

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 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 Jennifer Wafford.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Tuesday, January 18, 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 January 20, 2022, through February 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 payrolls from January 21, 2022 and February 4, 2022 were recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- V. **AREA PLAN** – David Hittle presented and recommended:
 - A. A Subdivision Variance for Concord Crossing South Major Multi-Family Subdivision (S-5054, Major Preliminary Plat) to eliminate the required improvements to Concord Road.

APC Director Hittle advised that the petitioner is requesting a variance to be relieved of the duty to improve Concord Road, which would adjust this proposed subdivision to the west. The reason the staff is comfortable with the request is that there is a joint project involving the County and the City of Lafayette to improve this portion of Concord Road, from Veterans Memorial Parkway South to the south of this site. Any improvements that the petitioner would make would likely be torn out and would cause redundant work. The Area Plan Department is agreeable to the request, and the Highway Department has also indicated that they are agreeable to the request.

 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the subdivision variance as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
 - B. **ORDINANCE 2022-01-CM**, to rezone land that is owned by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel from PDRS to NB. The land is part of the Ravenswood at Hickory Ridge PD and is located at the northwest corner of Mondavi Blvd and Concord Road, specifically 2502 Mondavi Blvd, in Wea 15 (SW) 22-4. With Commitment.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to consider ORDINANCE 2022-01-CM, second by Commissioner Brown.

APC Director Hittle advised that he could discuss the rezone, but he understood from the petitioner that he would prefer a continuance.

Attorney Joe Bumbleburg, representing the petitioner, advised that this rezone stirred up a series of questions prior to the meeting that he was unfamiliar with and could not answer. In order to provide the data requested to the County Commissioners, Attorney Bumbleburg is requesting the rezone be continued to a future meeting.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to continue ORDINANCE 2022-01-CM until the March 7, 2022 Commissioner meeting, second by Commissioner Brown.

VI. CARROLL COUNTY TRAFFIC COUNT AGREEMENT – David Hittle presented and recommended:

A contract with Robert Dunlap to complete the field work of traffic counts for Carroll County. This is through the work program with Carroll County through the APC's Small Urban and Rural Planning (SURP) Agreement. The contract would essentially repeat the same work that was done last year with the same terms.

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

VII. HIGHWAY – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:

A. <u>Opening Bids for Culvert Replacement</u>	<u>Base Bid Total</u>
○ White Construction	\$1,050,000.00
○ Milestone Construction	\$797,976.40
○ F & K Construction	\$860,585.00

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to take bids under advisement and be awarded at the next Commissioner's meeting, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

B. INDOT Maintenance Reimbursement Contract, for SR 28 Unofficial Local detours for construction that was completed in 2021. This is phases 1-3 and involves additional labor on the County's part as far as grading. There were a lot of gravel roads involved and dust mitigation. INDOT is reimbursing the County for expenses incurred to return the detour route roads to pre-detour conditions. The total for this contract is \$26,667.54. When the funds are received, they will be credited back to the MVH-Unrestricted fund.

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

C. A Design Contract for the Marsh Lake Dam, with Christopher Burke Engineering LLC, for a phase one schematic design. The Marsh Lake Dam, located on County Road 900 East, is a very old structure that has been poorly rated by DNR for some time, and this study will identify what it would take to retire the dam.

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

VIII. PROSECUTOR – Patrick Harrington presented and recommended:

Permission to apply for the Federal Internet Crimes Against Children Grant in the amount of \$10,950. Prosecutor Harrington stated that his department was fortunate to receive this grant for the last 11 years. This grant specifically focuses on those crimes against children that result from internet activity.

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

IX. MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CASTLIGHT HEALTH INC. – Shirley Mennen presented and recommended:

An master services agreement with Castlight Health, to restart their services with the County. Previously, the County had Castlight providing the health information to ensure the County employees were getting the best prices for service and going to see the correct providers. However, last year the County had switched over to Anthem for these services, but they could not deliver what they had promised. Because Anthem was not able to provide the needed services, the County has gone back to Castlight Health for these services. The amount for services remains the same as what it was previously. The contract is for 3-years.

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

X. GM DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES LLC – Thomas Murtaugh presented and recommended:

The January Disbursement request from GM Development Companies LLC, in the amount of \$325,670.45 for the Community Corrections and Jail Administration expansion projects.

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

XI. APPOINTMENT TO BATTLE GROUND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT – Tracy Brown presented and recommended:

An appointment of Rondell Holliday to the Conservancy Board for the Town of Battleground.

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

XII. GRANTS – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:

Permission to Apply for Grants:

For the Health Department from the Indiana State Department of Health, for The Health Issues and Challenges Grant Program. This will be used to develop and implement services focused on improving health outcomes related to one or more priority areas.

