TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President John L. Knochel and Member Ruth E. Shedd. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

President Benson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Luhman opened the floor for nominations.

- Commissioner Knochel nominated Commissioner Shedd for President, second by Commissioner Benson. Nominations were closed.

- Commissioner Shedd was elected President.

- Commissioner Benson nominated Commissioner Knochel for Vice President, second by Commissioner Shedd. Nominations were closed.

- Commissioner Knochel was elected Vice President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the December 17, 2007 meeting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for December 28, 2007 and January 4, 2008 as submitted without exception.

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

RESOLUTION 2008-01-CM; ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING DATES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-01-CM; Establishing Regular Meeting Dates, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2008-02-CM; APPOINTMENTS

Attorney Luhman read Resolution 2008-02-CM; Appointments.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-02-CM; Appointments, with the removal of Auditor Weston's appointment to the Downtown Business Center, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Attorney Luhman spoke regarding a contract for legal services between Hoffman, Luhman, Masson P.C. and Tippecanoe County. The new contract reflects an increase with a new rate of $165 an hour.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract for legal services as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Highway Director Opal Kuhl recommended the bid from Hill Truck Sales be accepted for two Tandem Axel Dump Trucks. Director Kuhl will be purchasing the two additional trucks identical to the truck purchased in December.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the bid from Hill Truck Sales, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Professional Services Agreement for widening of Bridge #210 with HE-BFS, LLC was recommended for approval. The bridge is located in Shadeland on County Road 300 South. This preliminary engineering agreement is for $29,300.

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

A Professional Services Agreement for Bridge #17 replacement was recommended for approval with Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC. The bridge is located on County Road 800 S. over Wea Creek. The survey amount is $16,800 and the design is $76,400.

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

Director Kuhl recommended street acceptance for Hunters Crest, Sec. One - Kings Creed Drive - 606.94', Tristan Drive - 1,040.75', Heraldry Drive - 123.92', and Murihead Road - 130.08'; 3 Year Subdivision Maintenance Bond for Hunters Crest, Section One in the amount of $31,000.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets as presented with accompanying bond, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

She also recommended street acceptance for Hunters Crest, Section Two - Tristan Drive - 130', Peebleshire Lane - 1,157', Staghorn Way - 98', Ironbrand Road - 885.66', Bardsdell Street - 107.81'; 3 Year Subdivision Maintenance Bond for Hunters Crest, Section Two in the amount of $31,000.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets as presented with accompanying bond, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Director Kuhl presented a 2008 Fee Schedule by Stewart Kline and Associates. The change for 2008 includes an hourly rate of $75 - $125 for Registered Engineers, $55 - $85 for Engineers in training, $40 - $65 for Technicians and Draftsmen. All other fees remained the same.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the fee schedule for Stewart Kline and Associates as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – Sallie Fahey

Director Fahey spoke regarding an Amendment #56 of the Unified Zoning Ordinance. The amendment includes changes and additions to flood plain regulations, enforcement issues, storm water ordinance regulations, and implementation of the multi-hazard mitigation plan.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve UZO Amendment #56; Ordinance 2008-02-CM, second by Commissioner Benson.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson	Yes
Shedd	Yes
Knochel	Yes

Ordinance 2008-02-CM passed 3-0.

RECORDER – Oneta Tolle

Recorder Tolle recommended postponing the award for Professional Services. She reported several proposals were expected and only one was received. She intends to re-address the contract at the next Commissioner's meeting.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Ron Cripe

Director Ron Cripe spoke regarding a change in positions in the Health Department. He is recommending the Environmentalist/Water and Vector Control position and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator be combined to the Environmentalist/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at a PAT IV level. The Department of Homeland Security has cut funding for these positions, and he feels it is best to combine the duties to meet the needs of the department.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the elimination of the two positions as stated and the creation of an Environmentalist/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, PAT IV, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson presented a Professional Services Agreement between Tippecanoe County and Ryaan Mansouri for the Sex Offender Management Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Mansouri will serve as a Title 33-SOMM Case Manager responsible for screening referrals and developing and implementing case plans for program participants.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Professional Services Agreement for the Sex Offender Management Program, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2008-03-CM, Confirming the Participation of Tippecanoe County in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

Attorney Luhman confirms that Tippecanoe County will continue to participate in this Commission. The resolution states Norman Neiburger is appointed as the Commissioner's representative and James Andrew as the alternate. This is a two year term and will expire December 31, 2009.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-03-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2008-05-CM; Modifying EDIT Plan

Attorney Luhman described Resolution 2008-05-CM that modifies the EDIT Plan to add a new project. The new Project #56, adds HVAC Repair and Maintenance for 629 N. 6th Street, the Courthouse and the Jail. The estimated cost is $1,150,000, in which $750,000 will be used from EDIT funds.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-05-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2008-01-CM; Amending Tippecanoe County Code, Adding New Chapter 73 Transportation Emergencies

Attorney Luhman spoke regarding Ordinance 2008-01-CM; Amending Tippecanoe County Code, Adding New Chapter 73, Transportation Emergencies. This ordinance establishes a system used by county officials to advise the public about transportation emergencies. It reflects the same level of warnings as recently released by the state. The three levels of notification are:

Level III – Hazardous Travel Watch; advisory in nature and does not require action on the part of the public.

Level II – Hazardous Transportation Warning; constitutes a significant risk of injury or damage to persons or property or if travel would be significantly delayed. Only essential travel is permitted.

Level I – Hazardous Transportation Emergency; constitutes a significant risk of injury or death to motorist, roadway maintenance, emergency or critical operations personnel. Travel on designated roadways would be prohibited, except for emergency personnel.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2008-01-CM, second by Commissioner Benson.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Shedd	Yes

Ordinance 2008-01-CM passes 3-0 on first reading.

WET SPRINKLER AGREEMENT

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Wet Sprinkler agreement between Simplex Grinnel and Tippecanoe County for the Courthouse and the Tippecanoe County Office Building, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ART SMART INDIANA LICENSE AGREEMENT

Attorney Luhman spoke regarding the Art Smart agreement between Tippecanoe County, Children's Museum, and Greater Lafayette Art Museum. This grants permission for use of a photograph of the Tippecanoe County Courthouse in their publication materials.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Art Smart Indiana License Agreement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

A Special Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Elston Presbyterian Church to discuss the Juvenile Facility.

REPORTS ON FILE

Clerk
Tippecanoe County Library
Veterans Affairs

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ginny Whipple, GnA Assessment Professionals, requested information regarding her claim in which a demand letter was submitted. Attorney Luhman requested a report from GnA to evaluate the claim. He added he will review the report and advise the commissioners on the payment of the claim.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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Jennifer Weston, Auditor