TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2012

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Commissioner David S. Byers. Also present were: Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

President Murtaugh welcomed the students from McCutcheon High School's government class.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 2, 2012, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for July 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, and 16, 2012 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

AWARD OF BIDS FOR FAIRGROUNDS AC PROJECT

Mike Witteveen of Tecton Construction Management, Inc. summarized the bid packages for the fairgrounds project as adding air conditioning for the Home Economics and Exhibit buildings and three phase service to the entire campus. Bid package #1 is for general trades and the low bidder is Shepler Construction Company in the amount of $35,060. Bid package #2 is for mechanical and the low bidder is Eberhardt Heating & Cooling in the amount of $97,964. Bid package #3 is for electric and the low bidder is Shepler Construction Company in the amount of $20,345. An additional $10,000 is added for General Conditions and a Contingency of $20,000, making the total for the project $191,369.

Commissioner Byers said the bids were lower than estimated for the project.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the bids for package #1, #2 , and #3 with the General Conditions and Contingency for the fairgrounds project as presented, second by Commissioner Byers with the addition of the acceptance of Alternate #1 and #2; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl
Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with City of Lafayette

Director Kuhl said State Road 25 will become Old State Road 25 and a county highway when the Hoosier Heartland is completed. Since the traffic signal at 300 N and State Road 25 is the only county traffic signal, an agreement has been entered into with the City of Lafayette to maintain the traffic signal. The agreement was written by Attorney Luhman and reviewed for the city by Attorney Ed Chosnek. Attorney Luhman said there is a flat rate for ordinary maintenance; time and material will be added beyond ordinary maintenance and the rates are set forth in the agreement.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the traffic signal maintenance agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Contract Modification #4 – Hog Point Bridge #151

Director Kuhl presented a contract modification for bridge #151, Hog Point Bridge on Pretty Prairie Road. The change includes a farm fence to block access to the river in the amount of $2,750 and a pipe gate to prevent access to the pipe in the amount of $500. The adjusted contract amount is $2,652,224.22.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the contract modification as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Acceptance of Hot-In-Place Recycling Bid

Director Kuhl requested approval to accept the bid for Hot-In-Place Recycling from Gallagher Asphalt Corporation. The bid is $3.82 per yard and includes 66,000 square yards at a cost of $252,120. Two locations will be included, CR500 N from CR500 W to Morehouse Road and CR600 N from CR50 W to Battle Ground town limits.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the bid as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Finance Contract

Director Kuhl requested approval of a financing contract with Rodkey Brothers Inc. for a tractor which was purchased for mowing. The tractor cost is $28,500 and $4,500 was applied for a trade-in. The contract finance amount of $24,000 will be paid over three years.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the financing contract with Rodkey Brothers as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in the amount of $68,925 from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program. It is a continuing grant program for the HAZ MAT Conference training expenses covering registration, airfare, lodging, and rental car. A 20% match is required which will be paid by the agency for the salary time of the participant. The grant is for Tippecanoe County and includes Lafayette and Purdue Fire and TEMA volunteers involved with HAZ MAT.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to apply for the LEPC grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for CASA from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) for continuation of the VOCA grant in the amount of $25,959 with a match of $6,490.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to apply for the CASA grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for TEMA in the amount of $15,000 from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for continuation of the Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS) project. Tippecanoe County has completed over 30 assessments in the current grant cycle which is more than any other county in the state. Some counties are not using the money allocated for the project so the money is being reallocated to Tippecanoe County. It is a district-wide project involving structures such as the courthouse, schools, and industrial facilities. The assessment includes online drawings, pictures, and additional information to assist during an incident at the specific location.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to apply for a grant for TEMA as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for TEMA for $18,000 from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for District 4 Task Force GIS/technical equipment. The grant is a pilot program for Task Force training and equipment to enable IT and GIS capabilities.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to apply for the TEMA grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for the Health Department in the amount of $65,427.73 from the Indiana State Department of Health for Local Health Department Trust Account. The grant is an annual continuation grant, formerly the Tobacco Trust Grant.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to apply for the Health Department grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

REGION 4 WORKFORCE BOARD PRESENTATION – Roger Feldhaus

Executive Director Roger Feldhaus presented the Commissioners with a handout and provided an update from the Region 4 Workforce Board and the WorkOne program. He introduced representatives from the Workforce Board as Randy Vernon; Ruth Hooker with Experience Works; Chris Cohee, Regional Coordinator for WorkOne activities; and Julie Hackerd, Training Facilitator. The Advancing Manufacturing initiative, which the County supports, has approximately 70 people in the employment opportunity program. One class graduated last month and two classes are graduating today. The Youth Council initiative provides information through schools and publications identifying career opportunities in health care and manufacturing industries for those entering the work force for the first time. The Regional Board is entering into a partnership with Indiana Conexus, a group promoting the opportunities

within the state in the manufacturing and logistics industry. They work with secondary education to incorporate the manufacturing skill standard certification program to the curriculum and introduce school faculty, staff, parents, and students to the opportunities in manufacturing and logistics careers. A National campaign called *"Dream It, Do It"* introduces the new age of manufacturing.
Julie Hackerd shared stories of three unemployed individuals she has personally assisted in returning to the work force. She thanked the Commissioners for their support. Director Feldhaus discussed the Regional Per Capita Personal Income by County handout. One of the end goals of public investment in workforce development in education is to increase the earned income of the county. During the five year period from 2004 to 2009, the per capita personal income for Tippecanoe County residents increased from $26,599 to $30,056. The state income average during the same period increased from $30,619 to $33,363. In 2010, earned income for residents of Tippecanoe County was over $39,000 which is higher than the state average. Through the year ending June 30, 2011, $1,167,305 was received from the grant providing income and training services for Tippecanoe County residents. Over 9,000 individuals received services through the WorkOne center due to the grant. A copy of the annual report was made available and Director Feldhaus invited the Commissioners to the Regional Local Elected Officials and Local Economic Development meetings in September. The Workforce Investment Board annual meeting will be in held in Kokomo in November.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TASK ORDER #2 – Frank Cederquist

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist said Task Order #2 grants permission for ADA Consultants of Indiana to conduct an ADA Compliance Facility Evaluation at Cary Home for Children. The total estimated cost is $13,635 which includes evaluation, code research, and a report.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the ADA Task Order #2 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPLICATIONS TO VILLA

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the applications to the Villa for Timothy Wade Grimes and Florence K. Peter, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

President Murtaugh said Tippecanoe County, Allen County, and Marion County have been selected as pilot counties for video transcription. Superior Court 3 with Judge Rush will be participating in the program to video tape actual court proceedings. The video tape will be the official public record, eliminating written transcripts and saving money for the county. The program begins August 1 as a test program.

President Murtaugh said the burn ban continues in Tippecanoe County and also in 85 Indiana counties.

REPORTS ON FILE

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

Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel
Central Mail and Duplicating
Building Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Wright – 4523 S. County Line Rd. W., West Point – Mr. Wright directed his comments to the McCutcheon students. He encouraged them to get involved with government, become gainfully employed, and pay close attention to where their money goes.

Commissioner Byers said local government officials, including the Commissioners pay the same taxes as all other taxpayers. Tippecanoe County is one of the most stable counties in the state with one of the lowest tax rates. Tippecanoe County is very solvent due to the close watch by the local government.

President Murtaugh said one of the functions of county government is to collect property taxes for all residents in the county but the money is then distributed to several entities such as schools, libraries, cities, and towns. As an example, local schools receive 60-70% of the collected taxes.

- With no additional public comments, Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor 8-6-2012