

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2015

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, August 3, 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, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar. Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett was absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 20, 2015

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 20, 2015, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for July 22 through August 3, 2015 and payroll vouchers for July 31, 2015 as presented without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES - Rebecca Humphrey

Contracts for Law Enforcement Officers for Community Policing Project through Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Cary Home Director Humphrey said a grant was received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and part of the grant will provide community policing and engagement with youth. Several contracts are for Lafayette Police Department officers who will be doing the community policing.

- The Grant Administration Agreements are provided for: Terry M. Bordenet, Ryan L. Carlisle, Kevin Michael Cooney, Alexander David Dehr, Casey M. Frazier, Jay E. Rosen, Austin Schutter, Scott Swick, John Townsend, Brandon Wesley Withers, John A. Yestrebsky, Michael A. Zambon.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contracts for law enforcement officers for the Community Policing Project through Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

**Contracts (five) for Mental Health Professionals through Safe Place Funding
 Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement**

Director Humphrey said the Safe Place Funding grant covers a youth running away. If the youth goes to a safe place, then licensed mental health therapists are dispatched to go and talk to the child and work with the family to get the youth back into their home with a safety net and not be arrested for runaway and not end up in the Intake Center. Director Humphrey presented a Conflict of Interest for herself as she is one of the licensed mental health therapists for crisis intervention with the Safe Place Funding/youth runaway

program. All of the mental health therapists are County employees; however, the runaway program is off the clock and a separate funding situation. Attorney Masson said Director Humphrey is required to sign the Conflict of Interest because she is one of the contracting parties.

- The five Profession Services Agreements are for Rebecca Humphrey, Brittany Ouellette, Devon Moore, Alisha Phillips, and Lindsey Wright.
- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the Conflict of Interest Statement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the five agreements for Mental Health Professionals through Safe Place Funding as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Elimination of full-time position in Juvenile Alternatives
Creation of regular part-time position in Juvenile Alternatives
Elimination of part-time regular position in Cary Home
Creation of full-time position in Cary Home

Director Humphrey said Juvenile Alternatives had a full-time position and a Cary Home had a part-time position. Cary Home needed a full-time staff member and Juvenile Alternatives required less hours so the two positions were swapped to accommodate both departments. No additional funds are necessary.

- Commissioner Byers moved to eliminate the full-time position in Juvenile Alternatives and the creation of a regular part-time position in Juvenile Alternatives as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.
- Commissioner Byers moved to eliminate the part-time position in Cary Home and the creation of a full-time position in Cary Home as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

GRANTS- Sharon Hutchison
Permission to Accept Grant

Grant Facilitator Hutchison requested permission to accept a grant for Superior Court 3 and also a grant for Juvenile Probation, both in the amount of \$3,000; both grants are from the Drug Free Coalition. Superior Court 3 will use the grant funds for substance abuse assessments and Juvenile Probation will use the grant funds for spice drug screens.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve permission to accept two grants from the Drug Free Coalition. One grant is for Superior Court 3 in the amount of \$3,000 and one is for Juvenile Probation in the amount of \$3,000, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

MOU/Contract

Grant Facilitator Hutchison presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Superior Court 3 and Buck Black. Mr. Black provides substance abuse assessments for youth in order to receive recommendations for treatment and/or services. Mr. Black is a certified substance abuse therapist; youth have no other option for obtaining substance abuse evaluations. Funding is paid through the Drug Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County from August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the MOU between Superior Court 3 and Buck Black as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

AREA PLAN – Sallie Fahey and Cindy Murray

Request to rename CR 450 E between US 52 and CR 450 S to Turbine Trail/CR 450 E

Area Plan Director Fahey displayed slides of County Road 450 East between US 52 and County Road 450 South in the industrial expansion area. The request is to rename the road in honor of the GE plant being built. CR 450 E is partly in the City and partly in the County; the City Board of Works has already approved their portion and Director Fahey requested the County portion be approved today. The City will realign the road to come in at a right angle; making it a safer intersection. Highway Director Opal Kuhl said she is okay with the name change except CR 450 is a major north/south road – if it is changed to just Turbine Trail, it will be too confusing. Director Kuhl requested the name be Turbine Trail/CR 450 E; the requested name was okay with the City.

