

**Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners
Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2017
10:00 am
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Member David S. Byers. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monday, July 3, 2017

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2017 meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL- PAULA BENNETT

Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett recommended the claims from July 3, 2017 through July 17, 2017, including payroll from July 14, 2017 be approved without exception.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-19-CM TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION FOR LIQUIDSPRING LLC

Tony Wade introduced himself as the Director of Manufacturing for LiquidSpring LLC and requested the Commissioners' support for a tax abatement for a total capital investment of \$1,963,000. They are making this investment to improve utilization of current manufacturing facility and better manage their manufacturing costs. The equipment will allow them to expand fabrication processes & increase their machine capacity. The majority of the investment is a fiber optic laser, a press brake, and a machining center with the balance being support equipment for the facility improvements. They will be adding five additional positions average \$20.24/hr and are requesting a seven year abatement.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

PROPOSED POLICY FOR DISPLAYS AND EVENTS AT THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Attorney Masson stated this is revising the policy for events and displays at the courthouse. Under this draft, it would permit Private non-commercial events on nights, weekends, holidays, and the lunch hour.

In the fountain area, events are permitted at lunch, nights and weekends and on the west side of the courthouse on nights and weekends. Events are not permitted on Tuesdays due to night court. Displays are permitted as part of an event but non-attended displays are not permitted. Events are limited to one per day. Organizers must provide proof of insurance and are responsible for the cleanup of the event. The events must be conducted in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with neighboring property owner's right to quiet enjoyment of their property. It also allows the Commissioners to set a fee that reasonably reflects costs.

President Brown said this policy was initially announced at the last meeting and will be reviewed at the August 7 meeting. He asked if other Commissioners have heard any feedback. Commissioner Murtaugh and Byers said they have heard no feedback regarding the policy. President Brown asked if anyone present would like to comment on the policy. No public comment.

HIGHWAY- STEWART KLINE

Ordinance 2017-12-CM – Amending Tippecanoe County Code Chapter 72, Schedule III, Traffic Schedule regarding Stop Intersections – *First Reading*

Commissioner Byers moved to hear Ordinance 2017-12-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

Director Kline stated this establishes stop signs at 500 N and 900 E and 700 W and 800 S. Commissioner Byers asked if they are turning them into four way stops. Mike Parks confirmed that and said the studies are available in their office. President Brown said it seems to make perfect sense to have these in place with the information about traffic and crash counts.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Brown – Aye
Murtaugh - Aye
Byers - Aye

Passed 3-0

President Brown stated the second reading of this Ordinance will be at the August 7 meeting.

Opening of Bid – Tippecanoe County 1000 South Reclamation Project

Attorney Masson opened the following bids and recommended the Commissioners take them under advisement: Reith Riley bid in the amount of \$551,598.84 & Milestone Contractors bid in the amount of \$346,950

- Commissioner Byers moved to take the bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Warranty Deed – Tippecanoe County North River Road Project at River Bend, Parcel 5, 5A-D, North Central Health Services, Inc

Temporary Easement Grant – Tippecanoe County North River Road Project at River Bend, Parcel 5E, North Central Health Services, Inc

Donation Agreement – Tippecanoe County North River Road Project at River Bend, Parcel 5A-E, North Central Health Services, Inc

Director Kline presented the Warranty Deed for parcels 5 and 5A-D in the amount of \$1 and the Temporary Easement Grant for parcel 5E in the amount of \$1. He also stated the donation agreement acknowledges the value of the donations for parcels 5A-E is \$19,550.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed, Temporary Easement Grant, and Donation Agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES- REBECCA HUMPHREY

Safe Place Contracts

Director Humphrey stated this includes an addendum to current grant. The commissioners already accepted grant for 2017-18 and 2018-19, but the actual contract and grant agreement came in so they need signed. There are also six contracts for on call services and all the contracts have been reviewed by the attorney. Commissioner Murtaugh asked how long the program has been in place. Two full years and now have an extension for two more years. Commissioner Murtaugh asked about locations. Director Humphrey said fire stations, libraries, and convenience stores have the Safe Place signs in order to let kids and the community know that if they are struggling, there are people at that location trained to help them get additional services they may need.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

JDAI Contracts

Director Humphrey explained this is a Performance based grant funding through the Department of Corrections for Juvenile Detention Alternatives. This supports the Teen Brain training as well as a Restorative Justice partnership with Lafayette School Corporation, Tippecanoe School Corporation, and Parent Child mediation services. Commissioner Murtaugh asked for confirmation of Dr. Matthew Aalsma Michael Daley, Dr. Brandie Oliver, and Counseling Partners, LLC. Director Humphrey confirmed the contracts were correct.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

AUDITOR- BOB PLANTENGA

Salary Statements

Auditor Plantenga said that Indiana Code requires salary statements from each department. The salary statements reflect the 2% raise. The Commissioners are to make recommendation to the Council by August 20. This group just includes departments paid by the calendar year and no action is necessary today.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Gateway to Hope Donation

Amanda?? Stated they received a grant donation which is basically a credit of supplies, not a monetary donation. The supplies total a cash worth of \$725.90. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if this was just a donation, not a grant. She said yes, it is basically a supply donation.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the donation as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE- TONY DILDINE

ADA Improvements for 629 N 6th Street

President Brown asked Director Dildine to clarify the amounts of the proposals. Director Dildine said one of the quotes from Dixon Construction does not include handrails. President Brown stated the quotes were \$60,160 from Heartland and \$51,514 from Dixon Construction. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if they are just approving the contract. Director Dildine confirmed that was the only action necessary.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract with Dixon Construction as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

Repairs to 111 N 4th Street

President Brown said this is for some work on the exterior on the building. Director Dildine stated the work is specifically for the front façade, the North end, and a portion of the back. He said the South side of the building is in great shape.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract with Knauss in the amount of \$51,480 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will available for public viewing in the Commissioners' office:

- Central Mail and Duplicating
- Treasurer's Office
- Clerk's Office
- Wabash Heritage Corridor Commission
- Tippecanoe County Library Board
- Tippecanoe County Building Commission

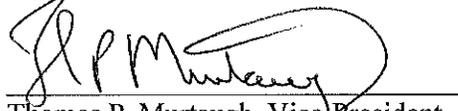
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE



Tracy A. Brown, President

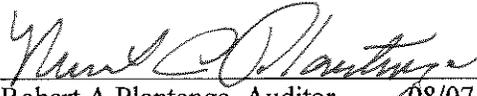


Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President



David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:



Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 08/07/2017

Minutes prepared by Caitlin Thomas, Auditor Administrative Assistant