

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

10:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President David S. Byers and Member Tracy A. Brown.

Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Wafford. Absent: Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Murtaugh called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, June 21, 2021.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The claims from June 23, 2021, through July 2, 2021, were recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- IV. **PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL**

The payroll from June 25, 2021 was recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- V. **AREA PLAN** – David Hittle presented and recommended:
 - A. **ORDINANCE 2021-14-CM**, to rezone 26.83 landlocked acres, owned by Joshua Shives, located north of the Sam Wilson Subdivision, west of US 231 South, in the Wea 30 (SE) 22-4.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to consider ORDINANCE 2021-14-CM, second by Commissioner Brown.David Hittle, Area Plan Director, stated that this petition was heard and recommended for approval by the Area Plan Commission on June 16, 2021, with a 15-0 vote. The petitioner, Joshua Shives, is requesting a rare down zoning from R1 (Single-Family Dwelling) to AW (Wooded Agricultural). The property is a 27-acre lot that's landlocked and located west of US 231 and south of CR 625. The rezone request meets the Comprehensive Plan recommendation, and it would effectively allow for a maximum development of six potential lots under AW zoning, as opposed to 18 potential lots under R1. Staff recommended approval.

Joshua Shives, the petitioner, stated that he is looking to split up 32 acres, 27 of it not in the floodplain, into five homesites. It is landlocked currently, but he does have, under contract, the piece of property directly to the south that connects to public roadways.

President Murtaugh asked if there was any public comment, and then called for the vote:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Murtaugh	Y
Commissioner Byers	Y
Commissioner Brown	Y

 Ordinance 2021-14-CM passed with a vote of 3-0.

B. ORDINANCE 2021-15-CM, to rezone 28.145 acres for a proposed 12 lot rural estate subdivision (Bluffs of Buck Creek, Phase 1), owned by Gregg Sutter, located on the north side of CR 450 N just west of SR25, in Washington 32 (NE) 24-3

- Commissioner Byers moved to consider ORDINANCE 2021-15-CM, second by Commissioner Brown.

David Hittle, Area Plan Director, stated that this petition was heard and recommended for approval by the Area Plan Commission on June 16, 2021, with a 15-0 vote. The petitioner is Gregg Sutter, and he is requesting the rezoning of 28.145 acres, located west of Buck Creek and North of the Hoosier Heartland Freeway, from Agricultural to Rural Estate. The rezone would allow for an eventual 12 lot development called the Bluffs of Buck Creek. A real estate development would meet the Comprehensive Plan recommendation.

Bob Gross, RW Gross, and Associates, stated he was present to answer any technical questions that the Commissioners might have.

President Murtaugh asked if there was any public comment, and then called for the vote:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Byers	Y
Commissioner Brown	Y
Commissioner Murtaugh	Y

 Ordinance 2021-15-CM passed with a vote of 3-0.

VI. RESOLUTION 2021-24-CM, Establishing Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund - Doug Masson presented:

Attorney Masson advised that this resolution creates a fund with a wide range of potential funding sources, which include; any money appropriated by the Council, transfers from other County Funds, recovered losses, donations, and gifts. This fund's specific use is to fund purposes related to the County's Worker's Compensation obligations. These obligations include payment of claims, premiums, and administrative expenses. This resolution is part of a larger process to create the worker's compensation self-insurance program. Tippecanoe County is working with the Mitchell Agency and has an opportunity to save money, and this is part of that process.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve RES 2021-24-CM, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

VII. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT REQUEST/ TCCC/ JAIL PROJECT

Attorney Masson advised that the developer of the project, GM Development LLC, is submitting a 2nd Disbursement request. Currently, the money for this project is sitting at Huntington Bank, and their requirement for the escrow agreement is that the County approves the disbursements. GM Development makes the request and signs off on the disbursement request, and the County approves it. This request covers design services, preconstruction services, insurance, and general conditions.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the disbursement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

VIII. PRESENTATION OF 2022 SALARY STATEMENTS- Robert Plantenga presented:

Auditor Plantenga provided the Board of Commissioners a printed copy of the 2022 salary statements that the various departments have submitted. These statements reflect the 6% salary increase that the Commissioners had recommended for 2022. According to the statute, the Auditor turns the salary statements over to the Commissioners, and the Commissioners are asked to make a recommendation to the Fiscal Body by August 20th.