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

Permission to Accept Grant Funds:

A. For Health Department from the Indiana Department of Health, for Workforce Development CoAg, in the amount of \$440,000. This grant will cover funding for partnership with schools concerning COVID 19. This is a 2-year grant and no match to the County.

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

B. For Tippecanoe County Community Corrections to provide Tippecanoe County Recovery Transportation through Community Corrections. The grant award is \$150,000 to be used for transportation for justice involved citizens so they can attend certified peer support, recovery meetings, or to meet other transportation needs. Funding to be received from HEA1001/ARP.

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

XIII. CHANGE ORDERS

Tippecanoe County Central Offices

1. Change order #2 with Huston Electric, Inc. - Signs, no cost change to change order, to complete the following:

Teal Road Signage:

- 1) Remove & dispose of existing sign cabinet and leave existing steel tubes in place for new signage. Steel tubes to be painted black.
- 2) Provide & install new sign cabinet with overall dimensions of 65"11 x 99"w to existing steel tubes.
 - a. ID cabinet measuring 36"h x 99"w x 24"d with polycarbonate faces and vinyl graphics. Cabinet will be internally illuminated with LEDs.
 - b. Watchfire electronic message center (16mm) with cabinet dimensions of 29"h x 99"w x 24"d with display area of 2'11 x 8"w. Includes "life-of-sign" 4G cellular data, software & training.
- 3) Provide & install 3 new electrical circuits using existing conduit and replace the existing disconnect.

18th Street Signage:

- 1) Provide new sign base including excavation, single steel tube, concrete, electrical wiring & conduit.
 - 2) Provide & install new sign cabinet with overall dimensions of 53"h x 75"w.
 - a. ID cabinet measuring 24"11 x 75"w x 24"d with flat faces & vinyl lettering. Cabinet will be internally illuminated with LEDs.
 - b. Watchfire electronic message center (16mm) with cabinet dimensions of 29"h x 75"w x 24"d with display area of 2'h x 6'w. Includes "life-of-sign" 4G cellular data, software & training.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

XIV. REPORTS ON FILE

- Tippecanoe County Clerk of the Courts
- Tippecanoe County Central Mail and Duplicating
- Tippecanoe County Central Mail, Accounts Payable, Duplication Reports
- Tippecanoe County Weights and Measures
- Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel
- Tippecanoe County Public Library
- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission
- Tippecanoe County Building Commission
- Tippecanoe County Coroner

XV. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-07-CM, Resolution Concerning Scriveners Error – Doug Masson presented and recommended:

Attorney Masson advised that this resolution is to correct a scrivener's error on Ordinance 2021-34-CM. There were 2 versions of this ordinance and the version that was signed had left off a number for a township. The signed version listed Fairfield Township Precinct 27 as "2". The error was brought to the attention of the Commissioners and they had this Resolution created to correct the error.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve RES 2022-07-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Hutchison introduced, David Brown, the new Rural Transportation Director for Area 4. She notes that he will be presenting quarterly reports to the Commissioners. David Brown states that he worked for Frito-Lay for 23 years, and this is kind of a retirement job. His career was mostly in transportation and fleet maintenance, and he is looking forward to taking those skills and helping grow this operation.

Rebecca Peters, Greater Lafayette Indivisible, advised that when the American Rescue Plan funding was announced they took the opportunity to conduct an unscientific poll to see how local residents would spend the money. She advised that this was a wonderful opportunity to have frank and honest discussions about how elected officials could use the funds to better the lives of local citizens. She noted that the Commissioners were sent the results of the poll last week. Around 18% of the people felt that the money would be best spent on mental health services, 16 % for substance abuse treatment, 11% for secure housing, and 11% on accessible child care. She states that as a mental health professional, she was grateful that the community recognized the need for access to mental health care and addiction services. Greater Lafayette Indivisible urges the County Commissioners to spend the ARP Funds on mental health and addiction services.

Ron Shoup, Otterbein Town Administrator, advised that this year is the towns 150-year sesquicentennial celebration from August 4th – August 7th, 2022. It will be in the downtown section so that will be closed. He invites the Commissioners to the event. Tim Clark advised that he was asked to sit on the committee for the planning of this celebration. He notes that there will be a lot of events happening during that celebration, and if anyone has questions, they can reach out to him or Ron.

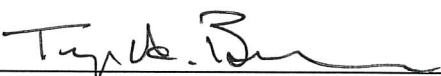
Tim Clark, ADA, advised that there was an ADA virtual meeting a couple of weeks ago, and there were multiple County representatives present. He thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to work with them on the ADA compliance.

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


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David S. Byers, President



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Thomas Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:



Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 02/22/2022

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary