

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2022

10:00 am

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

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

Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Samantha Perez.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance
  
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, October 17, 2022.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

The claims from October 25, 2022, through November 7, 2022, were recommended for approval without exception.

  - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
  
- IV. **PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

The payroll from October 28, 2022, was recommended for approval without exception.

  - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
  
- V. **HIGHWAY** – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:

Concord RD & Eppingham Dr.

  - A. Warranty Deed – ROW Purchase Parcel 3 - \$40,000
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed and ROW as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  
  - B. Warranty Deed – ROW Purchase Parcel 5 - \$266,310
    - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Warranty Deed and ROW as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
  
  - C. Special Agreement – Relocation of fence Parcel 6 - \$2,500
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Motor Grader Lease Renewal Agreement

- A. Deere Credit Grader Lease Agreement, 1 year lease for two graders in the amount of \$54,585.61 each per year with a purchase option at the end of the additional year is \$151,601 each (\$303,202 total for the pair)
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the lease renewal agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**VI. AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.** - Sheriff Goldsmith presented:

A. The Sheriff presented two contracts with Axon. Both lock in 2022 pricing. Commissioner Brown stated one is for 5 years at \$158,920 a year for cameras in vehicles and the other is for 73 months and is \$174,796 for this year and then four annual payments of \$251,903. The second contract is for body cameras.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**VII. TECTON CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. MORGUE RENOVATION -**

A. President Byers stated this project is an interior renovation of the existing County Coroner’s Office and Morgue. The project work includes a new HVAC system for the morgue area, modifying existing walls, modifying existing door openings, adding new doors, installing a new walk-in cooler, and adding an autopsy space.

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

**VIII. AREA PLAN** – David Hittle presented:

A. **ORDINANCE 2022-22-CM**, Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County to Rezone Certain Real Estate from A to R2.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to consider ORDINANCE 2022-22-CM, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

David Hittle, APC Executive Director, advised the rezoning request is from CJ Investment Group, LLC for 8.43 acres located on Jackson Highway and Pleasant Valley Drive with the purpose of beginning the process of bringing several nonconforming duplexes existing on a single lot, into conformity.

Chris Shelmon *Gutwein Law 250 Main St Lafayette IN* represents the petitioner and agrees with the report. He states he is here to answer any questions and adds the petitioner has been updating the buildings.

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

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

President Byers	Y
Commissioner Brown	Y
Commissioner Murtaugh	Y

Ordinance 2022-22-CM passed with a vote of 3-0.

**IX. HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Amy Erwin presented and recommended:**

A. Athena Health Contract, this contract is to switch the billing for the Health Department. The current medical billing provider has not updated prices since last year were as Athena would charge a flat fee to start. Then once the switch is active, they charge a percentage from billing. This is an ongoing contract and can be terminated at any time.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

B. New Position, Disease Intervention Specialist- A current part time position would move to fulltime and supplemental funding would cover that expense until December and then funding for the position would be written into the DIS Grant. Commissioner Murtaugh stated the grant funding covers both the position and benefits and Amy confirmed. President Byers stated that if the grant funding ends, the position would be eliminated. Amy confirmed.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the new position as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**X. YOUTH SERVICES - Rebecca Humphrey presented and recommended:**

A. Memorandums of Agreements with the three local school corporations for attendance intervention services for the current academic school year.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the MOAs as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XI. YOUTH SERVICES' GRANTS – Rebecca Humphrey presented and recommended:****Permission to Apply for Grants:**

A. JDAI Grant, fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$70,000

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

B. Juvenile Community Corrections Grant, fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$271,637

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

**Permission to Accept Grant Funds:**

A. Juvenile Community Corrections Discretionary Grant, fiscal year 2023, in the amount of \$10,000

- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XII. GRANTS – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:****Permission to Apply for Grants:**

A. For Circuit Court, Indiana Supreme Court Grant \$75,000, for Administration Adult Guardianship Office Volunteer Advocates for Seniors or Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) to supplement Wabash Center Guardianship Services and the MOU with Judge Persin in the Circuit Court.

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

B. For Superior Court 5, in the amount of \$70,000, to update the security cameras inside and outside of the courthouse square.

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

C. For Health Department, two different grants from the Indiana State Board of Health, 2023 STD Supplemental and 2023 STD regular grant

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

D. For Health Department, Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis in the amount of \$13,000, to cover supplies needed for the Gateway to Hope Program.

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

E. For Sheriff, 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program, in the amount of \$25,000 for the Safer Watch Program.

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

F. CASA, VOCA Supplemental Funding for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$43,633, to submit for the amount that was removed from the original grant application by the state.

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

**Permission to Accept Grant Funds:**

A. For TEMA, 2022 EMPG Salary Award Letter from IDHS, in the amount of \$69,827, to cover a small portion of the salary for EMA Director, Deputy Director, and Administrative Assistant. The match from the county would be the benefits and the remaining amount of the salary

- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

B. For TEMA, 2022 EMPG Competitive Award letter from IDHS, in the amount of \$20,000, to purchase updated turnout gear for the HAZMAT Team members.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**XIII. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**XIV. REPORTS ON FILE**

- Building Commission October 2022 Report
- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission (WRHCC)

**XV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Coleen Connor, CASA Executive Director, invited everyone out to the National Adoption Day event November 18<sup>th</sup> that will raise awareness about foster care children.

- Kent Kroft, Chief Information Officer DoIT, introduced a new employee in the IT department. Camille Ash is the new Service Desk Technician.
- President Byers reminded everyone to vote.

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

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ATTEST:

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Robert A Plantenga, Auditor      11/21/2022

Minutes prepared by Samantha Perez, Recording Secretary