

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 5, 2018

**Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana
10:00 am**

Commissioners present: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President Dave 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 February 13, 2018 and February 20, 2018.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes as distributed, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

III. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL – Paula Bennett

The claims from February 23, 2018 through March 5, 2018, including payroll from February 23, 2018 were recommended for approval without exception.

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

IV. AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Z-2708 Black Walnut Farms, Inc. (A to R1), Ordinance 2018-08-CM.

- Commissioner Byers moved to hear Ordinance 2018-08-CM, Black Walnut Farms, Inc. (A to R1), second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Nancy Miller, Krista Jessee and attorney Joe Bumbleburg spoke in favor of the rezoning. There was discussion of why the request was being made and the appropriateness of the zoning requested.

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Murtaugh	Nay
Commissioner Byers	Aye
Commissioner Brown	Nay

Ordinance 2018-08-CM is denied with a vote of 2-1.

Z-2717 David C. Kovich (A & R1B to R1A), Ordinance 2018-09-CM.

- Commissioner Byers moved to hear Ordinance 2018-09-CM, David C. Kovich (A & R1B to R1A), second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

The owner's representative, Roger Fine, spoke in favor of the rezoning.

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Byers	Aye
Commissioner Brown	Aye
Commissioner Murtaugh	Aye

Ordinance 2018-09-CM passed with a vote of 3-0.

- V. **BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION** – Christa Coffey, Brian Mangus and Cheryl Craybill. Cheryl Craybill was introduced as one of the new Co-Directors of the Board.

Approval of poll workers oath and contract

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

- VI. **CIRCUIT COURT** – Judge Sean Persin

New position for a full-time court reporter that will work in multiple courts as needed.

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

- VII. **MITTS** – Dave Sturgeon

Tablet Policy Amendment that broadens the definition of a tablet to include other similar devices.

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

- VIII. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** – Jason Huber

Service Agreement with Trash Kans, LLC to reduce trash fees and provide recycling.

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

- IX. **GRANTS** – Sharon Hutchison

Permission to Apply for Grants:

From the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to the Tippecanoe Emergency Management Association for salary reimbursement.

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

From Firehouse Subs to TEMA for purchase of two off-road vehicles to assist in wildfires and off-road rescue.

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

From the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation to TEMA for ballistic protective equipment and triage packs for TEMA and local fire departments.

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

Permission to Accept Grant

From the National Environmental Health Association to the Health Department for a student internship.

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

MOU/Contract

With Kleinpeter Consulting Group LLC to conduct an income survey in the unincorporated areas of Americus, Colburn and Buck Creek.

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

X. HUMAN RESOURCES – Shirley Mennen

A contract with Virta Medical P.C. (represented by William Snyder) for a wellness program to assist county employees with diabetes.

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

XI. UPDATED AGREEMENT FOR FAIRGROUNDS BONDING

An agreement with Financial Services Group for financial assistance with bonding for the fairgrounds renovations project in the amount of \$35,000.

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

XII. RESOLUTIONS

2018-09-CM Modifying the Capital Improvement Plan (Amendment #59) for Local Income Tax Additional Revenue Allocated for Economic Development Purposes. It adds two new projects: the fairground renovations and internal transfers.

- Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

2018-10-CM Amending the Cumulative Capital Tax Improvement Plan for capital outlay expenditures for 2018 and funds existing projects for computer hardware and software, grant contingencies, MITS system hardware, copier leases and repairs and maintenance of County facilities.

- Commissioner Byers moved to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

2018-15-CM Amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan Concerning Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds

- Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

2018-11-CM Approving the Application for Property Tax Abatement for Ludo Fact, USA.

Mr. Butch Huber said the company makes board games, jigsaw puzzles and boxing, and will use the abatement to purchase equipment and hire additional workers.

- Commissioner Byers moved to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

XIII. MOU WITH TAFT STETTINIUS & HOLLISTER LLP

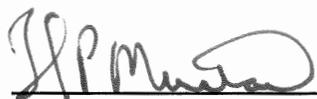
Authorizes joining a lawsuit with other counties and cities, including Lafayette and West Lafayette, regarding the wrongful distribution of prescription opiates. It is a ten-year agreement with no fees if there is no recovery, no reimbursement of litigation expenses if no recovery, and agree to pay 30% of recovery for attorney fees.

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

XIV. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – None**XV. REPORTS ON FILE – None****XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

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

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE



Thomas P. Murtaugh, President



David S. Byers, Vice-President



Tracy A. Brown, Member

ATTEST:



Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 03/19/2018

JEREMY J. ABEHL, CHIEF DEPUTY