

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2016

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President Tracy A. Brown and Commissioner Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Bob Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 29, 2015 - Regular Meeting

January 4, 2016 – Regular Meeting

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held December 29, 2015 and also January 4, 2016 as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS and PAYROLL

Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett recommended the claims from December 29, 2015 through January 19, 2016 and also payroll from January 15, 2016 be approved, without exception.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF

Attorney Masson said the Sheriff contract is the same as last year with only changes to the year from 2015 to 2016. The annual compensation is \$112,075 in lieu of the other fees allowed by Indiana Code.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Sheriff Contract as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

HIGHWAY - Mike Spencer

Acceptance of Street – Raintree Drive – 302.20' in Redwing Subdivision, Part One

Highway Assistant Executive Director Spencer said the Redwing Subdivision Part One was built and bonded in the 1970s and there was not a formal street acceptance for Raintree Drive. Raintree Drive is the first 302 feet from Sharon Chapel Road to the west. He recommended acceptance of Raintree Drive in Redwing Subdivision.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Acceptance of 302.20' of Raintree Drive in Redwing Subdivision, Part One as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Grant of Right-of-Way – Raintree Drive

Assistant Director Spencer recommended acceptance of the Grant of Right-of-Way for Raintree Drive from the end of that section to the end of the cul-de-sac which is an additional 515'.

Commissioner Murtaugh said there are residents who live on Raintree Drive in attendance who would like to comment in regard to the street acceptance.

President Byers invited public comments.

Matt Thompson – 2530 Raintree Dr., West Lafayette – Mr. Thompson said half of Raintree Drive is a county road and the other half isn't. It's a very low traffic road and he encouraged the Commissioners to vote yes.

Shawki Ibrahim – 2550 Raintree Dr., West Lafayette – Mr. Ibrahim described the difficulty of children getting to the bus stop on Sharon Chapel Road and additional problems with the traffic flow for mail and other deliveries. He also encouraged the Commissioners to approve the street acceptance.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Grant of Right-of-Way for Raintree Drive as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Acceptance of Street – Raintree Drive, 515' in Wabash Township, Sec. 23, Township 23 North, Range 5 West

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve acceptance of 515' of Raintree Drive in Wabash Township as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Parcelization Grant of Right-of-Way – Reese & Paula Fruits

Assistant Director Spencer recommended approval of the Grant of Right-of-Way for Reese and Paula Fruits at the corner of 1300 South and 700 East.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Grant of Right-of-Way for Reese and Paula Fruits on East 1300 South as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

3-Year Construction Maintenance Bond – from Superior Structures, Inc. for Liquid Spring Entrance located on CR 400 S & US 52 in the amount of \$5,000

Assistant Director Spencer recommended approval of the 3 year Construction Maintenance Bond from Superior Structures Inc. for a new entrance to the Liquid Spring project on 400 South.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the 3 year Construction Maintenance Bond from Superior Structures, Inc. for the entrance at Liquid Springs on 400 South and US 52 in the amount of \$5,000, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

3-Year Construction Maintenance Bond – from Baseline NXC, LLC for work in the County Right-of-Way in the amount of \$5,000

Assistant Director Spencer recommended approval of a Construction Maintenance Bond from Baseline NXC, LLC for underground fiber optic installation in the county right-of-ways.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the 3 year Construction Maintenance Bond for Baseline NXC, LLC for work in the county right-of-ways in the amount of \$5,000, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried

3-Year Maintenance Bond – from Fairfield Contractors, Inc. for Tippecanoe County Culverts SHF201 and WEA303 Replacement Project

Assistant Director Spencer recommended approval of a Maintenance Bond from Fairfield Contractors for work completed on Culverts SHF201 and WEA303. Both projects are complete.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the 3 year Maintenance Bond from Fairfield Contractors, Inc. as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PROSECUTOR - Pat Harrington

2 Deputy Prosecutor (existing job description) positions

1 Legal Assistant (existing job description) position

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to remove the request off the table, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Prosecutor Harrington requested approval of three additional staff due to the increase of crime and specifically the number of reports required in the Prosecutor's office. In 2015, the number of cases reviewed was 7,660; a 14% increase and an all-time high. Officers now have body cameras which are running 24/7, in addition to the car cameras that were on some vehicles. Within the next month or two, Lafayette Police will go online with 110 body cameras. Every video from the body cameras must be reviewed before filing and providing it to the defense attorney. The original of the video is given to the judge; it is not touched by the Prosecutor office. Prosecutor Harrington gave an example of how an occurrence of public intoxication has become more time intensive for his office. Previously, it would involve one officer without a camcorder and a five-eight page report; now it includes two officers with cameras running from the moment they arrive on the scene until the person is booked into jail/taken to the hospital or whatever is needed. The labor time in his office is extreme. The positions will be dedicated to handling the videos.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the creation of two Deputy Prosecutor positions - Special Occupation and one Legal Assistant at a Comot 4 level as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES - Rebecca Humphrey

Juvenile Alternatives: 2016-2017 Department of Correction Grant Funding

Youth Services Director Humphrey requested permission to apply for the 2016-2017 Department of Correction Grant in the amount of \$246,637. The amount doesn't change and will end June 30, 2016. The funding is the annual amount for Community Corrections for Juvenile to support the day reporting, home detention programs, and some of the evidence based groups.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve permission to apply for the 2016-2017 Department of Corrections grant funding as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

GRANTS - Sharon Hutchison

Permission to Accept Grant

Grant Facilitator Hutchison requested permission to accept the following grant:

HEALTH: Up to \$6,000 from the National Environmental Public Health Internship Program. Tippecanoe County is one of 30 to receive the grant which will support environmental health students during the summer of 2016 for the Health Department. There is no cost to the County.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve acceptance of the grant in the amount of up to \$6,000 from the National Environmental Public Health Internship Program as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

AUDITOR- Bob Plantenga
Continuing Disclosure Filings

Auditor Plantenga said annually the County is required to disclose the financial status for any carried bonds; mainly the jail. Financial Solutions Group (FSG)/Greg Guerrettaz have been hired the past few years to prepare and file the report. FSG is recognized as an independent municipal advisor by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and a certified continuing disclosure agent by the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board (MSRB). Auditor Plantenga requested approval of the agreement with FSG to prepare and file the report.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the agreement with FSG for continuing disclosure filings in the amount of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

President Byers stated Pam Gramelspacher has been appointed to the Battle Ground Water Conservancy District as a new Director.

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will be on file in the Commissioners' office.

- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel (November and December)
- Treasurer
- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

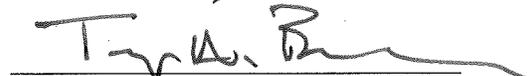
PUBLIC COMMENT

As there were no public comments, Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

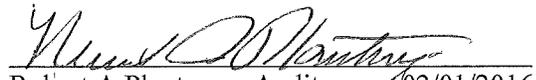
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ATTEST:


Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 02/01/2016

Minutes prepared by Tillie Hennigar, Auditor Administrative Assistant

