

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
*September 4, 2007*

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member Ruth E. Shedd. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

President Benson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Knochel made a motion to approve minutes of the July 23, 2007 and August 20, 2007 meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***ACCOUNTS PAYABLE***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for August 23, 24, 30, 31 and September 4, 2007.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as submitted, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

***HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl***

**Bid Openings for Bridges #20, #91, #107, #118, and #179**

**Bridge 118 & 179**

Jack Isom Construction Co.

\$698,378.90

Alternate A-1 \$145,000

Alternate A-2 \$7,400

Wertz & Yates

\$636,161.12

Alternate A-1 \$225,000

Alternate A-2 \$5,756

Milestone Contractors

\$692,229.80

Alternate A-1 \$225,000

Alternate A-2 \$5,800

Attorney Luhman recommended the submissions for Bridge #118 & #179 be taken under advisement.

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

**Bridge #91**

Attorney Luhman opened bids for Bridge #91.

Jack Isom Construction Co.

\$397,817.45

Wertz & Yates

\$358,973.68

Attorney Luhman recommended the submissions for Bridge #91 be taken under advisement.

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

**Bridge #107**

Jack Isom Construction Co.

\$533,470.30

Wertz & Yates

\$458,386.72

Milestone Contractors

\$508,487.00

Attorney Luhman recommended the submissions for Bridge #107 be taken under advisement.

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

**Bridge #20**

Attorney Luhman opened bids for Bridges #20.

Jack Isom Construction Co.

\$569,966.57

Wertz & Yates

\$539,134.75

Duncan Robertson, Inc.

\$515,378.00

Attorney Luhman recommended the submissions be taken under advisement.

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

Director Kuhl presented Change Order #1 for 2007 Culvert Replacement Project from Milestone Contractors, LP. The change order for \$2,400 is for signs posted at all locations.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change Order #1 for the Culvert Replacement Project from Milestone Contractors in the amount of \$2,400, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Change Order #2 for Bridge 2 was also presented for approval. This change order from Jack Isom Construction Co. is for \$8,577.50.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change Order #2 for Bridge #2 in the amount of \$8,577.77, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Director Kuhl recommended approval for Addendum #1 with HE-BFS, LLC and Tippecanoe Board of Commissioner for the Tyler Road Reconstruction (HES) Project, Phase II. This design contract is in the amount of \$144,900.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Addendum #1 for the Tyler Road Reconstruction Project, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Director Kuhl requested approval for a Permit to Close a Street in West Point. The West Point United Methodist Churches' request is for a 100 year celebration from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 9, 2007.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Permit to Close a Street in West Point, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

A Permit to Close a road in Benjamin Crossing was also presented for approval. Director Kuhl noted Speedwell Drive, Priest Drive and accompanying alleys will be closed for a block party on September 7 from 5-9 p.m.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the road closing in Benjamin Crossing, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Director Kuhl recommended approval for an ordinance amending Tippecanoe County Code Chapter 72, Schedule III Traffic Schedule regarding stop intersections. This ordinance will change County Road 900 East and County Road 200 South from a two-way stop to a four-way stop.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2007-33-CM second by Commissioner Shedd;

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Shedd	Yes

Ordinance 2007-33-CM passes 3-0 on first reading.

**REZONE – Z-2340; JAMES & ANITA WOOD (GB TO A), ORDINANCE 2007-32-CM**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear Rezone-2340, James & Anita Wood (GB to A), Ordinance 2007-32-CM.

(quote)

August 16, 2007

Ref. No.: 07-389

Tippecanoe County Commissioners  
20 North 3rd Street  
Lafayette, IN 47901

**CERTIFICATION**

**RE: Z-2340—JAMES & ANITA WOOD (GB to A):** Petitioners are requesting rezoning of a 0.65 acre portion of two platted lots (1 & 2 of Smith Rohler Subdivision) located at 3128 SR 25 N, Fairfield 2 (SW) 23-4. CONTINUED FROM THE JUNE APC MEETING AT STAFF'S REQUEST.

Dear County Commissioners:

As Secretary to the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, I do hereby certify that at a public hearing held on August 15, 2007, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County voted 13 yes - 0 no on the motion to rezone the subject real estate from GB to A. Therefore, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County recommends to the Tippecanoe County Commissioners that the proposed rezoning ordinance be APPROVED for the property described in the attachment.

Public Notice has been given that this petition will be heard before the Tippecanoe County Commissioners at their September 4, 2007 regular meeting. Petitioners or their representatives must appear to present their case.

