Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2020
10:00 am
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh and Member David S. Byers.
Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners’ Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary John Thomas.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Brown called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance

II. PROCLAMATION
President Brown read the Proclamation designating May as Bike Month and September 22, as Bike to Work Day. The proclamation will also be signed by the Mayors of Lafayette and West Lafayette.

   • Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Paula Bennett
   The claims from May 8, 2020 through May 20, 2020 were recommended for approval without exception.
   • Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

V. PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL – Paula Bennett
The payroll from May 15, 2020 was recommended for approval without exception.
   • Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

VI. DIRECTIVE CONCERNING EMERGENCY STAY HOME PAY
Attorney Masson stated that the original March 24th Directive has been updated. Employees are now working in the building or remotely with Supervisor approval and the updated directive discontinues Stay Home Pay. Employees can still take accrued leave and sick or COVID time off as needed. President Brown noted that the directive was signed May 14, 2020 and is brought before the Board for ratification today.
   • Commissioner Murtaugh moved to ratify the Directive as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

VII. ORDINANCE 2020-02-CM REGULATION OF TRAFFIC IN A RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX:
   • Commissioner Byers moved to consider ORDINANCE 2019-02-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.
Attorney Masson stated that this is the second reading and allows for enforcement of traffic laws and ordinances on private streets within apartment complexes.
President Brown called for the vote:
   • Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:
     Commissioner Brown Yes
Commissioner Murtaugh    Yes
Commissioner Byers    Yes
Ordinance 2020-02-CM passed 3-0 on second reading.

VIII.  HIGHWAY – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:
    A. Local Road & Bridge Grant Agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation for
       $400,000 (which is half the local share with INDOT paying the other half) to replace Bridge
       133 on CR100S. It is part of the Community Crossings program and replaces an old
       wooden bridge that has had emergency repairs.
       • Commissioner Byers moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by
         Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
    B. Verification Certificate of a Bond for TNT Concrete Inc for $5,000 to work in County
       Rights-of-Way.
       • Commissioner Byers moved to approve the certificate as presented, second by
         Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

IX.  GRANTS – Commissioner Murtaugh:
    For permission to accept a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health to continue
    the County Health Department’s immunization program in the amount of $55,000.
    • Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant as presented, second by
      Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

X.  RESOLUTION 2020-17-CM RURAL TRANSPORTATION – Commissioner Murtaugh
    presented and recommended:
    The Pass-Through Agreement with INDOT, Certifications and a Resolution to continue the
    rural transportation funding arrangements that began last year with the Area IV Agency on
    Aging and Community Action Programs to provide transportation for those outside the
    urban area.
    • Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Resolution and agreements as
      presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

XI.  TEMA
    Attorney Masson presented a Professional Services Agreement with Jillian Joffe for data
    collection of COVID-19 data and response and recovery efforts in the amount of $14 per
    hour for a maximum of 30 hours per week.
    • Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by
      Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

XII. CHANGE ORDERS for Courthouse 6th floor HVAC Project – Commissioner Murtaugh:
    The HVAC project has come in under budget and this change order will start some of the
    work needed for the Superior Court 7 changes in the juvenile probation area in the amount
    of $11,190.
    • Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the change order as presented, second by
      Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

XIII. AGREEMENT AND CHANGE ORDERS for Fairgrounds Project:
    A. An agreement with Milestone Contractors for asphaltling after the project is completed in
       the amount of $554,300.
       • Commissioner Byers moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by
         Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
    B. Change Order #3 and #4 with J. R. Kelly for additional concrete under the bleachers
       and entrance doors in the amount of $13,031.95 and $7,197 respectively.
       • Commissioner Byers moved to approve the change order as presented, second by
         Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

XIV.  UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – None

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XV. REPORTS ON FILE
-Clerk of the Circuit Court
-Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT
Amber Noll, from the County Extension Office, stated that there is a new directive from Purdue University that now allows County Fairs in 2020 with certain restrictions. The Office is working through the guidelines and will update the Commissioners as decisions are made.

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

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ATTEST:

Robert A Plantenga, Auditor  6/1/2020

Minutes prepared by John Thomas, Recording Secretary

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