

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 3, 2018

10:00 am

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

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

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

## I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Monday, November 19, 2018

- Commissioner Byers 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 November 20, 2018 through November 29, 2018, including payroll from November 16 and 30, 2018 were recommended for approval without exception.**

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

## IV. AREA PLAN – Ryan O'Gara presented and recommended:

**RESOLUTION 2018-36-CM** that amends the Comprehensive Plan of Tippecanoe County and updates the land use plan for the Yost Drive Corridor in the western portion of the Town of Dayton and unincorporated Tippecanoe County. The Plan for Dayton was last updated in 1996 and the Town Board requested the APC study and recommend changes.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the resolutions as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

## V. HIGHWAY – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:

A. **Ordinance 2018-25-CM** on second reading, amending the Tippecanoe County Code Chapter 72, Schedules I & III for Traffic Schedules regarding Speed Limits and Stop Intersections.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the resolutions as presented, second by Commissioner Brown.

President Murtaugh asked if there were any questions or comment from the Commission or the public. Hearing none he called for the vote.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Murtaugh	Yes
Commissioner Byers	Yes
Commissioner Brown	Yes

**Ordinance 2018-25-CM** passed with a vote of 3-0 on second and final reading.

B. The following bids were opened by Attorney Masson for the Tippecanoe County Bridge No. 177 project:

1. Atlas Excavating's bid of \$455,908.94

2. Morphe Construction's bid of \$389,000.00
  3. Milestone's bid of \$357,676.70
  4. Rieth Riley's bid of \$282,812.30
- Commissioner Byers moved to take the bids under advisement as recommended, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**VI. HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Dr. Adler and Craig Rich presented and recommended:**

- A. **Resolution 2018-35-CM** to extend the Gateway to Hope Syringe Exchange Program. Dr. Adler provided the following information updating the Commissioners on the program:

- The program began in August 2017 delivering harm reduction services to address a local public health emergency due to rising Hepatitis C infections in Tippecanoe County.
- The Goals of the program are to: reduce the number of new cases of Hep-C, prevent an HIV outbreak, provide for safe disposal of syringes and serve as a path to treatment by linking participants to local drug treatment, health care and social services.
- The three program locations (6<sup>th</sup> Street, with the mobile location at Lincoln Center and IU Health at Greenbush) will be consolidated in 2019 at the offices of the Lafayette Transitional Housing and purchase of a new larger mobile clinic vehicle.
- There have been 337 participants thus far in 2018: 56% were male, ages ranged from 20 to over 60 with most between 30-39, come from all walks of life and many are employed with health insurance.
- A total of 40,585 syringes have been distributed, 62,209 have been collected with 30,112 syringes collected that were not part of the program.
- The return rate (comparing the total number distributed and returned) was 79.1% (compared to 52% last year), and for returning participants it is 98.7% (excludes syringes distributed to new participants) which compares to 80% statewide.
- The program provides testing for HIV, Hep-C, STD, immunizations and have made over 400 referrals for substance abuse treatment as well as having a recovery coach on site.
- There has been a significant decrease in Hep-C cases with 87 so far in 2018, 176 in 2017, 131 in 2016 and 109 in 2015, and HIV cases have also decreased.

Commissioner Byers asked about progress on treatment and Dr. Adler stated that they feel there has been progress and there have been success stories. President Murtaugh and Commissioner Brown asked if the reported numbers are from the County Health Department or are from the Indiana Department Of Health, and Dr. Adler stated that they report the numbers to IDOH and that the 2018 data should be available by March of 2019.

President Murtaugh asked if there were any additional questions or comment from the Commissioners or the public and two people spoke from the audience: Elizabeth Mork who is from the Centennial neighborhood was happy the program is moving and thanked the Commissioners and the Department for finding a new location; and Anthony Huddens, a Purdue student in Pharmacy, provided data on how the syringe service program reduces the cost of public health care.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Brown.

President Murtaugh stated that since he has strong reservations that the program could enable IV drug users he will not vote for the Resolution. Councilmember Brown applauded the effort as one piece of addressing a larger issue and his concern throughout has been for harm reduction.

President Murtaugh called for the vote. There were two in favor with President Murtaugh opposed. Motion carried two to one.

B. **Memorandum of Understanding** was presented by Craig Rich with Lafayette Transitional Housing Center for office space and mobile clinic location for the Gateway To Hope program.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the MOU as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

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

A. Body Camera Purchase Agreement with Utility Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$36,000.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract as presented. There was clarification that data storage is part of the agreement and will not require on site storage in the County's servers. Commissioner Byers second the motion and the motion carried.

B. Financing Agreement with KS State Bank in the amount of \$7,200 annually for five years.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the financing agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**VIII. PROSECUTOR** – Pat Harrington presented and recommended:

Three new Division Chief positions in the office and the elimination of two Supervisor positions.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the creation of three and the elimination of two positions as presented and discussed, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**IX. SURETY BOND RENEWAL** for 2019

Treasurer, Jennifer Marie Weston  
Recorder, Shannon Sue Withers.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve both as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**X. GRANTS** – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:

**Permission to Apply for Grants:**

A. **Youth Services** for a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) grant for up to \$60,000 to continue the: Teen Brain training in cooperation with the Lafayette Police Department, substance abuse and parent/child mediation services as well as the Teen Court/Back on Track individualized programming (July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020). There is no match required by the County.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

B. **Youth Services** from the Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC) for a grant of \$246,637 to cover Juvenile Community Based Programming (day reporting, home based treatment, truancy mediation, School-Justice Partnership and Evidence based groups) (July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020). There is no match required from the County.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

C. **CASA** is applying for three grants to partially fund the existing part-time staff advocate positions. These renewable grants will cover salary, FICA and a small amount for reimbursement of mileage. The three grants are: an Indiana Capacity Grant for \$22,872, the Juvenile Case Assessment and Triage (JCAT)/CASA grant for \$45,000 and \$42,000 from the local CASAs For Kids Fund, Inc

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve applying for the grants as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**Permission to Accept Grants funds:**

- A. **Health Department** grant from the Indiana State Department of Health to continue funding one full time and one part time disease specialist position for the STD Prevention Program. The additional \$111,092 funds the program through March 2020.
- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- B. **County Commissioners** have been awarded a \$50,000 Master Utility Planning Grant to evaluate the potential for centralized water and sewer serve for the Buck Creek, Colburn and Americus area.
- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**Memorandums of Understanding:**

**Youth Services** to renew a contract with the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) to allow Youth Services to bill as a licensed Indiana Residential Treatment Services Provider for children placed by DCS or probation departments. This renewal contract is for one year and shall terminate on December 31, 2019. The original contract with DCS was signed 12/27/2016

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**XI. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Recognition of Ryan Tennessen and Kate Dorriy as being awarded Certified Emergency Managers by the International Association of Emergency Managers whose training was funded by a grant.

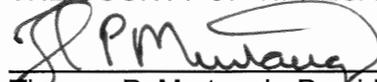
**XII. REPORTS ON FILE**

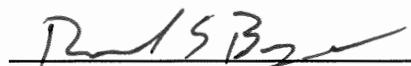
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**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

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

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ATTEST:

  
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 12/17/2018