IX. VIRTA OBESITY PROGRAM – Shirley Mennen presented and recommended:

An amendment to the current Statement of Work with Virta Medical. Currently, the County participates in the Virta Pre-Diabetes and Diabetes Type II Programs. Recently, Virta has recently started the Obesity program. With this program, the employee would just have to be a certain BMI to qualify and not necessarily have to be Pre-Diabetic or Type II Diabetic. This program will be opposite of the other two that are in place. With the current 2 programs, payment isn't expected until the participant reaches an appropriate A1C. This new program guarantees that if the group of people that participate do not reach a certain weight loss, there would be a refund on the monthly cost of \$75 per member. This cost is equal to what the County would pay if the participant attended an outside weight loss clinic. In addition, the County's participation in the obesity program will allow Virta to provide a 10% discount on the current 2 programs.

- Commissioner Browns moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

X. GRANTS

Permission to Apply for Grants: Jason Huber presented and recommended:

For Community Corrections & Probation, from the Department of Justice, for the annual 2022 Grant Budget which is over one million dollars of funding.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

MOU/Contracts: Rebecca Humphrey presented and recommended:

1. Jay Rosen, Ian O'Sheilds, Mark Roberts, Jason Schatzer, Jacob Daubenmeier, Mike Mclver, Greg McDaniel, and Matt Wozniak to provide Community Engagement for the 2021-2022 JDAI Grant.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to accept the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
2. For the Legal Aid Corporation, for the Teen Court, not to exceed \$3,141.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to accept the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
3. Misty Robinson, Miriah Anderson, and Sanford Swanson, for the Back on Track Program and also for Sanford Swanson for Juvenile Justice Jeopardy.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to accept the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
4. Mike Dailey, and Dr. Matthew Aalsma for Policing the Teen Brain, not to exceed \$2,250 for Mr. Dailey, and not to exceed \$3,000 for Dr. Aalsma.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to accept the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
5. Contract with Lafayette School Corporation for an Activities Bus Through JDAI grant, not to exceed \$8,181.76.

- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

XI. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION- APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Murtaugh recommended Sheriff Robert Goldsmith be appointed to the Human Relations Commission, to finish the term of Rene Celeste who resigned from the position.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the appointment as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

XII. VILLA APPLICATION

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the application to the Villa for Marcus Whitaker as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

XIII. CHANGE ORDERS

Fairgrounds

1. Change order #4 with Eberhardt Heating and Cooling, in the amount of \$12,146, to add condenser coil hard guards to 14 roof top units.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
2. Change order #3 with New Era Technology (ESCO Communications), in the amount of \$1,4260, to change the corridor and gallery SP6 speakers to pendant mounted.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
3. Change order #1 with Milestone Contractors, L.P., in the amount of \$6,676.15, to complete the following:
 - a. Cut subgrade and add 6" of aggregate base under asphalt paving in the loop drive along Teal Road, where it was discovered after demolition of existing paving, that there was no aggregate base under it.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Tippecanoe County Central Offices

1. Change order #2 REV #1 with Heartland Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$1,130, to add sidewalk at north end of building and three bollards at the east condensers.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
2. Change order #4 Quality Plumbing & Heating, in the amount of \$13,964 to complete the following:
 - a. Threaded gas line for an added emergency generator from meter manifold to generator in Mechanical 013.
 - b. Meter Manifold tie-in is excluded due to lack of clarity at this time from Vectren.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
3. Change order #1 with Fairfield Contractors Inc., in the amount of \$23,795.32, to complete the following:
 - a. Deduct to omit 300 lineal feet of 6" waterline from the main to the water meter pit.
 - b. Deduct asphalt for 300 lineal feet of waterline ditch
 - c. Add asphalt for water meter pit location
 - d. Add a water meter pit per City Renu

- e. Add one bollard per Lafayette Fire Department
 - f. Upsize the water valve serving the water meter pit from 4” to 6”
 - g. Add new fire hydrant per City Renu
 - h. Add Concreate around the fire hydrant and PIV
 - i. Add to length of lower drive
 - j. Add eight handicap parking signs
 - k. Add eight wheel stops
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
4. Change order #3 with Heartland Excavating Inc., in the amount of \$1,020, to complete additional grading along parking lot and previous bench area.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
 5. Change order #3 with Mulhaupt’s Inc., in the amount of \$163, to provide one replacement lite kit for vandalized door D001B.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

XIV. REPORTS ON FILE

-Tippecanoe County Building Commission

XV. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murtaugh recognized Mary Cutler, Naturalist / Environmentalist with the Tippecanoe County Parks Department, for receiving the Osborne Lifetime Achievement Award for Wildlife Conservation. This award is presented by Purdue Forestry and Natural Resources.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn. President Murtaugh adjourned the meeting.

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

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Tracy Brown, Member

ATTEST:

Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 07/19/2021

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary