TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 19, 2010

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

Commissioner Knochel called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 regular meeting and the July 12, 2010 special meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Murtaugh recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for July 7, 8, 9, 15, and 19, 2010 as submitted without exception with the note that the Auditor's name has been removed from one claim from Superior Court VI for interpreter services paid through Fund 549.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve accounts payable vouchers for July 7, 8, 9, 15, and 19, 2010 as submitted with no exceptions, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

HIGHWAY-*Opal Kuhl*
Awarding of Bid for South River Road

Director Kuhl stated that The Schneider Corporation Consultant Services and the Highway Department have reviewed the bids for the South River Road project. Director Kuhl recommended accepting the bid from Milestone Contractors, LP. It is in the amount of $2,379,743.59. Director Kuhl pointed out that there was an error of $3.51 from Reith-Riley's bid; however, it did not effect the recommendation of the awarding of the bid.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the bid from Milestone Contractors, LP. as submitted, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Utility Maintenance Bond from Verizon North, Inc.

Director Kuhl stated this is a 3-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of $5,000. This bond will allow work in the right-of-way.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the 3-year Utility Maintenance Bond from Verizon North as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

MITS-*Dave Sturgeon*
Electronic Communication Retention Policy

Director Dave Sturgeon stated that this policy has been put in place to specify and define what constitutes an electronic communication. Moreover, the policy defines the responsibility of MITS as far as retention

schedules and specifies the individual department's responsibilities. The policy has been reviewed by the County Attorney, the MITS Policy Board, and approved by the County's Public Records Commission.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Electronic Communication Retention Policy as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2010-11-CM- Medal of Honor Bridge – *(resolution number to be corrected to 2010-14-CM)*
Endorsing the naming of a Hoosier Heartland Bridge over County Road 500 East

Commissioner Knochel said that it has been requested of the Board of Commissioners to endorse the naming of an overpass on County Road 500 E the "Medal of Honor Bridge".

Attorney David W. Luhman read Resolution 2010-11-CM endorsing Medal of Honor Bridge.

WHEREAS, the Congressional Medal of Honor is our Nations Highest Award for Valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving the armed services of the United States; and

WHEREAS since its inception in 1862, there have been 3,446 Recipients of the Medal of Honor, of which only 89 are still living; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County deems it appropriate and worthy to honor all of those who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor by naming a bridge in their honor; and

WHEREAS the State of Indiana through its Department of Transportation is currently constructing a new bridge on Tippecanoe County Road 500 East in connection with the Hoosier Heartland roadway project which the Board of Commissioners believes would be an appropriate location for signs suitably describing the Medal of Honor and commemorating its recipients.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, in appreciation of the selfless service and sacrifice of all recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor endorses the naming of the new bridge over Tippecanoe County Road 500 East the "Medal of Honor Bridge", and encourages the State of Indiana and its Department of Transportation to take all such actions as shall be necessary to so honor those who have given so much for their Country.

Duly adopted this 19th day of July 2010 by the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County.

Commissioner Knochel asked the petitioner to speak to the Commissioners and the audience.

David L Shively, *4800 Fencerow Lane, Lafayette* said that of the 3,446 recipients named in the resolution, unfortunately two more have passed on. Mr. Shively stated that while there have been bridges named after individual recipients there have been no bridges named in honor of all recipients for their courageous service. Mr. Shively added that the Medal of Honor Society requested the word Congressional be removed from the name since Congress does not have any connection to this honor. The last surviving marine from Iwo Jima, Hershel Woody Williams, asked that it not only say "Medal of Honor Bridge", but to also include "The Nations Highest Award for Valor" on the signage. Mr. Shively also requested that the accompanying sample for the signage be forwarded with the resolution to Senator Brandt Hershman.

Director Kuhl stated that INDOT would be responsible for making the final determine of the size and type of signage.

Attorney David W. Luhman stated that a copy of the proposed signage could be included with the request for the naming of the bridge.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2010-14-CM endorsing the naming of the bridge over CR 500 E the "Medal of Honor Bridge", second Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Commissioner Knochel applauded Mr. Shively for the work he has done on this project and wished him success.

CARY HOME-*Rebecca Humphrey*
Sponsorship Agreement with Cary Home and Drug-Free Coalition to decorate the Courthouse with Red Ribbons

Director Humphrey stated this is Cary Home's annual request to sponsor the Drug-Free Coalition by decorating the Courthouse with Red Ribbons during Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week runs October 24, 2010 through October 31, 2010. The ribbons increase awareness of the harmful effects of Tobacco, Alcohol, and other Drugs and increases resistance skills among the County's youth. Director Humphrey stated that Red Ribbons would decorate the Courthouse along with four-yard signs citing the importance of being drug free.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the sponsorship agreement with Cary Home as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Director Humphrey reminded the Commissioners that the Red Ribbon Breakfast would be October 25, 2010.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) - *District 4*
Use of Ambulance

Commissioner Byers stated that the use of Tippecanoe County ambulances in a county other than Tippecanoe County would only occur in the event of a major emergency in that county.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Tippecanoe Emergency Ambulance Service for the use of ambulances in District 4, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

VILLA-*Awarding of Bids*
Window Replacement and Mechanical Upgrade

Tippecanoe Villa employee Donnie Hedgecough stated that Director Sieber was unable to attend today's meeting and asked him to speak in her place. Mr. Hedgecough said that since only one bid for each project was received that the Commissioners may choose to re-bid the work. Commissioner Murtaugh asked Attorney David W. Luhman if both projects were being funded by stimulus funds and if there was a deadline on when those funds need to be spent. Attorney David W. Luhman stated both are from stimulus funds and the deadline for those funds is rapidly approaching. If the Commissioners choose to re-bid these projects, the County will be close to the deadline that the County can receive these funds. The window replacement bid has been reviewed by the architect and determined to be substantially acceptable. The architect also reviewed the mechanical bid and approval is recommended for both projects. Attorney David W. Luhman added that if the Commissioners choose to accept the bids he recommended including in the motion a waiver of any irregularities in the bids (technical areas) in case they did not fully comply with the bid notice, but did substantially comply with the notice.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the bid and the alternate bid for the Tippecanoe Villa Window Replacement Project with J.R. Kelley in the amount of $90,370 with the waiver of any irregularities as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the bid for the Tippecanoe Villa Mechanical Systems Upgrade with Dienharts Refrigerated Specialties, Inc. with the waiver of any irregularities as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS ON FILE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Wright, *West Point*–said that the Governor is receiving praise for selling state property and suggested that Tippecanoe County has an enormous number of properties and perhaps some can be sold or given away if they have no value. Mr. Wright asked when the results of the survey for the fairgrounds would be available.

Commissioner Byers said the results would be available to the committee August 2, 2010 and would be brought before the public soon after that date.

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn

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ATTEST:

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