TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2007

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson and Vice President John L. Knochel. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel move to approve the minutes from October 1, 2007 meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval for accounts payable vouchers for October 4, 5, 11, 12, 15, 2007 as submitted.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

DEMAND LETTER FROM GNA

Commissioner Benson reported a demand letter for payment of services was received by GnA Assessment Professionals. Attorney Dave Luhman suggested a meeting with township assessors, commissioners and GnA in an effort to solve the problem.

Assessor Steele proposed that the trending work has not been finished according to the contract and payment should be withheld.

Ginny Whipple, GnA Assessment Professionals, acknowledged that the work has been completed as the contract stipulates. She requested the commissioners take the responsibility of payment for trending services.

Township Assessors, Linda Mussche, Janet Freels, and Jan Payne reported that information received by GnA has been timely and complete as the contract stipulates. Wabash, Fairfield and Wea townships are ready for their residential trending to be approved by PTABOA.

Attorney Luhman advised the commissioners to meet as a group with all interested parties in an effort to resolve the problem in a timely manner. Commissioner Benson and Commissioner Knochel suggested Commissioner Shedd meet with the group soon to resolve the situation. A report will be presented before this body at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Director Kuhl requested approval for a grant of right-of-way from the Tippecanoe School Corporation and Paul Kirkpatrick for the entrance to the new Woodland Elementary School located on County Road 450 South.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the grants of right-of-way as submitted, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Director Kuhl presented information regarding pavement markings for 2008. She has submitted a preliminary list for approval to add center lines and edge lines.

TREASURER – Bob Plantenga

Treasurer Plantenga requested approval for an agreement for collection of personal property taxes. Premier Credit of North America's judgment fees are 17% less than the previous company. The fees are paid by the taxpayer so the county has no out-of-pocket expenses associated with the service.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract with Premier Credit of North America, LLC Proposal, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Humphrey provided a progress report for September. An update will be provided at a later date regarding site selection for the youth center.

Director Humphrey acknowledged October 20-27, 2007 as red ribbon week. She thanked the commissioners for allowing the red ribbons around the courthouse and invited them to the kick-off breakfast on October 20th at 7:30 a. m.

RESOLUTION TO DONATE AMBULANCE

Attorney Luhman presented a draft resolution for consideration regarding a used ambulance no longer needed by Tippecanoe County Emergency Ambulance. This ambulance will be sold to the Tippecanoe County Chapter of the American Red Cross for $1. He added that the American Red Cross board will also adopt a resolution to accept the ambulance.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2007-22-CM; Transfer of Ambulance to the Tippecanoe County Chapter of the American Red Cross, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

DENISON PARKING

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist reported Denison Parking has requested a 3% increase for management fees for the parking garage. The contract is renewed yearly and does have the potential to be increased annually. He presented a report reflecting the revenue and expenses generated from the parking garage for years 2003-2007.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the request for a 3% increase for parking garage management fees for 2008, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH REQUEST FOR HVAC BIDS

Attorney Luhman suggested this be delayed until the next meeting. Technical specifications were not received from engineers as of today. Attorney Luhman would like to have time to review them before they are authorized for publishing.

Maintenance Director Mike Haan reported a new HVAC system is necessary for the county. Each year several large pieces have needed replaced and he believes the life expectancy of the compressors has been reached.

Sheriff Brown confirmed the HVAC system at the jail is the original system. One of the chillers at the jail is failing and he is unsure if the equipment will get them through the year. A more energy efficient system will be beneficial for the county in several regards.

INDIANA COALITION ON HOUSING AND HOMELESS ISSUES

Commissioner Knochel provided information regarding a claim letter from the Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues. Attorney Luhman stated a resolution must be adopted in order for the grant award to be claimed.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2007-23-CM; Authorizing Receipt of CDBG Funds, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Al Parker to the Indiana Department of Administration Common Wage Board for projects at the Indiana Veteran's Home, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benson questioned whether the commissioners need to designate an area located at County Road 350 South as an Economic Revitalization Area. Attorney Luhman noted that the application, when submitted to the county, would be heard at a County Council meeting.

REPORTS ON FILE

Mail and Duplicating
Veteran's Services
Wabash River Parkway Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT

Forrest Crawford – 4670 E 500 N, Crawfordsville – Mr. Crawford was interested in information regarding the intersection of State Road 28 and County Road 700 North. Mr. Crawford was concerned about the status of the investigation.

Commissioner Benson reported that the Highway Department has investigated the intersection. Highway is awaiting results of studies from the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department. Once the information is received, the Highway Department will complete their findings and issue a final report.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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