the Auditor which lasted for 3 hours. Abbie sat through the whole thing and was amazing. She believes she better understands the abatement process and the requirements of the council. She further explained that she is working on a Rubric for the Abatement Process to present to the Council. They are working with Veridus. Mike Terry asked if Abbie would be coming back to the Council regarding the process of Abatements. She stated that Shannon provided some information that was very helpful.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Abatements in the Auditor's Office:**

Economic Development Coordinator, Abbie Smith addressed the Council regarding her calls with the businesses requesting abatements. She was asked if she recommended the abatements to the Council with the exception of Indiana Ethanol that has not yet been received by the Auditor's Office. The Auditor has made contact with Indiana Ethanol in regard to their abatement being due in the office in order to be in compliance and continue their abatement. Auditor Pickering will send another notice to Indiana Ethanol regarding their abatement.

Councilman VanBibber made a motion to approve the abatements as presented with the exception of Indiana Ethanol at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Janice L. Smith. The motion carried. The Auditor will contact Indiana Ethanol. The Council will consider Indiana Ethanol's abatement should they submit at a later date.

### **A Resolution Regarding Interest:**

Auditor Pickering presented Resolution 2023-09, Regarding Direction of Interest Earned on Deposits within the County Council Funds. The Resolution addresses interest earned by large funds and where interest is to be receipted by the Auditor's Office. Councilman Terry made a motion to approve the Resolution as written. Councilwoman Janice L. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business.

## **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Vanbibber discussed the Solid Waste meeting.

Discussion ensued by the board regarding schedule for upcoming budget workshops. Councilman Ashley suggested that the Auditor's Office utilize Bakertilly regarding cash flow statements as Gregg Townsend has in the past. Bakertilly will require a letter of intent between them and the Council to assist with a cash flow analysis. The Council would like to meet with Bakertilly at 4:00 p.m.


**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gary David objected to the pace of progress in determining the approval (or not) of agricultural abatement requests.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Jan Smith and second by Kirk Retherford. The motion carried.

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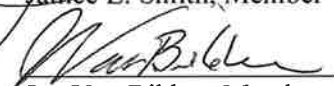
  
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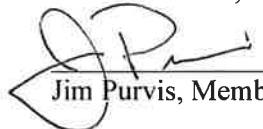
  
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Tipton County Council Meeting: June 20, 2023.