TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2010

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, and Vice President David S. Byers, Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Kay Muse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Auditor Jennifer Weston stated that two claims, totaling $600, were ordered paid by a court and do not have sufficient documentation. Auditor Weston stated that documentation is expected to follow. Court claims do not require approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended the approval of accounts payable vouchers as submitted without exception.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as submitted with no exceptions, along with Auditor Weston's comments, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

HIGHWAY-*Mike Spencer*
2010 Bridge Rehabilitation Project Awarding of Bid

Assistant Executive Director Mike Spencer recommended accepting the American Contracting & Services, Inc. bid of $498,954.69 for the 2010 Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Assistant Executive Director Mike Spencer stated that American Contracting & Services, Inc. was the lowest bid received.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the American Contracting & Services, Inc. bid for the 2010 Bridge Rehabilitation Project as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

INDOT & LPA Contract for the Tyler Road Project

Assistant Executive Director Mike Spencer stated that this contract is between the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Commissioners for the Tyler Road project.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the contract with INDOT for the Tyler Road project, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Change Order #6, Engineering Services from The Schneider Corporation for the South River Road Project

Assistant Executive Director Mike Spencer stated that this would most likely be the last change before the County allows for bids. This is an increase of $253,644 and does have significant changes, such as going to two construction seasons instead of one. The County will be giving the utility companies this construction season to allow them to move their existing utilities out of the current right-of-way and into the new right-of-way. There are also several agreements with landowners on fence relocations and driveway modifications. Inspection and construction fees are also included in the change order.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Change Order #6 for engineering services with The Schneider Corporation on the South River Road project, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Permit to Close a Road, Keep Stockwell Beautiful Parade, August 21, 2010

Assistant Executive Director Mike Spencer presented a request for a street closure in the town of Stockwell. This is for the Keep Stockwell Beautiful parade. The Sheriff's Department will be doing the traffic control. Linda Eastman said the parade would be between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and there would be about 10 units in the parade.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the application for a Permit to Close a Road as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Warranty Deed and Partial Release of Mortgage for Tyler Road Project Parcel 11

Assistant Executive Director Mike Spencer presented a Warranty Deed for Parcel 11, in the name of C. Rodney Lowry for the Tyler Road Project in the amount of $10,282.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept Warranty Deed for Parcel 11 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***GRANTS**-Laurie Wilson*

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested permission to accept an Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant in the amount of $57,762.51. The grant will provide fifty percent of the salaries for three Tippecanoe Emergency Management (TEMA) personnel. This is an annual grant and covers the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; adding that the County usually receives those funds six to eight months after the performance period.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested permission to accept an Indiana Secretary of State Office Grant in the amount of $25,000 for the Help America Vote Act. The funds will pay for upgrades to five voting locations and privacy screens for voting.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the Indiana Secretary of State Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

South River Road, Phase III

Frank Cederquist
Rocky Killion
Roy Meeks

West Lafayette School Corporation, Boiler Replacement

Roy Meeks

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the appointments as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Knochel stated that a letter from the American Legion of Indiana indicated that Randy Fairchild was among a group of veteran service officers honored at a spring conference. Mr. Fairchild has consistently been an honoree of the American Legion and the Commissioners extended their congratulations to him.

Commissioner Murtaugh said that Deputy Clerk Christa Coffey received the Marcille Eddy Shining Light Award, the highest honor given to United Way volunteers. The Commissioners extended their congratulations.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS ON FILE

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Weight & Measure
Crystal Creek Kennels

Reports are on file in the Commissioner's office for review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Byers thanked Julie Krizen, a reporter with WLFI-TV 18 for her work in Tippecanoe County; she may be relocating to the Evansville area.

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn

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John L. Knochel, President

David S. Byers, Vice President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor