

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 18, 2015**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President David S. Byers and Commissioner Tracy A. Brown. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Bob Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 4, 2015

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 4, 2015, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL**

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for May 6 through May 18, 2015 and payroll vouchers for May 8, 2015 as presented without exception, second by Commissioner Byers.

Auditor Plantenga said there is one claim for out-of-state travel. The County employee traveled to a conference on April 18 through 21 and extended the stay for the weekend. There was no meal reimbursement claimed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; however, there was a meal reimbursement claim for the \$25.00 daily limit on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Auditor Plantenga said if the employee had receipts to turn in for the 22<sup>nd</sup>, it could be approved.

- Commissioner Byers moved to amend the previous motion and approve the accounts payable vouchers for May 6 through May 18, 2015 with the exception of one claim in the amount of \$25.00 on April 25. Payroll vouchers for May 8, 2015 are approved, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the motion as amended, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

**HIGHWAY - Opal Kuhl**

**Bridge #4001- Opening of Bids**

Highway Director Kuhl said the bids are for Bridge #4001, the bridge over North River Road, west of Harrison Bridge.

Attorney Masson opened the two submitted bids.



- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract for Jail Medical Services with Quality Correctional Care as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

### **Jail Paving Project**

Sheriff Richard said Commissioner Brown started the negotiation for the jail paving project in the fall of 2014. Commissioner Brown added that Milestone Contractors provided the lowest quote at \$132,800 to mill off and replace some of the pavement installed in 1989/1990 and add a top coat to the pavement installed during the 2003 renovation.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the quote with Milestone Contractors for the Jail paving project as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT- *Craig Rich***

#### **ORDINANCE 2015-12-CM - Health Data Collection and Reporting (Syndromic Surveillance) – *first reading***

- Commissioner Brown moved to hear Ordinance 2015-12-CM Health Data Collection and Reporting, second by Commissioner Byers.

Health Department Director Rich said earlier this year the Marion County Health Department contacted Tippecanoe County and also Hendricks County to participate in a grant for Health Data Collection and Reporting. The two counties were chosen because they have an Epidemiologist on staff. By participating, the Ordinance allows Tippecanoe County to receive health data real time at the same time it is sent to the State. Health data is described to mean “data related to symptoms and health syndromes from outbreaks or suspected outbreaks of diseases or other health conditions that may be a danger to public health”. There is no cost to Tippecanoe County and the State will provide training. Attorney Masson said the Ordinance does not require health care providers or other entities to collect new health data.

President Murtaugh invited public input in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance. There were none.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Murtaugh	Aye
Byers	Aye
Brown	Aye

Ordinance 2015-12-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS- *Dave Heath***

#### **Acceptance of DOC Grant in the amount of \$933,564**

Community Corrections Director Heath said a grant has been awarded to Community Corrections in the amount of \$933,564. Within 90 days, due to House Bill 1006, a supplement to the grant will be given. Director Heath said he provided three scenerios: 1) hire three people; 2) hire six people; and 3) hire 13 people with ranges from over \$200,000, \$400,000, and \$800,000 increase in the grant. There is \$5 million additional dollars available for the coming fiscal year and \$20 million for the following year (for the entire state). The additional funding is available July 1 but will take approximately 90 days to make recommendations and distribute. As of January 1, 2016, DOC will no longer accept Level 6 felons.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the DOC grant for Community Correction in the amount of \$933,564 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

*VILLA - DeAnna Sieber and Shirley Mennen*

**New Position**

Villa Director Sieber requested the position at the Villa for a dishwasher be changed from part time to full time. Prior to 2010, the position was full time; however, when the position became vacant, it was filled with part time employees. Currently, four part time employees are utilized. Since 2010, 15 part time people have passed through the position. Director Sieber suggested the two part time positions be changed to a full time position. An additional appropriation would be necessary for 2015. One part time person works during breakfast only and one other part time person would be kept to fill in for the full time person's day off. Human Resource Director Mennen said the annual salary for the dishwasher position is \$26,028 - \$.50 an hour more than what is paid to part time but additional hours and benefits would be paid.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the full time position for a dishwasher at the Villa as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

*YOUTH SERVICES/JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES - Rebecca Humphrey*

**Permission to accept DOC Grant**

Cary Home Director Humphrey requested permission to accept a grant for Juvenile DOC in the amount of \$246,637 for 2015-2016, beginning July 1.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve acceptance of the DOC Grant in the amount of \$246,637 for 2015-2016 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***RESOLUTION 2015-14-CM - Appointing Members to the Battle Ground Conservancy District***

Attorney Masson said the Battle Ground Conservancy District was created in 1977 by order of the Circuit Court. The directors are elected each year; however, if the district fails to conduct an election, an interested party may petition the Commissioners to appoint a director. A petition has been received from Kerry J. Smith requesting director appointment for representation of Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The following individuals are appointed to fill the vacancies:

- Area 1: Steve Hancock
- Area 2: Bob Taylor
- Area 3: Andrea Agree
- Area 4: Kerry Smith
- Area 5: Shauna Summers
- Area 6: Kenny Longest

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Resolution 2015-14-CM appointing members to the Battle Ground Conservancy District as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

***LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT - WAGGONER, IRWIN, SCHEELE AND ASSOC., INC.***

President Murtaugh said the Letter of Engagement is due to the wage study talked about at the last meeting. As proposed, the amount is not to exceed \$13,460, based on an hourly rate \$125 for the principle; \$85 an hour for the senior consultant; and \$45 an hour for a consultant.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Letter of Engagement with Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele as presented, second by Commissioner Byers.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS - none**

**REPORTS ON FILE**

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

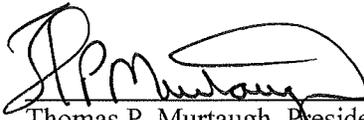
- Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel
- Public Library

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

  
Thomas P. Murtaugh, President

  
David S. Byers, Vice President

  
Tracy A. Brown, Member

ATTEST:

  
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 06/02/2015

