TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 15, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Attorney David Luhman, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from September 2, 2008; second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for September 4, 5, 11, 12, 15, 2008 without exception.

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

BOARD OF ELECTION & REGISTRATION – Debbie Ingersoll & Heather Maddox

Co-Directors Heather Maddox and Debbie Ingersoll requested approval of contracts for the General Election. Ms. Maddox reported there are three different contracts to represent the types of work to be completed for the election.

Satellite Worker Contract – for workers staffing satellite voting locations
Election Labor – for workers setting up for the election
Election Contract – for work performed on election day

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the election worker contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval to apply for a Department of Homeland Security grant for $5,039.20 for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program for Search and Rescue Equipment. The Sheriff's Department Dive Team will use the funds for surface and underwater rescue.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant approval to apply for the grant from the Department of Homeland Security, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSION – Ken Brown

Building Inspector Ken Brown reported no changes have been made on the property located on 5717 N. 9th Street, Lafayette. Mr. Brown sent a letter to the homeowner and her attorney and has also contacted the owner by telephone to discuss removal. Mr. Brown reported the structure has been demolished, however the remains may be a problem. Attorney Luhman explained the county has the authority to remove the debris with the unsafe building fund. Mr. Brown reported quotes for similar projects have been less than $5,000 for removal. Building Commissioner Ron Highland suggested the Highway Department and Community Corrections have in the past, removed debris at no cost for the county. Attorney Luhman suggested continuing the public hearing until further information is available for removal of debris at which time the public hearing can be reconvened and a decision made. Commissioner Knochel suggested contacting the Battle Ground Fire Department about burning the debris.

Public Comment
None

- Commissioner Benson moved to continue the public hearing until further information is provided by the Building Commission, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

STATUS OF CONTRACTS WITH DLZ FOR DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

Attorney Luhman stated DLZ has made modifications to the contract for Design Development as requested and now recommended for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Design Development contract with DLZ, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Commissioner Knochel stated an additional appointment should be made by the commissioners to the Redevelopment Commission.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Linda Day from the Tippecanoe School Corporation Board to the Redevelopment Commission, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Dave Lahr, Karen Shedd, and Frank Cederquist to the Common Wage Board for the Tippecanoe County Youth Center, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPLICATIONS TO THE VILLA

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept Sandra K. Feeney to the Tippecanoe Villa, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Community Corrections

A change order for Community Corrections was presented to reflect changes made to the contract for interior finishes and drywall.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the change order for Community Corrections for a reduction of $2,904, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Potawatomi Trail of Death

Shirley Willard, Fulton County Historical Society, presented information regarding the Trail of Death. As a member of the Trail of Death committee, she has requested Tippecanoe County install signs for the Trail of Death throughout Tippecanoe County. She stated other counties have posted the signs to mark the historical trail. Erin and Tracy Locke, descendents of the Chief Abraham Burnett have raised funds for purchase of the signs to be posted in Tippecanoe County. A permit from the state to erect signs on state highway property has been obtained; Ms. Willard has requested the county highway department erect 18 signs.

Highway Director Opal Kuhl reported the committee for the Trail of Death is requesting a large number of signs be posted. She is concerned with the amount and the areas to be posted; some of the areas are in high traffic problem areas. Commissioner Benson suggested providing information at the Tippecanoe Battlefield in Battle Ground.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to have the Highway Department investigate the route more closely and report back with further information, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Tax/Assess Software

Attorney Luhman spoke regarding a proposed agreement with Manatron for Tax/Assess software. Suggested changes were submitted to Manatron to which they have agreed and MITS Director Diane Hawkins has also submitted an amendment to reflect the installation of software. Attorney Luhman says the agreement is in order.

Treasurer Plantenga supports the purchase of the Manatron software for the new Tax/Assess system. He noted the price was considerably less than Tyler and he believes signing the contract soon will benefit the county for a May/November tax collection in 2009.

Hardware/Software $489,715
Annual Maintenance $78,898

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract with Manatron, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

REPORTS ON FILE

Building Commission
Tippecanoe Villa
Veteran's Service
Mail & Duplicating

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

Ruth E. Shedd

Ruth E. Shedd, President

John L. Knochel

John L. Knochel, Vice President

absent

KD Benson, Member

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy

Jennifer Weston, Auditor