TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, December 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: Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, 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 November 17, and December 1, 2008 meeting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for December 2008 as submitted without exception.

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

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Award of Bid

Fuel Bid
Ceres Solutions

Director Kuhl reported the rack price may fluctuate which changes the cost of the fuel; currently the rack price is low.

Equipment Bid
Milestone Contractors, Inc.
Reith Riley

Director Kuhl stated both bids should be accepted and the lowest bidder on each piece of equipment will be awarded.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the bids for equipment and fuel as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Director Kuhl reported contractors were bidding on the Juvenile Justice Center and it was decided to re-advertise and accept bids in January. Bids will be accepted in January for the garage project.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to cancel the receipt of bids and re-advertise for the County Highway Maintenance Garage Improvements and receive bids at the second meeting in January 2009, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Director Kuhl reported additional documentation is needed for the equipment lease-purchase agreement from Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. She will present the lease at a future meeting.

A 3-Year Construction Maintenance Bond from Infrastructure Systems, Inc. was recommended for approval for work in the County Right of Way in the amount of $5,000.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the 3-Year Construction Maintenance Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A 3-Year Utility Maintenance Bond from ElectriCom, LLC was recommended for approval to work in the County Right-of-Way in the amount of $5,000.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the 3-Year Utility Maintenance Bond from ElectriCom, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST LAFAYETTE AND TIPPECANOE COUNTY

Highway Director Opal Kuhl recommended approval of an interlocal agreement between the City of West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County. The agreement will initiate the process for design and construction of a proposed bridge on Lindberg Road.

West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis thanked Commissioner Shedd and Commissioner Benson for their support in his political career. Mayor Dennis thanked county government for their assistance on this project; he is excited about the opportunity of new jobs this project will bring and the repair of a major road in West Lafayette. The estimated cost of the project is $6.5 million with a provision that may be adjusted 6% annually.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the interlocal agreement between West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested approval to apply for the 2009 Homeland Security SHSP award for $1,746,438.55 for the District IV Task Force. Tippecanoe County is requesting $220,000 and the remainder will be distributed to eight other counties for inter-operable communications and upgrade equipment.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant permission to apply for the 2009 Homeland Security SHSP award, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

PURDUE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – Bryan Metzger

Extension Office Director Bryan Metzger requested approval for the annual contract with Purdue University for Extension Educator Services. The contract amount has increased; the council has budgeted for the increase.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract between Tippecanoe County Extension Services with Purdue University, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Youth Services Director Rebecca Humphrey requested the commissioners approve Resolution 2008-50-CM to rescind the increase in per diem rates at Cary Home. The state has repealed prior authorization for increases in per diem. The rates for 2009 are $180 for regular supervision and $206 for intense supervision per day.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-50-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Steve Habben, Kettlehut Construction, provided a preliminary report of the bids received for the Juvenile Center. The total project was expected to cost $17.3 million with $14.2 million assigned to construction and $200,000 for furnishings and signage. He reported 67 bids were received; the lowest bidders on each project with the cost protective alternates were considered for a total of $13.4 million. Mr. Habben will provide exact amounts to the commissioners in January.

RECORDER – Oneta Tolle

Recorder Oneta Tolle requested approval of a service agreement for KIP Printer & Scanner with Eastern Engineering Supply, Inc. She has been dissatisfied with the current vendor and requested the commissioners support the decision to change vendors.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the agreement with Eastern Engineering Supply, Inc., second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

TREASURER – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga recommended approval of a Professional Services Agreement with the county financial consultant, Greg Guerrattaz. The agreement authorizes Mr. Guerrattaz to assist the Treasurer in creating a Request for Proposal for a Cash Management. He will analyze the proposals and make recommendations.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Financial Solutions Group, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

SURVEYOR – Steve Murray

Surveyor Steve Murray recommended approval of a revised MPDS Phase II StormWater Quality Management Plan between Tippecanoe County, City of Lafayette, City of West Lafayette, Town of Battle Ground, Town of Dayton, Trustees of Purdue University, and the Trustees of Ivy Tech. He reported the City of Lafayette requested that the agreement address the specific cost sharing regarding MC-1 and MC-2 for public education and outreach.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the revised MPDS Phase II StormWater Quality Management Plan, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MITS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commissioner Knochel reported Diane Hawkins, MITS Director, resigned and the commissioners have chosen Dave Sturgeon as the Interim MITS Director retroactive to November 16, 2008.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Dave Sturgeon as the Interim MITS Director, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

MITS – Dave Sturgeon

Interim Director Dave Sturgeon requested approval of a Wiring Agreement with Wyatt Communications for the Tippecanoe Villa. The agreement will allow data cable to be installed for the new phone system.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Wiring Agreement with Wyatt Communications, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

NORTH THIRD DEVELOPMENT LLC PARKING AGREEMENTS

Attorney Luhman gave details regarding an agreement between the county and North Third Development LLC. The development group will purchase 30 parking spaces to provide parking for the tenants of their building and construct a pedestrian walkway leading to the garage.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the parking agreement between the county and North Third Development LLC, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2008-01-CM; Emergency Travel Advisory

Commissioner Benson reported the Emergency Travel Advisory Ordinance will provide three different levels of notification for travel during weather emergencies. TEMA Director Mark Kirby confirmed the state will follow the same notifications.

Level III – Hazardous Travel Watch Advisory
Level II – Hazardous Transportation Warning Essential Travel Permitted
Level I – Hazardous Transportation Emergency: Travel Prohibited

Director Kirby implied these warning levels would be applicable to the rural areas of the county. He added the cities have separate governmental actions for individual agencies. The county will have the option of determining and enforcing emergencies for specific areas in the county as well.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2008-01-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Knochel	Yes
Benson	Yes
Shedd	Yes

Ordinance 2008-01-CM passes 3-0 on second and final reading.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS ON FILE

Tippecanoe County Library
Building Commission
Mail & Duplicating

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioner Knochel thanked Commissioner Shedd and Commissioner Benson for their service to Tippecanoe County Government. He has enjoyed working with both commissioners and wished them well in retirement.

Commissioner Shedd thanked Commissioner Knochel and Commissioner Benson for the time they spent working together. She has enjoyed working alongside her stated she has enjoyed her years serving Tippecanoe County and the taxpayers.

Commissioner Benson expressed her gratitude to Commissioner Shedd and Commissioner Knochel and thanked co-workers for their hard work during her tenure.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston

Jennifer Weston, Auditor