

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2006**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2006 Special Meeting as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston recommended approval of the Accounts Payable Vouchers through March 20th with the exception of #2922 in the amount of \$130 to the Indianapolis Indians unless it is shown to valid.

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers with the exception of Voucher #2922, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Executive Director Opal Kuhl

Intergovernmental Agreement with Town of Shadeland: Bridge U-209 & Relocation and Improvement of 200 S

Ms Kuhl presented for approval the Intergovernmental Agreement for the design and construction of a replacement of Bridge U-209 including 500' approaches on either side. The Town of Shadeland will do the roadwork. Jeff Findley, Shadeland Town Board President, expressed his appreciation for the County's efforts to reach this Agreement.

Attorney Luhman summarized the Intergovernmental Agreement that deals with the replacement of Bridge U-209, commonly known as Lilly Bridge, and its relocation 485' south of its current location. The County will build the bridge and approaches and the Town will build the relocated road. The Agreement also addresses the County's plans to rehab two other bridges on Lilly Road in the future.

President Knochel commented this is an example of two government entities that have worked together to accomplish an improvement for the Town of Shadeland.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Tippecanoe County and the Town of Shadeland for the replacement and relocation of Bridge U-209 and road improvements, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

President Knochel recognized Vincent Kochert, Lilly Public Affairs Administrator, who thanked the Commissioners and the Town of Shadeland for working together to reach an agreement regarding the best way to replace the approximately 50 year old Bridge U-209. He said moving the bridge further south to allow the existing entrance to remain and addressing traffic flow and safety were definite advantages for Lilly.

Since Mr. Kochert is leaving Tippecanoe Labs, he introduced his replacement, Laura Downey, who has been at Lilly for five years and is a Senior Human Resources Representative. Ms Downey is a Purdue University graduate with a background in Marketing as well as Veterinary Medicine.

Request for Qualifications: Engineering Services

Ms Kuhl said they will be sending Requests for Qualifications for professional engineering services to engineering firms. The Statements of Qualifications will be due April 3, 2006.

Award Bid: Truck Mounted Paint Striping Machine: Opened 3/6/2006

Ms Kuhl recommended awarding the bid to Kelly-Creswell Co., Inc. with the low bid of \$129,999.

Commissioner Shedd moved to award the Truck Mounted Paint Striping Machine Bid to Kelly-Creswell Co., Inc., seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Continuation Certificate: Bond #B80399006: American Suburban Utilities

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept one (1) year Continuation Certificate for Bond #B80399006 in the amount of \$5,000 for American Suburban Utilities, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

- Commissioner Shedd moved to certify there are no (0) covered bridges in Tippecanoe County, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT: Adult Guardianship & Advocacy Program (AGAP) Coordinator Richard Richardson

Mr. Richardson requested approval of this Sponsorship Agreement between the Board of Commissioners, Circuit Court, and Family Services to conduct the swearing-in ceremony of Officers of the Court for AGAP at 6:00 P.M., April 18, 2006 in the Courthouse. Mr. Richardson said AGAP volunteers serve as limited guardians and advocates for adults 18 and over.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Sponsorship Agreement for the Adult Guardianship & Advocacy Program and authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT: Child Abuse Prevention

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Sponsorship Agreement between the Board of Commissioners, CASA, and Tippecanoe Chapter-Child Abuse Prevention that will allow a Proclamation Ceremony at Noon, April 5, 2006 on the Courthouse lawn and the display of blue ribbons on posts, columns, and banisters around the Courthouse square from April 1 through April 30, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CARY HOME: Annual Report: Interim Executive Director Karah Rawlings

Ms Rawlings presented the 2005 Annual Report that showed 230 families were served compared to 211 in 2004. The length of stay in the RTC and YES units decreased by 12 days which shows the youth are getting through the programs and back into the community more quickly. Financially, Cary Home was approximately 78% self sufficient in 2005.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept Cary Home's 2005 Annual Report, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to officially appoint Karah Rawlings as Interim Executive Director at Cary Home, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

DARK FIBER LEASE AGREEMENT: Indiana Datapipe, LLC: MITS Executive Director Diane Hawkins

Mrs. Hawkins presented the 20 year Lease Agreement with Indiana Datapipe, LLC for fiber for IT and voice between TCOB and the 629 Building. Grant funds received by Emergency Management (TEMA) were used to make the two (2) lease payments of \$10,800 each. The maintenance cost will be \$1 per day.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Dark Fiber Lease Agreement with Indiana Datapipe, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

TIPPECANOE VILLA APPLICATIONS

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept applications to the Tippecanoe Villa for Terry Ted Clingerman, Elvin K. Bird, James Smith Frazer, Julia Marlene White, and Jack L. Kauffman, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CONTRACT: LCC, EPICS Team, & Tippecanoe County: Jane McCann, LCC (Lafayette Crisis Center) and Ben Block, Purdue University EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service) Team

Mr. Block requested permission to place a stand-alone kiosk in the Courthouse to provide referral information for various community resources such as Suicide Prevention, Food Pantry, and Rape Consulting. He said they already have a kiosk located in the Tippecanoe County Public Library and they would like to add a second one in the Courthouse near the public terminals.

Ms McCann said the Crisis Center serves Tippecanoe and surrounding counties with a 24 hour listening line for crisis intervention, suicide prevention, and referrals to community resources. Their data base includes local not-for-profit organizations, government services, and community organizations that might provide help to people in need. The kiosk will provide telephone access to these organizations but, if they are not available, the phone will ring into the Crisis Center.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Contract between the LCC, EPICS Team, and Tippecanoe County for location of a kiosk in the Courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Benson.

Commissioner Benson commended the EPICS Team for choosing this project and partnering with the Crisis Center.

President Knochel asked Attorney Luhman how the placement of the kiosk fits in with the County's Courthouse Policy. Attorney Luhman said it is appropriate because it supplements what the offices in the Courthouse are already doing. He said, because it is common for a judge to refer a defendant to one of the agencies that will be located on the system, that person will be provided with immediate access by telephone.

- The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Juvenile Center**

President Knochel appointed Commissioner Shedd to work on the RFQ (Request for Quote) for a Juvenile Center that will be sent to architects. He appointed Commissioner Benson to work with our legislators on legislation to enable a local option tax to augment funding for operational costs of a Juvenile Center.

Concerning the location of a Juvenile Center, President Knochel reported the Commissioners have received numerous e-mails and phone calls regarding the number of existing vacant buildings in the community that could be possible locations for a juvenile facility. Commissioner Shedd contacted Lafayette School Corporation Superintendent Ed Eiler but was told the Corporation already has plans for using the vacant school buildings. Commissioner Benson made preliminary contact with GLHS (Greater Lafayette Health Services) regarding the two hospital buildings that will be vacated if GLHS builds one new facility. Vacant ground has been investigated for possible purchase but he said the Commissioners are not close to choosing a site.

REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

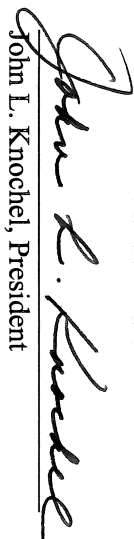
None.

Commissioner Benson thanked representatives of USI, who were present, for their estimates for Bridge U-209 work.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

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John L. Knochel, President


Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President


KD Benson, Member

ATTEST:


Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor