TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, January 20, 2009 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President David S. Byers, and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Commissioner Knochel called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve minutes from the January 5, 2009 regular meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for December 31, January 9, 14, 16, 20, 2009 with no exceptions.

- Commissioner Murtaugh recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, & AGENCIES

Attorney Luhman read Resolution 2009-07-CM appointments made by commissioners to various boards, councils, commissions & bodies.

Stephen Clevenger	Board of Zoning Appeals
William Bogan	Alcohol & Tobacco Commission
Roy Meeks	Convention & Visitors Bureau
Becky Barnes	Convention & Visitors Bureau
David Blakesley	Human Relations Commission
Marciella Alvarado	Human Relations Commission
William Miller	Board of Health
Thometra Foster	Board of Health
Stephen Murray	Local Environmental Response Financing
Martin Avolt	Tippecanoe County Animal Disease Control Coordinator
Jim Andrew	Tippecanoe County Redevelopment Commission
Jeff Kessler	Tippecanoe County Redevelopment Commission
Linda Day	Tippecanoe County Redevelopment Commission
Marilyn Byers	Tippecanoe County Park Board
Mike Frances	Community Correction Advisory Board
Jim Kesterson	Emergency Management Advisory Council
John Withers	Emergency Management Advisory Council
John Walker	Emergency Management Advisory Council
Carol Shelby	Emergency Management Advisory Council
Garry Smith	Emergency Management Advisory Council
Nathan Miller	Emergency Management Advisory Council

Dave Reagan	Emergency Management Advisory Council
Mike Frances	Emergency Management Advisory Council

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Resolution 2009-07-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Director Kuhl recommended approval of the Covered Bridge Certification which confirms there are no Covered Bridges in Tippecanoe County.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Covered Bridge Certification, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

The Interlocal Agreement for Lindberg Bridge was presented for approval due to a change in fiscal responsibility for the project.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Lindberg Bridge as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Director Kuhl recommended approval of Street Acceptance for Bridge Mill, Phase I to include the following streets; Foxmoor Lane, 1391.09'; Ironbridge Court, 456.73'; Ironbridge Drive, 146.78'; Forthrail Drive, 444.66' in the county highway system.

Also recommended for approval were accompanying Maintenance Bonds for Bridge Mill, Phase I from F&K Construction in the amount of $8,600 for Earthwork, Erosion Control and Storm Water; F&K Construction in the amount of $3,330.60 for Underdrains; Baumgartner & Company, Inc. in the amount of $15,500 for Stone and Asphalt Paving.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the streets as presented into the county highway system with accompanying Maintenance Bonds, second by Commissioner

RESOLUTION 2009-06-CM; EQUIPMENT LEASE CAPTERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Director Kuhl recommended approval of the contract with MacAllister for purchase of Motor Grader Equipment. The Highway Department purchases/leases the equipment for four years with funding through Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. At then end of the contract, the equipment is bought back and the Highway Department enters a new lease for equipment.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2009-06-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-05-CM; ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FOR WABASH RIVER HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

Attorney Luhman stated Resolution 2009-05-CM approves a grant to the county for the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation in the amount of $250,000. The grant will fund the continuing design of the Wabash River Corridor master plan with respect to rural areas outside the city limits of Lafayette and West Lafayette.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Resolution 2009-05-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

RECORDER – Oneta Tolle

Recorder Oneta Tolle recommended approval of a one-year Maintenance Agreement with Information & Records Associates for equipment in the Recorder's Office.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Maintenance Agreements as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

AMBULANCE FLEET UPDATE – Allen Borck

Tippecanoe Emergency Ambulance Services Director Allen Borck thanked the commissioners for their support in purchasing new ambulances. He reported the ambulances are in use and are a great benefit to the service. The City of West Lafayette has requested one ambulance and another has been requested by West Point.

Mr. Borck confirmed the townships trustees have purchased hardware for Automatic Vehicle Locators for each ambulance. The systems will be installed as the equipment arrives.

JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES – Tammy Patrick

Alternative Services Director Tammy Patrick requested approval of a Full-Time Therapist position. The existing position is a Regular Part-Time Therapist for the JAMS program. The additional hours will be consumed by various JAMS programs to provide assessments, crisis intervention, and therapy as needed. She confirmed no additional funds will be requested because the current budget will support this request.