Sincerely,  
Sallie Dell Fahey  
Executive Director  
/s/

(unquote)

Attorney Joe Bumbleberg spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Bumbleberg stated Mr. & Mrs. Wood operate a small business near the Shrine Club on State Road 25. The owners are requesting the property zoning be changed to A in order to use the special exception for the rezone. Mr. Bumbleberg added the Wood's are interested in adding improvements to their business. Their plans are to demolish or move the home currently on the property.

Commissioner Benson acknowledged an email was received concerning this rezone. She questioned whether there was any intent to put on any type of agricultural operation on the land. Mr. Bumbleberg clarified that the agricultural zoning is needed for the special exception zoning. Commissioner Shedd questioned whether or not more driveways would be constructed. Mr. Bumbleberg stated the Woods are not intending on adding driveways to the property and confirmed that any additional driveways will need approval from Indiana Department of Transportation. Commissioner Knochel questioned how the waterway from the culvert on County Road 350E and State Road 25N would be affected by the rezone.

Mr. Bumbleberg implied that the engineer is addressing this situation and the owners are fully aware of the problem.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Shedd	Yes

Ordinance 2007-32-CM passes 3-0.

***CARY HOME – Jason Kniola***

Director Kniola provided job estimates for the move of the modular home to Cary Home. The modular home will be located in the previous position of a single-wide trailer behind Cary Home. Commissioner Benson requested Director Kniola obtain additional quotes to ensure a fair price is paid on each project. The Commissioner's authorized Director Kniola to start excavating once the quotes are received for this job and advised him to accept the lowest quote.

***JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES – Tammy Patrick***

Director Tammy Patrick requested approval to eliminate a full time JAMS Coordinator position. The office has been restructured and her intentions are to have part time fulfill any remaining job duties.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to eliminate the full time JAMS Coordinator position, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***TREASURER – Bob Plantenga***

Treasurer Plantenga requested approval to eliminate the Head Cashier position. In the last six months, the position was re-evaluated and Treasurer Plantenga determined the duties could be fulfilled by the Bankruptcy Clerk. He then intends to use the funds from this position to hire part time staff during tax seasons.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to eliminate the Head Cashier position, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***RECORDER – Oneta Tolle***

Recorded Tolle requested approval of the Redaction Contract with ACS.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract with ACS, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***GRANTS – Laurie Wilson***

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval for a \$50,000 District IV Training Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. This grant will fund training for first responders and receivers in Tippecanoe County. She also requested approval of an Emergency Management Performance grant for a 50% reimbursement of TEMA salaries in the amount of \$58,752.41. She reported the reimbursement was slightly less than requested due to a reduced benefits match across the state.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approved both grants as presented, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***2<sup>nd</sup> READING, ORDINANCE 2007-31-CM; ESTABLISHING PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OF ASSESSORS***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2007-31-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Shedd;

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Shedd	Yes

Ordinance 2007-31-CM passed 3-0 on second reading.

***APPOINTMENT TO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD***

Attorney Luhman reported Pat Corey resigned from the Hospital Authority Board due to a conflict. Commissioner Benson suggested Dan Teder would be willing to serve as a member of the board.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to except the resignation of Pat Corey and appoint Dan Teder to the Hospital Authority Board; motion carried.

***APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the appointment of Betty Michael to a common wage board for the Western Interceptor Sewer, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS***

Commissioner Knochel attended a New Directions meeting and reported the agency is seeking assistance from sources in Tiptecanoe County due to a financial crisis. He implied that New Directions will be requesting assistance from the County Council at the September 11, 2007 meeting. Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson confirmed New Directions received the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the County. She added the first obligation in the grant stipulates the guidelines in the grant must be fulfilled for five years starting on the date of completion. She further added New Directions has until 2010 to perform as required or sell the facility to reimburse the Board of Commissioners.

**Trending**

County Assessor Samantha Steele spoke regarding trending for 2007. Due to an illness, she has not had contact with GnA and will consult with the commissioners when the information is available.

***REPORTS ON FILE***

Park and Recreation Board  
Park and Recreation Foundation

Treasurer  
Weights and Measures

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

None

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**



KD Benson, President

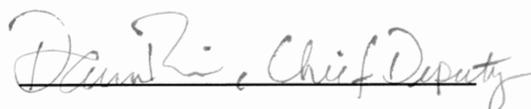


John L. Knochel, Vice President



Ruth E. Shedd, Member

**ATTEST:**



Jennifer Weston, Auditor