

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2019

10:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building  
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present President David S. Byers, Vice President Tracy A. Brown and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh.

Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary John Thomas.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Byers called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **PROCLAMATION** by Tippecanoe County, Lafayette and West Lafayette designating November 15 as Supplier Diversity Day in honor of the Supplier Diversity Development Coalition of Greater Lafayette. The Coalition is celebrating its 14<sup>th</sup> year of enhancing opportunities for women, minority and veteran owned businesses. The coalition works through local education and government agencies, Purdue University and private businesses to promote local suppliers. This year's "Golden Handshake" awards went to D.A. Dodd and F.A. Wilhelm Construction.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, October 21, 2019.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- IV. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett
 

The claims from October 22, 2019 through November 4, 2019, including payroll from November 1, 2019 were recommended for approval without exception.

  - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- V. **RESOLUTION 2019-30-CM** – Doug Masson presented and recommended:
 

This resolution revises the map adopted with Resolution 2019-28-CM that established the joint County/Battle Ground TIF area and the boundary now do not split any parcel lines.

  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- VI. **AREA PLAN** – Sallie Fahey
  - A. The Mauch Subdivision (a two lot Major-Preliminary Plat, S-4881) requested a variance to waive the required half width pavement improvements to Prophets Rock Road (USO 5.3-3-b). The County Highway Department had no objections to the variance.
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the variance as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  - B. **ORDINANCE 2019-28-CM.** Rezoning request from A to NB (Z-2775) for 1.51 acres at the southwest corner of SR 26 E and CR 550 E (Perry 30 (NW) 23-3).
    - Commissioner Brown moved to hear the ordinance, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

Ryan Munden spoke for the petitioner, Alan White. He stated that uses allowed in the NB district are similar to other uses in the area and because it is a corner lot it is

unlikely to ever be used residentially in the future. Additionally, the request contains a commitment.

President Byers asked for additional questions. Commissioner Murtaugh ask for legal guidance when voting on the commitment and Attorney Masson responded that the vote on the commitment needed to be separate and first.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the commitment, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Ordinance, second by Commissioner Brown.

President Byers asked for additional questions, hearing none he called for the vote:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:
 

Commissioner Byers	Yes
Commissioner Brown	Yes
Commissioner Murtaugh	Yes

**Ordinance 2019-28-CM** passed with a vote of 3-0.

**VII. HIGHWAY** – Stu Kline presented and recommended:

- A. Attorney Masson opened the following bids
  1. Bridge #53 Replacement Contract
    - a. Milestone bid of \$894,000.00
    - b. H.I.S. Constructors bid of \$844,504.42
  2. Culvert WAS558 Replacement Project
    - a. Milestone bid of \$474,237.00
    - b. Atlas bid of \$578,683.03
  3. Highway Gasoline/Diesel Fuel and Equipment
    - a. Rieth Riley bid of time and materials for Equipment Rental
    - b. Ceres Solutions bid structure for fuel
    - c. Milestone bid of time and materials for Equipment Rental
  - Commissioner Brown moved to take the bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- B. Concord Road Improvement Study contract (from Veterans Memorial Pkwy to CR 500S) with Beam, Longest and Neff. Since the road is partially in the City of Lafayette, the \$72,600 agreement and any improvements will be shared with the City.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract as submitted, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- C. Contract Amendment #1 with VS Engineering Inc for bridge inspections is for a reduction in the number of interim inspections and thus a contract reduction of \$2,272.87 for a revised total contract amount of \$966,859.22.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract as submitted, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- D. Three Year Construction Maintenance Bond for F&K Construction Inc for work in all County Rights-of-Way in the amount of \$5,000.
  - Commissioner Brown moved to accept the bond as submitted, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**VIII. TIPPECANOE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY** – Attorney Masson presented and recommended:

**Ordinance 2019-27-CM** on Second Reading for Hazardous Materials Response.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Ordinance, second by Commissioner Brown.

Attorney Masson stated that the Ordinance makes some technical corrections, further defines “hazardous material” and “responsible party”, clarifies reimbursable parties and reimbursement rates.

President Byers asked for additional questions, hearing none he called for the vote:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:  
     Commissioner Brown            Yes  
     Commissioner Murtaugh        Yes  
     Commissioner Byers            Yes

**Ordinance 2019-27-CM** passed 3-0 on second and final reading.

**IX. GRANTS** – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:

**Permission to Apply for Grants:**

- A. **Prosecutor:** The High Tech Crime Unit will be applying for up to \$184,763 from the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant program, Byrne Grant, to fund a civilian Digital Forensics Analyst, equipment, travel & training as well as necessary items to continue the fifth year of this unit. There will be a 50% match from the county for these funds.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- B. **Circuit Court:** The Wabash Center's Guardianship program wants to supplement its services, and its MOU with Judge Persin of the Circuit Court, with a \$75,000 grant from the Indiana Supreme Court Grant program for Volunteer Advocates for Seniors or Incapacitated Adults (VASIA).
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- C. **The Health Department** is partnering with Community Corrections and United Way for a \$100,000 grant from the Indiana State Department of Health, Opioid Misuse program to fund recovery coaches, nurses, red ribbon week and other harm reduction items. No match is required from the County.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**Permission to Accept Grant funds:**

- A. **Community Corrections:** Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant for \$60,000 to cover treatment services, evidence-based education, incentives, peer recovery specialist, community outreach, and training to improve the pretrial program.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- B. **LEPC through TEMA** has received a \$15,000 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant for staff to attend Hazmat conferences and training. No match is required from the County.
- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- C. **The Health Department** has received \$30,000 for the 2020 HIV Prevention program to assist the Syringe Service Program and continued documentation for HIV testing.
- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**X. COURTHOUSE 5TH FLOOR HVAC RENOVATION**

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the following change orders: 1) \$1,869 to relocate some HVAC controls and 2) \$24,560.79 for additional general trades work as submitted, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XI. FAIRGROUNDS RENOVATION**

Change Orders for \$9,080 from Brenneco in reductions for plumbing modifications and \$12,757.31 from Davidson Excavation for additional subsurface expenses.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change orders as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XII. ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT** with Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel for animal sheltering and disposal. The existing agreement expires on December 31, 2019 and the amendment allows for the agreement to continue on a month by month basis in the amount of \$8,550.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the addendum as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XIII. APPLICATIONS TO VILLA**

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve Villa applications for Bradley Keith, Matt Peterson and Thelma Yoeman as submitted, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XIV. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Shirley Mennen presented a contract with Anthem for employee health insurance that does not increase rates and enhances benefits by increasing dental maximums and covering 50% of hearing aids.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract contingent upon final legal review as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**XV. REPORTS ON FILE**

- Tippecanoe County Building Commission
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Wabash River Enhancement Corporation

**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Mitchell reported on recent activities at the Extension office and introduced Amber Knoll who will be the new Director.

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn. President Byers adjourned the meeting.

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Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 11/18/2019