TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, June 16, 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, County Attorney David W. Luhman, 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 approved minutes from the April 29, 2008 special meeting and June 2, 2008 regular meeting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for the June 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, 2008 with no exceptions.

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

TEAS (Tippecanoe Emergency Ambulance Service) – Allen Borck

Allen Borck spoke regarding bids for the new/used/demo ambulances for TEAS. He reported the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee has agreed the service is in need of 6-7 additional ambulances to meet the needs of the community. He added with 6-7 additional ambulances he is able to provide another full-service truck for 911 services and replace four older trucks. Allen recommended the bids be revised to reflect 6-7 ambulances with the lease/purchase option.

Commissioner Knochel shared his concern for funding the lease/purchase option. Commissioner Shedd inquired about transferring the ambulances under the lease/purchase option to another entity in the event the commissioners are no longer involved with the ambulance service.

TEMA Director Mark Kirby reported an expansion of the current ambulance service is in the best interest of the community. Sheriff Tracy Brown added the service has had a critical shortage for quite some time; statistics prove additional trucks are needed.

- Commissioner Benson moved to receive bids on July 7, 2008 as presented, then advertise after July 7, 2008 for additional ambulances for lease/purchase option for up to 7 new ambulances and commit $150,000 of EDIT funds for purchase or lease, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

4-DAY WORK WEEK CONSIDERATION – Shirley Mennen

Human Resource Coordinator Shirley Mennen stated on behalf of the commissioners she polled Department Heads to obtain feedback on a 4-day work week. She reported that 15 Department Heads/Elected Officials responded of which 9 were positive, 2 negative and 4 mixed with pros and cons as listed below:

Pros	Cons
Save gas money	Effect deadlines
Extended hours for public	Elder/Childcare for extended hours
Additional family time	Early morning start
Perk for potential employees	Mandatory deadlines
Less absenteeism	
More time for Maintenance staff to complete office jobs	
Additional time for employees with part time jobs	

She reported the Fairgrounds and Parks & Recreation are on 7-day operations and the Sheriff's Department, Tippecanoe Villa, Cary Home and Community Corrections are all 24-hour operations. A few of the departments agreed the 4-day workweek may offer additional coverage for these facilities.

West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis reported his staff has started preliminary discussions to determine the practicality. The city has not made any assessments but the staff strongly supports the idea.

Highway Director Opal Kuhl reported garage employees have been on a 4-day work week in the summer for at least four years. She added the employees are more productive with the longer work day.

Building Inspector Ron Highland stated contractors agree longer hours will allow for late inspections.

Prosecutor Pat Harrington confirmed criminal cases are heard every Friday and scheduling defense attorneys may be difficult after normal business hours.

Deputy Clerk Christa Coffey stated feedback has been positive in the Clerk's Office. Child Support payments are normally received on Friday but longer hours during the week would allow additional time for the public to make payments.

Commissioner KD Benson suggested working 8 hours for three days and extend office hours one day per week for public access after regular business hours.

APC Director Sallie Fahey suggested if the county goes to the 4-day workweek, a portion of her staff would work flex hours or work on Fridays. She also suggested the county offer access to office folders from home.

TEMA Director Mark Kirby also recommended office folder accessibility from home. His department favors the 4-day workweek and requested consideration for individual departments that stand alone be allowed to change to the 4-day work week.

Maintenance Director Mike Haan explained the county may not see a significant change in utility expenses. Maintenance staff would have an additional weekday to complete projects within the county building and courthouse.

MITS Director Diane Hawkins reported she contacted other county IT Directors in the state. Several Highway Departments across the state work a 4-day workweek, and some others reported they are open extended hours and take a partial day off during the week.

LINDBERG ROAD – Mayor John Dennis

West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis spoke regarding a joint bridge project for Lindberg Road. Mayor Dennis explained Lindberg Road has had major structural problems over the years and the City of West Lafayette is interested in building a bridge over the Celery Bog to prevent costly maintenance. West Lafayette City Engineer Dave Buck provided a presentation addressing the history and issues of Lindberg Road. He proposed the county and City of West Lafayette work jointly to construct the bridge.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to proceed with the Lindberg Road Bridge Project, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Sheriff Tracy Brown requested approval to apply for the Target Blue Light grant to support the National Night Out event in 2009.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant approval to apply for the Target Blue Light grant, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Laurie Wilson requested approval to accept funds from the Court Improvement Program Training grant in the amount of $4,900 for Superior Court 3. Judge Rush will attend a Juvenile & Family Justice Professional Delegation meeting and will provide matching funds for the trip.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept $4,900 in grant funds for Superior Court 3, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

She also requested approval to apply for the Project Safe Neighborhood grant for the Prosecutor. The grant application is for $10,000.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant approval to apply for the Project Safe Neighborhood grant, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Humphrey provided information on crime/arrest rates in the county with a demographic breakdown of youth and the most frequent offense times.

She invited the public to a meeting to be held on July 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with DLZ to discuss programming, operations, and construction.

Director Humphrey requested approval for a revised admission application for Cary Home. The new application includes admission information for girls.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the revised admission application to include the girls, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

SALARY RECOMMENDATION

- Commissioner Benson moved to recommend a 2% salary increase for 2009; *died for a lack of second motion.*

- Commissioner Knochel moved to recommend a 4% salary increase for 2009, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

HVAC CHANGE ORDER

Attorney Luhman recommended approval for Change Order #3 from D.A. Dodd for $663.11 to change out five isolation valves.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change Order #3 from D.A. Dodd, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

He also recommended approval for Change Order #4 from D. A. Dodd for $495.04 to furnish, wire and program a hot water valve for a VAV box.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change Order #4 for D.A. Dodd, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Demolition Bids for Flood Buy-Out

Attorney Luhman opened bids received for demolition of homes purchased through the flood buy-out program.

C&M Excavating
1102 Sycamore Street - $4,689
6866 State Road 25N - $15,455
6521 Goldsberry Road - $11,765
1024 Sycamore Street - $6,028

Lauramie Excavating, Inc.
1102 Sycamore Street - $4,370
6866 State Road 25N - $15,148
6521 Goldsberry Road - $15,875
1024 Sycamore Street - $6,975

Tri-Esco, Inc.
1102 Sycamore Street - $6,060
6866 State Road 25N - $17,494

6521 Goldsberry Road - $12,719
1024 Sycamore Street - $6,060

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take these bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

REPORTS ON FILE

Parks Department
Veteran's Affairs
Wabash River Corridor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Highway Director Opal Kuhl reported June 24, 2008 is the new date for opening the Culvert and Bridge Rehabilitation projects.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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