Public Comment

Paul Wright – West Point, said this is only the beginning of request that will affect the Juvenile Center and it is not the hourly wage it is the benefits that accompany the full-time position.

Ms. Patrick stated the position has benefits currently, excluding PERF/Retirement. The additional funds needed for the position are paid for through Department of Corrections.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve eliminate the Regular Part-Time Therapist position and replace with a Full-Time Therapist position for Juvenile Alternatives, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Byers moved to appoint Caren Shedd to the Common Wage Board for Purdue University Projects, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to appoint Dave Lahr to the Common Wage Board for Tippecanoe School Corporation for various projects, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS ON FILE

Weight & Measures

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Wright – West Point, said "The minutes from prior commissioner's meetings are very lacking in content and timeliness and too vague to follow if one was not present and void of direct public comment." Mr. Wright stated he has not received a direct answer on how the Juvenile Center will be funded in future years. He asked "How does the Juvenile Center stop delinquency?" He said "Don't build another bottomless pit like the Amphitheater to throw money into that will not solve the problem." Mr. Wright quoted Samantha Steele, County Assessor "Property tax depends on how much tax is required to operate public service organizations." He asked how much the contract for the county attorney cost taxpayers each year.

Commissioner Byers stated the attorney makes approximately $120,000 - $130,000 per year for work performed for the Commissioners, Council, Drainage Board and any other business which is paid hourly.

Mr. Wright asked about the annual salary of a County Commissioner. Commissioner Murtaugh replied, "Commissioners make approximately $52,000".

Mr. Wright asked how the taxpayers can hold the commissioners liable for their actions. Attorney Luhman stated taxpayers have a represented democracy where elected officials are voted in office to make decisions on behalf of the taxpayers. Taxpayers have the opportunity to vote for commissioners they entrust with their tax dollars.

Mr. Wright asked Commissioner Knochel how long he has been a commissioner. Commissioner Knochel stated he has been a commissioner for 12 years.

Mr. Wright asked the county attorney how taxpayers can stop the commissioners from building the Juvenile Center. Attorney Luhman stated taxpayers have the opportunity to attend all commissioner and council meetings and be heard by the elected officials.

Commissioner Knochel confirmed the council and commissioners will have a joint meeting with the county financial planner to discuss the Juvenile Center.

Mr. Wright said the county has mismanaged the construction of the Lindberg Road over the celery bog, County Road 350 South, and the purchase of the land on Duncan Road.

He said in his opinion Tippecanoe County taxpayers are being abused and deserve better representation than they are getting.

Commissioner Knochel thanked Mr. Wright for his comments and invited him to the upcoming joint meeting between the commissioners and council.

- Commissioner Knochel move to recess until 11:00 a.m.
- Commissioner Knochel reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Bid Opening - Highway Garage Remodel Project

Mattcon
Base Bid - $1,995,000
Alt #1 - $41,000
Alt #2 - $36,000
Alt #3 - deduct $35,000

Meyers Construction Management, Inc.
Base Bid - $1,949,000
Alt #1 - $46,800
Alt #2 - $34,000
Alt #3 - deduct $41,000

Patterson North
Base Bid - $2,015,000
Alt #1 - $46,400
Alt #2 - $36,000
Alt #3 - deduct $34,000

J.C. Ripberger Construction Corporation
Base Bid - $2,080,000
Alt #1 - $49,000
Alt #2 - $36,500
Alt #3 - deduct $33,500

J.R. Kelly Construction
Base Bid - $2,070,000
Alt #1 - $44,600
Alt #2 - $36,000
Alt #3 - deduct $34,000

Hamstra Group, Inc.
Base Bid - $2,073,802
Alt #1 - $46,962
Alt #2 - $37,400
Alt #3 - deduct $38,725

Mid States Mechanical General Contracting Corp
Base Bid - $2,104,000
Alt #1 - $45,000
Alt #2 - $37,000
Alt #3 - deduct $50,000

Leo Brown Construction
Base Bid - $2,317,000
Alt #1 - $49,500

Alt #2 - $38,000
Alt #3 - deduct $34,000

- Commissioner Byers moved to take the bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

- Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

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John L. Knochel, President

David S. Byers, Vice President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor