TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2007

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, December 17, 2007 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the December 3, 2007 meeting, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for December 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17 as submitted.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as submitted, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Director Opal Kuhl recommended both bids are accepted for rental equipment from Reith Riley and Milestone. She added, in the past, the Highway Department has accepted multiple bids for equipment due to the nature of the bid.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the bids from Reith Riley and Milestone as presented for equipment, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

She recommended approval of the fuel bid from Ceres Solutions. Director Kuhl noted the gasoline price from Ceres Solutions was one cent higher than the other bidder; however, the diesel bid was lowest and the most used by the Highway Department.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the bid from Ceres Solutions, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Street Acceptances were recommended for Avalon Bluff, Section One to include Badon Drive for 197.83 feet, Carador Lane for 783.16 feet, Gawain Drive for 611.83 feet, Glastonbury Way 902.16 feet, Lamerocke Way 121.50 feet, Sword Court for 462.74 feet, Tristan Drive 680.26 feet, and Wizard Court for 206.06 feet.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets as presented, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Director Kuhl presented a contract for design work on Bridge #173 with RW Armstrong for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract with RW Armstrong for the design of Bridge #173, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Director Kuhl read the following regarding Highway funding:

(quote)

December 13, 2007

To: Commissioners

From: Opal Kuhl

We recently received $748,766.96 from the State of Indiana for the 2007 Major Moves distribution. (for your information, we received $765,251.79 in 2006.) $630,000 of the 2007 distribution has been moved from the MVH fund to the LRS fund. This money will be used to repay the LRS fund for the 2007 paving program.

Also, Cum Bridge Fund Interest Earned in the amount of $500,000 will be deposited into the LRS fund for 2008. These funds are to be used for improvement at the Highway Garage.

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HVAC Bids

Attorney Luhman opened bids for the HVAC project.

	Commercial Air	Shambaugh	Quality	D.A. Dodd	Craft
Base #1	$ 318,000	$ 291,900	$ 290,000	$ 287,880	$ 317,000
Base #2	$ 268,000	$ 267,500	$ 228,000	$ 264,500	$ 272,000
Base #3	$ 115,000	$ 148,000	$ 146,000	$ 183,700	$ 149,000
Alt #1	$ 91,000	$ 85,900	$ 93,000	$ 73,000	$ 111,000
Alt #2	$ 9,500	$ 8,200	$ 11,000	n/a	$ 16,000
Alt #3	$ 20,000	$ 22,900	$ 45,000	$ 18,500	$ 21,000
Alt #4	$ 71,000	$ 70,600	$ 76,000	$ 64,000	$ 90,000
Combo #1	$ 568,000	$ 559,400	$ 518,000	$ 550,000	$ 579,000
Combo #2	$ 678,000	$ 707,400	$ 660,000	$ 730,000	$ 718,000

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

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested permission to apply for a two year Adult Drug Court Discretionary grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of $130,000.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant permission to apply for the grant as requested, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

She also reported the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Grant application is on hold. The Sheriff's Department has decided to implement a pilot program for one year to evaluate current needs in the community and re-apply next year.

CARY HOME FOR CHILDREN – Jason Kniola

Director Kniola requested approval for an amendment to HE-BFS Professional Services Contract to move the modular home. He reported additional services are needed to meet state requirements.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the amendment with HE-BFS, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Rebecca Humphrey updated the Commissioners regarding the Juvenile Justice Center. She acknowledged the Council's approval of a resolution to pursue a site located on Elston & Old Romney Roads. Attorney Luhman proposed the next step in the process is for the commissioners to accept the offer to buy real estate with a counter offer. Director Humphrey will obtain two appraisals on behalf of the commissioners to determine the maximum amount the County can pay for the property.

Public Comment

Jim Evans, 8129 S. 350 E., Lafayette, expressed his concern with the location of the Juvenile Center in a highly residential area. Mr. Evans owns 32 units of apartments across from the proposed site and is concerned about the future of his building. Ms. Humphrey offered to meet with Mr. Evans to discuss the plans of the Juvenile Center.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the offer for real estate and authorize the president to sign the offer, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2007-41-CM, REFUNDS OF ADDITIONAL 2007 HOMESTEAD CREDITS

Attorney Luhman explained Ordinance 2007-41-CM regarding refunds of Additional 2007 Homestead Credits. The proposed ordinance authorizes any refund due to a taxpayer as a result of the 2007 Homestead Credit first be applied to delinquent taxes owed by such individual before issuing a refund check.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2007-41-CM, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Shedd	Yes

Ordinance 2007-41-CM passes 3-0 on second and final reading.

RESOLUTION 2007-29-CM, ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS VEHICLES FROM THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE

Attorney Luhman explained Resolution 2007-29-CM. This resolution authorizes the transfer of two used vehicles from the City of Lafayette to Tippecanoe County Emergency Ambulance Service. This transfer has been approved by the Lafayette Board of Works.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2007-29-CM, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

ANIMAL SHELTERING AGREEMENT

Bernie Wulle from Crystal Creek Kennels shared the 2007 report for the Almost Home Animal Shelter. He reported 1400 animals have been through the shelter with less than ½ % euthanasia rate. Placement of animals has been successful, and Mr. Wulle anticipates another great year.

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

TRENDING CONTRACT STATUS

Attorney Luhman spoke regarding the trending contract with GnA Assessment Professionals and the County Assessor. He reported the County Assessor has notified GnA that the 2007 contract will not be renewed in 2008. Work under the current contract will be discussed by Attorney Luhman, the County Assessor and GnA Assessment Professionals to ensure work is completed.

Ginny Whipple, GnA Assessment Professionals, respectfully requested claims submitted to the County Assessor be paid for work completed. Attorney Luhman reported he will meet with Mrs. Whipple and the County Assessor in an effort to conclude the problem of non-payment of contract obligations.

Jan Payne, Fairfield Township Assessor shared concern regarding the end of the contract with GnA. She shared her uncertainty as to where this decision will lead the county regarding appeals and uncompleted trending work. Attorney Luhman assured the work will be completed for 2007 and under the contract GnA will provide representation for appeals at the county and state level.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Brian Fahey to the Purdue University Common Wage Board for various projects, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

APPLICATIONS TO THE VILLA

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the following admissions to the Tippecanoe Villa for David Clawson, Robert Foster and Brenda Britton, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Habitat for Humanity Land Donation

Habitat for Humanity has offered to the County a small parcel of land located on State Road 43. Commissioner Benson stated the County currently maintains the property. Director Kuhl reported the property is not large enough to accommodate a single-family dwelling and will continue to be maintained by the Highway Department.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the donation of land from Habitat for Humanity, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Transportation Emergency Ordinance

Commissioner Benson discussed a Transportation Emergency Ordinance for consideration and adoption by the County. In the event of a snow emergency, she proposes the county sharing a unified ordinance for all concerned entities in the County. Attorney Luhman proposed all concerned County emergency departments review and coordinate their efforts with the same terms.

Gold Buster Award

Christa Coffey, Deputy Clerk and Sheriff Tracy Brown received the Goal Buster awards for the American Heart Walk.

United Way Door Donations

Commissioner Benson encouraged the public to visit all offices participating in the United Way Door Decorating Contest located throughout the county building and courthouse.

REPORTS ON FILE

Mail & Duplicating
Tippecanoe County Library
Veteran's Service
Wabash River Parkway Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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Attest:

Jennifer Weston

Tippecanoe County Auditor