Cindy Murray, City Clerk and Mayor's Youth Council Advisor said the renaming came about with the realignment of CR 450. She and the kids met with the Project Manager from GE who shared a video about GE and all they manufactured. In addition to Turbine Trail there were some great ideas for the road renaming such Propulsion Pathway, Edison Way, and Aviation Lane. Four to five names were submitted to Area Plan allowing the kids to experience how government works and the steps that are necessary for approval such as going through the Post Office, 911, and Area Plan. The Board of Works approved the name last week and she requested the support of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Byers verified the road will carry two names; similar to Veterans Memorial which some still call 350 South. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if the one residence on the road will change their address. Director Fahey said notification will be sent and the resident will have a year to change if necessary – it may not matter to the Post Office or utility companies.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the renaming of County Road 450 East to Turbine Trail/County Road 450 East, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

HIGHWAY - Opal Kuhl

Awarding of Bids- Culvert SHF201 and Culvert WEA303 Replacement Contract

Highway Director Kuhl recommended the acceptance of the low bid from Fairfield Contractors in the amount of \$232,125.74 for the culvert replacement project of SHF201 and WEA303.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bid submitted by Fairfield Contractors in the amount of \$232,125.74 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

**Letter of Understanding- Unofficial Local Detour for SR26 Bridge Deck Overlay, Indiana
Department of Transportation and Tiptecanoe County**

Director Kuhl presented a Letter of Understanding for an Unofficial Local Detour for a bridge deck overlay on State Road 26, almost to the West County Line. The detour roads are CR 925 W, CR 350 N and CR 650 W; the agreement will cover reimbursement for damage to the roads due to the detour.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Letter of Understanding with INDOT as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Construction Maintenance Bond - Dwenger Excavating Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to work in the right-of-way at West 250 North

Director Kuhl presented a Construction Maintenance Bond from Dwenger Excavating Contractors in the amount of \$5,000 for work in the right-of-way of CR 250 North.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Maintenance Bond from Dwenger Excavating Contractors in the amount of \$5,000 for work on CR 250 North as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2015-17-CM, Determining to Sell Real Estate on 450 North
RESOLUTION 2015-18-CM, Determining to Sell Real Estate on Grant Road**

Attorney Masson said Resolution 2015-17-CM and Resolution 2015-18-CM are determining to sell real estate on 450 North and Grant Road. There is a process set up by Indiana Code for the County to sell property to abutting property owners. In this particular case, Samuel Brown approached the Highway Department and asked about the process for acquiring some remnants of land abutting his properties. The Assessor looked at the property and valued the 450 N property of .226 acres at \$500 and the Grant Road property of .098 acres at \$200. The Resolutions represent the Commissioners determination of a combination of the highest and properties best use of the property - go to the abutting landowner or that the pieces of property costs the County more to own the properties than they are worth to the County. The Resolutions allow the publication of a notice of intent to sell the pieces of property within ten days of the meeting, followed by ten days to receive bids. If more than one bid is received, negotiation will take place between the bidders. If no other bids are received, a final price can be negotiated with the abutting landowner of not less than the appraised value. President Murtaugh asked if the bids need accepted at a meeting. Attorney said if any bids come in (to the Auditor's office), negotiations can be handled outside of a meeting.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Resolution 2015-17-CM Determining to Sell Real Estate on 450 North and Resolution 2015-18-CM Determining to Sell Real Estate on Grant Road as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

BOARD OF ELECTION and VOTER REGISTRATION - Christa Coffey
Hardware Maintenance Agreement

Clerk Coffey requested approval of a Hardware Maintenance Agreement in order to have the voting equipment serviced prior to the 2016 Presidential election cycle. The Council approved the appropriation in July.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the hardware maintenance agreement with Governmental Business Systems in the amount of \$19,915.00 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSION - Mike Wolfe
Hearing on Unsafe Building at 1918 North 500 West, West Lafayette
Opening of Bids for demolition of unsafe building at 1918 North 500 West, West Lafayette

Building Commissioner Wolfe announced that the property at 1918 North 500 West in West Lafayette owned by Onias Taluwinga was 99% demolished when he completed an inspection last Friday; a hearing

is no longer necessary. He provided pictures showing two small foundation walls that were to be removed last Friday.

Building Commissioner Wolfe said he received two bids. Attorney Masson read the bids.

- Central Indiana Drainage, 1132 W 750 N, West Lafayette 47906 - \$7,600.00
- Osborn Farms, 8536 E 1000 S, Clarks Hill - \$6,975.00

- Commissioner Byers moved to decline awarding a bid as the service is no longer needed, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – none

REPORTS ON FILE – none

PUBLIC COMMENT

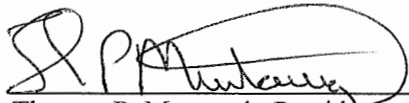
Health Department Director Craig Rich introduced Paul Gardiner, a student from the Dublin Institute of Technology who is completing an Internship/Job Share with the County and Purdue University.


Sam Brown - 9020 Grant Brown, Battle Ground, IN 47920 – Mr. Brown thanked the Commissioners, Attorney Masson, and the Highway Department for their service and the time and effort put forth on the real estate on 450 North and Grant Road.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

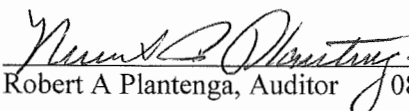
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