TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, March 16, 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 February 18, 19, and March 2, 2009 meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for March 5, 6, 12, 13, 2009 with no exceptions.

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

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Highway Director Opal Kuhl requested approval of a contract with Myers Construction Company for the Highway Garage. The contract amount is $1,988,800.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract with Myers Construction, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Approval was recommended for a Utility Agreement from AT&T for Bridge 153 located on 900 East over Sugar Creek.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Utility Agreement from AT&T, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Director Kuhl recommended the following streets be accepted in the county system for Lilly May Estates: Nikole Drive 1114.82', Mildred Court 330.91', and Caleb Court 250.09' with the accompanying 3-Year Maintenance Bond with R & W Contracting, Inc.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the streets in the county system as recommended with the accompanying Maintenance Bond, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Warranty Deeds and Temporary Easement were recommended for approval for the South River Road Project to include the following:

Parcel 42 & 42A - Jerry & Constance C. Brown

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the warranty deed and temporary easement grant for Parcel 42 & 42A, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Parcel 59 & 59A – Ronald & Karen Morehouse

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the warranty deed and temporary easement grant for Parcel 59 & 59A, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Parcel 64 & 64A – James Barany

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the warranty deed and temporary easement grant for Parcel 59 & 59A, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Director Kuhl recommended approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for US 231 from South River Road to US 52. The county will contribute $8 million to the project; the funds have been held in the Cumulative Bridge Fund since the project began.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 3 – Judge Loretta Rush

Judge Loretta Rush spoke regarding additional Juvenile Intake Probation Officers. She reported $137,000 remains in the budget from DOC funds not expended for the last quarter of 2008 in addition to the operating budget set aside for the Juvenile Center. Judge Rush is proposing four additional Intake/Assessment Officers be added to the Juvenile Probation staff to allow for immediate assessments of youth. Scott Angstadt, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, reported the starting salary for a Probation Officer is $29,268. The total cost for the county per officer will be $46,078.08 with benefits. He is recommending the positions be added to assist the current staff with implementing appropriate services at the time of arrest. Immediate assessments will ensure proper placement or services based on the offense. Currently, youth are unaware of the immediate consequences of their actions without these assessments. Mr. Angstadt suggested with additional officers Probation will have the opportunity to schedule assessments around a parent's or child's schedule to promote a family involvement in the assessment.

Judge Rush added the funding for the positions was budgeted last year and earmarked for this operating expense. These positions are part of the pre-existing long-term plan for the Juvenile or Intake Center.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve four new Probation Officer positions as requested, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

WIC – Coleen Batt

WIC Director Coleen Batt requested approval of two Full-Time Nutritionist positions. Currently, there are two part-time positions and only one part-time position will be filled if the two full-time positions are approved. She reported her budget does allow for funding of the positions.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve two Full-Time Nutritionist positions as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Amy Hutchison

Public Defender Amy Hutchison requested approval of a contract with West Law. The previous contract was limited in the amount of usage; the new contract will allow for additional licenses to be used by full-time and part-time public defenders.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract with West Law is presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

RECORDER – Oneta Tolle

Recorder Oneta Tolle recommended approval of two contracts with US Imaging to add additional records currently on film to the new system in a digital format.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contracts with US Imaging as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

VILLA – DeAnna Sieber

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist reported the Villa is requesting approval of a contract with RBA. RBA will assist the Villa in reviewing information related to the ARC program.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract with RBA, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the application of Jan Ashby to the Tippecanoe Villa, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson recommended approval to accept funds from the Department of Homeland Security for a portion of TEMA employee salaries and benefits.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the funds from Homeland Security for TEMA, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

An amendment to the contract with the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation with Purdue University was recommended for approval. Ms. Wilson reported the amount of the grant has been increased.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the amendment for additional funding from Purdue University, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Ms. Wilson requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Drug-Free Coalition. The county will serve as the fiscal agent for the Drug-Free Coalition and a memorandum of understanding must accompany an application from the federal government for grant funds.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Drug-Free Coalition, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MITS DIRECTOR

Commissioner Knochel stated the commissioners have interviewed and selected Dave Sturgeon as the new MITS Director.

- Commissioner Byers moved to appoint Dave Sturgeon as the new MITS Director, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2009-03-CM; AMENDMENT TO THE MITS ADVISORY BOARD

Attorney Luhman reported Ordinance 2009-03-CM adds the County Assessor to the MITS Advisory Board and also amends the requirement for the additional representative to be a representative from outside the County Office Building. The amendment states the MITS Director will have the choice of appointing an employee from any county office.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Ordinance 2009-03-CM, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Byers	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Murtaugh	Yes

Ordinance 2009-03-CM passes 3-0 on first reading.

- Commissioner Byers moved to suspend the rules and hear Ordinance 2009-03-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Ordinance 2009-03-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Byers	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Murtaugh	Yes

Ordinance 2009-03-CM passes 3-0 on second and final reading.

RESOLUTION 2009-11-CM; DONATE AMBULANCE TO WEST POINT FIRE

Commissioner Knochel confirmed the county will donate an ambulance to the West Point Fire Department.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Resolution 2009-11-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-12-CM; APPOINTMENT TO ROMNEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

Commissioner Byers reported the appointees to the Romney Regional Sewer District have not been confirmed. Attorney Luhman suggested the commissioners approve the resolution without the appointments allowing the board to meet with the previously appointed members.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2009-12-CM with the deletion of two new appointees, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMON WAGE BOARD

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

- Commissioner Byers moved to appoint Dave Lahr to the Common Wage Board for the City of Lafayette, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Byers received information regarding the US Census Bureau and questioned the county's involvement. Attorney Luhman will review the correspondence and follow-up at a future meeting if necessary.

REPORTS ON FILE

Mail & Duplicating
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wabash River Heritage Corridor Committee Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

- Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor