TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President John L. Knochel and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Bid Opening

2008 Culvert Replacement Project
American Contracting & Services Inc. - $1,986,709.00
Fairfield Contractors - $1,756,594
Milestone Contractors, L.P. - $1,954,821.25
Atlas Excavating, Inc. - $2,564,927.70
Wirtz & Yates, Inc. - $1,612,590.68
Jack Isom Construction,Co., Inc. - $1,729,996.97

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take these bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

2008 Bridge Rehabilitation Project
American Contracting & Services, Inc. - $1,449,978.95
Wirtz & Yates, Inc. - $1,157,406.96
Jack Isom Construction Co., Inc. - $1,254,427.47

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take these bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

FLOOD BUY-OUT

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson recommended awarding bids for the demolition of flood buy-out properties. She added each property will be awarded individually to the lowest bidder. The bid awards were as follows:

1024 Sycamore Street – C&M Excavating
6521 Goldsberry – C&M Excavating
1102 Sycamore Street – Lauramie Excavating
6866 25 North – Lauramie Excavating

- Commissioner Knochel moved to award the bids as proposed, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

2009 POSITION REQUEST

Public Defender

Public Defender Amy Hutchison requested a part-time Public Defender for 2009. With the five-year phase-in plan, an additional part time attorney is needed to complete the plan and be compliant in order to participate in the state's reimbursement program. The position is a 30-hour position with benefits.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the position for a Public Defender as requested, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Magistrate

Magistrate Norris Wang requested a full-time Court Reporter position for 2009. Currently, the Magistrate's office has one court reporter with part-time funds for assistance as needed. He added the volume of work has exhausted his part-time funds. The candidate would work directly for the Magistrate and fill-in for other courts as time warranted.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve a regular part-time Court Reporter position under the Magistrates jurisdiction, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Prosecutor

Prosecutor Pat Harrington requested a Project Safe Neighborhood Coordinator position. The contracted position is currently paid with grant funds from the Department of Justice. In 2009, the Prosecutor's office will seek recurring grant funds from the Department of Justice. If grant funds received aren't enough to pay the salary with benefits, he confirmed funds from Diversion Fund 260 will be used to supplement as needed.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve a full-time Project Safe Neighborhood Coordinator position with funding as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Probation

Chief Probation Officer Kipp Scott requested 7 additional Probation Officers for 2009. State workload measures warrant 19 additional officers for compliance in Tippecanoe County. Additional officers will be used in the field on evenings, nights, and weekends.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve two additional Probation Officers for 2009 with the stipulation Officer Scott review revenue sources to determine if a position could be funded from probation user fees, second by Commissioner Benson allowing Officer Scott to create his choice of Probation Officers or Intake Officers; motion carried.

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Award Bids

2008 Culvert Replacement Project

Director Kuhl recommended accepting the lowest bid from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for the 2008 Culvert Replacement Project. She noted a math error was made and the bid price is $1,612,968.28.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the bid from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for the 2008 Culvert Replacement Project, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

2008 Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Director Kuhl recommended accepting the lowest bid from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for the 2008 Bridge Rehabilitation Project in the amount of $1,157,406.96.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the bid from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for the 2008 Bridge Rehabilitation Project, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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Jennifer Weston

Jennifer Weston, Auditor