Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 17, 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 Jennifer Wafford.

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

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, August 3, 2020.

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

III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Paula Bennett

The claims from August 5, 2020, through August 17, 2020, were recommended for approval without exception.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

IV. **PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett

The payroll from August 7, 2020, was recommended for approval without exception.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

V. **HEALTH** – Amanda Balser presented:

Overdose Awareness Day is on August 30, 2020. Donna Zoss, Co-Chair of the Drug-Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County, advised that there will be an Overdose Awareness Day Event on August 30, 2020, at the Purple Shelter located at Columbian Park. The event starts at 3 pm, and everyone is invited to attend. The event will provide Naloxone Training, CPR Training, and a Time of Remembrance.

VI. **HIGHWAY** – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:

A. Engineering Services Agreement with American Structurepoint Inc. for CR 500 E & CR 400 S Reconstruction Project not to exceed $662,035.

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

B. Warranty Deed for Bridge #32 Project Parcel 1 in the amount of $12,500 and a Temporary Highway Easement Grant for Bridge #32 Project- Parcel 1- Stephan K Lemaster in the amount of $1,700.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the deed as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

C. Warranty Deed for Bridge #32 Project Parcel 6- Jason A & Tobi Summers in the amount of $9,500
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the deed as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

D. 3-year Construction Maintenance Bond from Rhinehart Excavating Inc. for $5,000 for work in all County right-of-way.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the bond as submitted, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

VII. SHERIFF – Robert Goldsmith presented and recommended:

The elimination of an approved Jail Deputy position for 2021 and the creation of a Patrol Sergeant (Merit) position. The new position will help build the administration in the Jail.

Auditor Plantenga requests the Sheriff's department to submit a salary statement to the Auditor's office for the new position request.

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

VIII. PROSECUTOR – Pat Harrington presented and recommended:

The approval of a Victim Assistance Specialist position for 2021. This position will be funded from the 2020-2022 VOCA Grant that was approved for acceptance in the July 6, 2020 Commissioners meeting.

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

IX. GRANTS – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:

Permission to Apply for Grants:
Health Department from the Indiana State Department of Health for the distribution of safe infant sleep resources, in conjunction with our Fetal Infant Mortality Review and Health Departments. No match from the county.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve applying for the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Permission to Accept Grants funds:

A. Health Department from the Drug-Free Coalition in the amount of $9,750 for funding for the Recovery Coach in conjunction with Gateway to Hope. No match from the county.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve accepting the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

B. Community Corrections from the Drug-Free Coalition in the amount of $7,800 for funding for the Recovery Coach. No match from the county.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve accepting the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

C. Cary Home for the Department of Corrections Juvenile Grant 2020-2021 for the standard $246,637 starting July 1, 2020, and a continuation of the previous program.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve accepting the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

D. Cary Home for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 20-21 programming to continue offering Teen Brain Programing (Policing the Teen Brain, Teaching the Teen Brain, Understanding the Teen Brain and Juvenile Justice Jeopardy); Community Engagement and School-Based Initiatives (Tutoring, School Court, and Attendance Projects). The contract started July 1, 2020, in the amount of $66,059.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve accepting the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

E. **Resolution 2020-27-CM- Authorizing Application Submission OCRA Phase 1**
The Resolution authorizes the application for grant funding, in the amount of $100,000 to establish a delivery service. This service will provide supplies to quarantined individuals or those medically vulnerable during COVID-19 pandemic that are considered benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve RES 2020-27-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

F. **Resolution 2020-28-CM- Authorizing Application Submission Phase 2**
The Resolution authorizes the application for grant funding in the amount of $250,000 to address local businesses that have been impacted by COVID. This grant is focused on businesses that provide services to low- and moderate-income persons.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve RES 2020-28-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

X. YOUTH SERVICES – Rebecca Humphrey presented and recommended:

A. MOA's with Lafayette School Corporation in the amount of $12,240, Tippecanoe School Corporation in the amount of $8,160, and West Lafayette School Corporation in the amount of $2,040, for Truancy Mediation Services.

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

B. Contract with Lafayette School Corporation for an Activities Bus through JDAI grant not to exceed $8,181.76. Lafayette School Corporation will provide a bus that covers four different routes, four times per day, and will take kids who are in after school activities home. This will allow more children to participate in after school activities, such as the tutoring program. As a bonus to the bus, Tecumseh Junior High School has partnered with this program to provide these children dinner.

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

C. Contract with Hope Alight, LLC, for training on Trust-Based Relational Interventions (TBRI) in the amount of $7,575. This contract covers training for Youth Services workers to learn how to work with children that have attachment and trauma issues.

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

XI. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS - None

XII. REPORTS ON FILE

-Clerk of the Circuit Court
-Tippecanoe County Treasurer
-Tippecanoe County Building Commission

-Low-Cost Spay Neuter Clinic

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

-Michael Morrison (902 S 11th St.) addressed the Commissioners on two questions. 1) The County Health Department's additional restrictions on bars and restaurants with the arrival of Purdue students, and 2) Governor Holcomb's ongoing emergency declaration and Executive orders. His major concern was how COVID-19 and the restrictions in place are affecting the small businesses in Tippecanoe County and possibly putting them out of business. He also asked the Commissioners to communicate to the Health Department on behalf of business owners and employees regarding the new restrictions and ask for them to be rescinded. He then asked the Commissioners to join the Attorney General's call for Governor Holcomb to bring the General Assembly into Special Session to deal with the ongoing COVID situation.

President Brown asked Mr. Morrison to email him all his referenced sources to review so that he can review and discuss it with Dr. Adler.

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

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ATTEST:

Robert A Plantenga, Auditor ~~2/3/2020~~ 9/8/2020

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary