

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3, 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 Matthew Salsbery, 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, May 20, 2019.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett
 

The claims from May 21, 2019 through June 3, 2019, including payroll from May 31, 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. **AREA PLAN** – Sallie Fahey presented:
 

A subdivision variance in Barrington Lakes subdivision (currently being platted) is requested to increase the maximum length of a cul-de-sac from 800 feet to 846.97 feet (for Street F). The Board of Commissioners vote is a recommendation to the Plan Commission when they consider the subdivision. Dan Teder, representing the developer, stated that this is part of a large 314 lot subdivision on the east side of Lafayette and the longer cul-de-sac length will allow the lots to more similar in size.

  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the variance as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- V. **HIGHWAY**– Stewart Kline presented and recommended:
  - A. Consulting contract with Crossroad Engineers for right-of-way services on the Yeager Road reconstruction project in the amount of \$16,445.
    - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
  - B. Consulting contract with VS Engineering for preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and relocation for Bridge #32 (located on CR 200 S over South Fork of Wildcat Creek). The contract is for \$260,370 and will use TIF funds.
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  - C. Consulting contract with VS Engineering Inc. for preliminary engineering, permits, utility coordination and construction engineering services for Bridge #53 (located on CR 500 S over Little Wea Creek) in the amount of \$30,800.
    - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
  - D. 3-Year Continuation Certificate with Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Co Inc for \$5,000.
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the certificate as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

E. Supplemental Agreement #2 with Butler, Fairman and Seufert Inc. for the Intersection Safety Improvement Project at CR 500 N and CR 50 W in the amount of \$15,000. It will split out the work with signal improvements this year and lane improvements next year.

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

**VI. PUBLIC DEFENDER** – Jan Payne presented and recommended:

New position be established for a Litigation Assistant. The full-time position was funded in the 2019 budget, but the position has not yet been created. The job description has been rewritten and gone through wage analysis as a COMIT III.

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

**VII. SHERIFF** – Robert Goldsmith presented and recommended:

Approval of a contract with Quality Correctional Care for medical service at the Jail in the amount of \$894,000. They were selected from 3 proposals that were submitted after the RFP was published recently and has been approved by the County's legal counsel.

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

**VIII. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** – Jason Huber presented and recommended:

A grant from the Indiana Department of Corrections in the amount of \$509,132 that extends the existing grant 6 months because the Department is transitioning from a Fiscal Year to a Calendar Year.

- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**IX. YOUTH SERVICES** – Linda Tedder presented and recommended:

Approval of a contract and addendum with Choices Inc to allow Cary Home to be a subcontractor for residential services. There is an additional Terms and Conditions that was recently developed by the County's legal counsel.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract and the addendum with Choices Inc. as presented. Attorney Salsbery recommended that the adoption should be subject to approval by all parties. Commissioner Murtaugh amended his motion to include that recommendation. The motion was second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**X. ORDINANCE 2019-15-CM** – Auditor Bob Plantenga presented and recommended:

Approval on first reading of an ordinance that amends the plat book fees that were recently increased by the State. The state law used to allow up to \$5 for recording a deed or legal description. The law now requires it to be \$10 and be adopted by an Ordinance.

President Byers called for the vote on first reading:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Byers Yes

Commissioner Brown Yes

Commissioner Murtaugh Yes

Ordinance 2019-15-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

President Byers stated that the second reading will be on June 17th.

**XI. COMMISSIONERS** – Tom Murtaugh presented and recommended:

Paradigm Health and Wellness' proposals (2) to provide a ten-month Leadership Training Series for the Community Corrections and Sheriff's Departments. Both Jason Huber and Bob Goldsmith spoke that this would provide in-house training to address the requirements and stresses of their work for the Department's merit and correctional officers. The cost for the Community Corrections would be \$7,200 and the Sheriffs would be \$12,000 with it being paid out of the Health line item of the budget. Commissioner Brown stated that he has filed a conflict disclosure and will be abstaining from the vote.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract as presented, second by President Byers. Motion carried with Commissioner Brown abstaining.

**COMMISSIONERS** – Tracy Brown presented and recommended:

Approval of a contract with Best Way Disposal for recycling. Since recycling now coming to the trash transfer station there is a need for two on-site compactors and hauling.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract as submitted pending agreeing on additional terms and conditions, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XII. APPLICATION TO TIPPECANOE VILLA** for Linda Scurto

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

**XIII. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS** – None**XIV. REPORTS ON FILE**

- Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel
- Tippecanoe County Building Commission

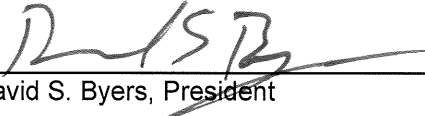
**XV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sally Siegrist reported that Congressman Jim Baird's office is sponsoring a workshop on how to take part in the Veteran's History Project that is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The workshop will be 1½ hours long on June 25 at the YMCA.

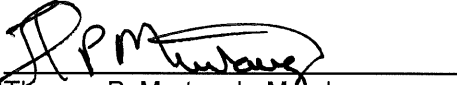
Jim Glatz, in Heritage Estates subdivision, stated that ever since the Health Department acted on sewage leaking into a drainage swale near his house last summer, he has had standing water on his property that cannot be mowed. President Byers stated that the Health, Highway and Surveyor's Departments are present today and that they will get together and see what can be done.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

  
David S. Byers, President

*Absent*  
Tracy A. Brown, Vice-President

  
Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

  
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 6/17/2019

Minutes prepared by John Thomas, Recording Secretary