TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2010

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, and Vice President David S. Byers, Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Kay Muse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the March 1, 2010 joint meeting and the May 5, 2010 regular meeting minutes, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, and 17, 2010. There are two claims that the Auditor has removed her name from. They were for the services of an interpreter for the courts. Court claims do not require approval of the Board of Commissioners

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

HIGHWAY–*Opal Kuhl*
Partial Release of Mortgage, Parcel 11 Tyler Road Safety Improvements Projects

Director Kuhl recommended approval of a Partial Release of Mortgage for Parcel 11. This is for the Tyler Road Safety Improvements Project in the name of C. Rodney Lowry. This is the last of the right-of-way on the Tyler Road Safety Projects.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Partial Release of Mortgage on Parcel 11 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

ORDINANCE–2010-08-CM

Director Kuhl recommended approval of Ordinance 2010-08-CM on 1st reading. This will change the traffic schedule in the County Code. The first part amends the speed limit on CR 450 East. Traffic Supervisor Mike Parks completed a speed study in that area and the data showed that the speed limit should be changed to at least 50 mph. The second part will amend the schedule for weight limits. There are four roads listed with weight limits and since the County has no way of enforcing those limits, they request to omit those roads. However, the County would like to keep the weight limit table in the ordinance for future use.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Ordinance 2010-08-CM traffic schedule regarding speed and weight limits on first reading, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Byers	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Murtaugh	Yes

Ordinance 2010-08-CM passes 3-0 on first reading.

***BUILDING COMMISSION**–Ron Highland*
Unsafe Structure-835 E 725 N, West Lafayette-Eric Tendam

Building Commissioner Ron Highland stated that a complaint was received on March 1, 2010. Investigator Ken Brown investigated and documented the complaint on March 2, 2010. A notice to comply within 60 days was mailed to Mr. Tendam on March 3, 2010. The notice stated that Mr. Tendam needed to provide a Permit to Demolish or a Building Permit showing intent to make the structure safe. Since Mr. Tendam has not complied with the notice, the building commission is here requesting guidance on how to proceed. Mr. Brown has deemed the house, which has been damaged due to a fire, unsafe.

Commissioner Murtaugh asked Mr. Highland if he could state the date of the fire. Mr. Highland stated that he did not have that date. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if there had been any communication with Mr. Tendam since March 1, 2010. Mr. Highland stated there had not.

Commissioner Knochel asked for public comments.

Linda Bradbury–831 E 725 N, West Lafayette–stated that the house burned on October 17, 2008, and since that time, Ms. Bradbury and her husband have lived next to the rubble and trash in the yard. The garage is not being considered for demolition and it is in very bad shape. Mr. Tendam goes into his garage and burns things from the house including asbestos shingles. The smell from the constant burning is very noticeable. Ms. Bradbury stated she was informed that Mr. Tendam could burn anything he wanted to in his garage when she reporting the burning. Ms. Bradbury stated that she has talked to Mr. Tendam at length and does not believe he has the means to demolish the home. Ms. Bradbury believes that Mr. Tendam has had mental issues in the past. However, the issue is the home; it is unsafe and it reduces the property values of the other homes around it. Ms. Bradbury said she has concerns for children in the area with an unsafe or open structure that is not being supervised, adding that children should be able to play without any worries of serious injury. The property having been partially excavated is an additional safety issue.

Commissioner Knochel asked Ms. Bradbury if Mr. Tandem was employed. Ms. Bradbury stated that he is not. Ms. Bradbury added that Mr. Tandem has used part of the back yard for a landfill and is constantly burning things in the yard. Ms. Bradbury said that she is not sure that it is to Mr. Tendam's benefit to keep the home in its present condition.

Commissioner Murtaugh asked Dave Luhman what the next step in the procedure would be. Attorney Luhman stated that before the Commissioners can proceed the following items are needed: a copy of the Building Commissions order to comply, the certified mail receipts to the owner, and any other person or persons with a substantial interest in the property such as a lien holder. Building Commissioner Ron Highland stated that at this time he could only verify that notice had been sent to the property owner that is paying the taxes. Commissioner Byers asked Attorney Luhman if it was feasible to get bids on the demolition and removal of the structure. Attorney Luhman stated the County could get bids to show the cost of demolition, in the event the County is required to remove the structure.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to continue this unsafe structure hearing until the next meeting in June and authorize the Building Commissioner to obtain estimates for demolition and removal of the structure, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Building Commissioner Ron Highland stated that the unsafe structure fund has a balance of $20,000.

***GRANTS**–Laurie Wilson*

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested approval to accept an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) grant. The Sheriff will administer the grant and it will fund a Tippecanoe County School Corporation School Resource Officer (SRO). It is in the amount of $49,000; the Sheriff is working to find the match.

Commissioner Knochel asked Sheriff Brown what the duties are of the Resource Officer. Sheriff Brown stated that the SRO would be in charge of maintaining security activities at the various school buildings in the county. They would also be responsible for investigations, coordinating those investigations and the security forces that are on site at each of the high schools. The Sheriff's Department has had a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) since 1996 with the school corporation to provide security at the county's two high schools. Those officers at the high schools rarely leave the building and go to the other schools. The SRO position will be additional staffing to take over a number of the investigations. Major Williams presently has 30 pounds of paper on his desk representing the calls for service at the County's various schools over the last two years. This SRO position would better coordinate the activities in an area where we have just over 12,000 students countywide and also free up patrol officers who presently must leave their regular patrol duties to attend to matters at the schools.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the ICJI Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested approval of an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Grant for the Prosecutor. This is an amendment to an existing grant for additional funding. It is for Project Safe Neighborhood in the amount of $1,430.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the ICJI Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested approval of an Indiana State Police Grant in the amount of $8,500 for the Prosecutor's Office. This will help fund the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) project. This is the third installment of that project.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the ICAC Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested approval of a Drug Free Coalition Grant for Cary Home. This is for a peer-mentoring program. One of the residents of Cary Home, who is soon to graduate the program, wrote this grant and he is going to develop a peer-mentoring program. It is in the amount of $500. Youth that are in the program and doing well will mentor other youth who are just entering the program.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the Drug Free Coalition Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested approval of a Drug Free Coalition Grant for Cary Home. It is in the amount of $500 and is for an after-care mentoring program. It is different from the previous peer-mentoring program.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the Drug Free Coalition Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested permission to apply for a $1.333 grant for Court Services. This is an Indiana Judicial Center (IJC) grant. Court Services would like to try a new curriculum that the state has recommended. This grant will pay for those workbooks.

- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to apply for the IJC Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force (IJJTF) this is for the services of the re-entry grant, which was previously accepted.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the MOU as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Byers moved to appoint Mr. Dave Lahr to the Common Wage Board for projects at Purdue University, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS ON FILE

Treasurer's Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Peretin–505 Portledge Commons Dr. Apt 13, Lafayette–Ms. Peretin presented information for consideration pertaining to the Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS). Ms. Peretin stated that if Area Plan makes any zoning changes those changes would need the Commissioners approval. Ms. Peretin asks that the Commissioners consider the information presented to them today when making changes to those ordinances pertaining to the Commercial WECS. Ms. Peretin offered DVD's about a recent health seminar to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

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ATTEST:

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