

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President John L. Knochel and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the January 25 and April 7, 2008 meetings, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers for April 10, 11, 17, 18, 21, 2008 as submitted without exception.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Mike Spencer

Approval was requested for Addendum #1 to the HE-BFS, LLC & Tippecanoe County agreement for Bridge #210, Phase II.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Addendum #1 between HE-BFS, LLC and Tippecanoe County, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Street Acceptance was recommended for Park 350 Subdivision, Section One with an accompanying Maintenance Bond.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets and the Maintenance Bond as requested, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A permit to close a road for Purdue University and Ivy Tech for the United Way Race was recommended for approval. The race will take place on May 31, 2008 from 7 a. m. until 12 p. m. and will close Stadium Avenue, Cherry Lane and McCormick Street.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the permit to close a road, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Continuation Certificate for Vectren Energy was presented for approval with a Utility Maintenance Bond.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Continuation Certificate with the Utility Maintenance Bond, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC WAY – Jeff Helmerick

Jeff Helmerick, attorney for the petitioner, requested permission to advertise a petition for vacation of a public way. A public hearing was requested for May 19, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. for Lafayette Street in Americus.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant permission to advertise the petition for vacation of a public way and the public hearing, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH DLZ – Eric Ratts

Attorney Luhman gave details regarding the contract with DLZ for the Juvenile Center. The contract will include program verification, preliminary design, site master plan and schematic design. He confirmed the commissioners will have the opportunity to extend the contract for the remaining design phases. The fees are: \$10,000 for program verification, \$125,000 for preliminary design, \$20,000 for the site master plan, and \$125,000 for schematic design.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract with DLZ, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 9:00 a. m. with DLZ for discussion of the master plan for the Duncan Road property.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Rebecca Humphrey reported the charette design exercise held on April 9 & 10, 2008 was successful. She anticipates an initial design plan available in late April. The Phase I, Environmental Study has been completed on the Duncan Road property; a Phase II study will be required and will also be funded through an EPA grant. Director Humphrey confirmed the grant funds for the studies saved the county approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000.

Commissioner Benson and Director Humphrey met with Michelle Blaas from the Taxpayer Advocacy Group regarding questions on the Juvenile Center. Ms. Blaas has re-activated the request for public records on behalf of the Taxpayer Advocacy Group with regards to the Juvenile Center.

Cary Home for Girls has received initial approval from the State Department of Health. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security Plan Review Division will also review the site and approve the plans.

GRANTS

Kathy Timberlake requested approval of funds for Juvenile Accountability Block Grants. The first grant for \$31,161 is for an integrated drug testing module for probationers and training media. The second grant for \$10,000 will be used to increase Quest program capability for staff members.

Director Humphrey requested permission to apply for a Juvenile Justice Mental Health Grant. The collaborative grant through the Department of Justice will be for \$250,000 for 3 years to provide early mental health assessments, continuity treatment of youth, and improve re-entry services. She reported a \$62,000 match is required and will be all in-kind.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant permission to apply and receive funds for the grants requested, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval for the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Title II Grant. The grant for \$25,084 will provide funds for healthy children and prevent juvenile delinquency.

- Commissioner moved to accept the grant funds as requested, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPLICATIONS TO THE VILLA

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve applications to the Villa for Gary L. Lintner, Victoria A. Gray, Karen Beth Church, and James G. Pickering, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Luhman received a request from the Janet R. Bootsma Trust regarding the offer to purchase real estate. The owners are requesting a rescission of the purchase agreement for the property located on Elston Road Property.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the rescission of the purchase agreement for the Elston Road property, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

REPORTS ON FILE

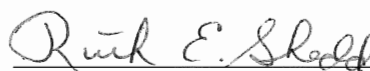
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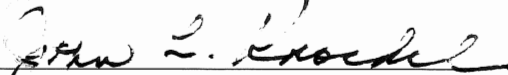
None

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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John L. Knochel, Vice President


KD Benson, Member

ATTEST:


Jennifer Weston, Auditor