

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2019

10:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building  
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present: President David S. Byers, Vice President Tracy A. Brown and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh.

Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary John Thomas.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Byers called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, October 7, 2019.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- III. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett
 

The claims from October 11, 2019 through October 21, 2019, including payroll from October 18, 2019 were recommended for approval without exception.

  - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- IV. **HIGHWAY** – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:
  - A. Contract with USI Consultants Inc
 

Authorization to proceed was given by the Indiana Department of Transportation for the design, right-of-way and construction engineering to replace Bridges #64 and #65 on Lily Road. The cost of the contract is \$214,840 and the County's share is less than \$43,000.

    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  - B. Warranty Deed for Parcels 6, 6A, & 6B (\$33,030) and Temporary Highway Easement Grants for Parcel 6C, 6D, & 6E (\$745), owned by Janice Knotte, for the County Road 500 North at North River Road Project.
    - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the deeds and easements as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
  - C. 3 Year Construction Maintenance Bond for the Pence Business Group Inc. for work in all County Rights-of-Way in the amount of \$5,000.
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the bond as recommended, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- V. **TEMA** – William “Smokey” Anderson:
 

**ORDINANCE 2019-27-CM** Hazardous Materials Response Team

  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to consider ORDINANCE 2019-27-CM on first reading, second by Commissioner Brown.

Attorney Masson stated that the Ordinance updates and consolidates the County Code that addresses the Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Ordinance updates the list of Hazardous Materials, clarifies the billing for outside agency participants, gives the Director more flexibility in appointing the Coordinator of the Team, changes the definition of “responsible party” and specifies reimbursement rates for certain materials in a hazardous materials response.

President Byers called for the vote:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:
 

Commissioner Byers	Aye
Commissioner Brown	Aye
Commissioner Murtaugh	Aye

ORDINANCE 2019-27-CM passes 3-0 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

#### **VI. HUMAN RESOURCES – Shirley Mennen**

Consent to transfer the Wellness for Life Agreement to Proactive MD Management Services. Wellness for Life is entering into a partnership and changing its name. There will be enhanced services but no change in local personnel.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the consent to the transfer as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

#### **VII. RESOLUTION 2019-26-CM**

Surrendering the Custody of the Congressional Township School Fund.

Auditor Plantenga stated that the County Council has passed a similar resolution that allows the County to transfer the Fund to the Treasurer of the State of Indiana and the State will annually distribute the earned interest to the local schools.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

#### **VIII. RESOLUTION 2019-29-CM**

Interest on Self-Insurance Fund

Attorney Masson stated that the Resolution directs the interest from the Self-Insurance Fund be deposited into the General Fund starting January 1, 2020 as discussed during the County Council 2020 budget hearings.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

#### **IX. PROPOSAL FOR CENTRAL OFFICES BUILDING RENOVATION**

A contract with Tecton for the design, bidding and construction services of phase 1 remodeling for the old YMCA building in the amount of \$105,000. Phase 1 construction is for \$1.5 million of the larger total construction project (Tecton Project 899).

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the proposal as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

#### **X. PROPOSAL FOR COURTROOM RENOVATIONS:**

A contract with Tecton for the design, bidding and construction services for the renovation to the Courthouse to add a new court room, rest room and a new jury room in the amount of \$218,300 (Tecton Project 903).

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the proposal as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

#### **XI. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brown introduced the new poll worker contract and oath for the next elections.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the poll workers contract as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

#### **XII. REPORTS ON FILE**

- Tippecanoe County Treasurer
- Tippecanoe County Weights and Measures
- Low Cost Spay and Neuter

#### **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn. President Byers adjourned the meeting.

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE



David S. Byers, President



Tracy A. Brown, Vice-President



Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:



Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 11/4/2019

Minutes prepared by John Thomas, Recording Secretary