

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners
Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
10:00 am
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 5, 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

August 21, 2017

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes from the August 21, 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 August 23, 2017 through September 5, 2017, including payroll from August 25, 2017 be approved without exception.

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

AREA PLAN- SALLIE FAHEY

Z-2697 Steven & Sue Sanders (R1 to A), Ordinance 2017-15-CM: Petitioners are requesting rezoning of a 5.195 acre tract west of CR 300 W, north of Sagamore Parkway, in order to parcelize their tract into two parcels, at 3936 N 300 W, Wabash 34 (SE) 24-5.

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to hear Ordinance 2017-15-CM, second by Commissioner Byers.

Attorney Joe Bumbleberg with Ball Eggleston stated he represents Mr. and Mrs. Sanders. He said this passed the planning commission 14-0. They are rezoning from a redevelopment zone to a non-development zone so they can split the parcel and build a second dwelling. Director Fahey said had this site had access to public utilities, the department's opinion might have been different. However, since public utilities cannot yet easily reach this property, going back to an Ag zoning makes sense. Commissioner Byers asked if the biggest issue for this one was getting an agreement so they could use the drive. Director Fahey said when the easement was created, it was for a set number of houses in that location that could use the drive.

President Brown opened the floor to public comment. No public comment. Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Brown – Yes
Murtaugh – Yes
Byers – Yes

Ordinance 2017-15-CM passed with a vote of 3-0.

HIGHWAY- STEWART KLINE

Change Order #1 - Milestone Contractors, LP for County Road 350 South and Newcastle Road Reconstruction Project

Director Kline presented a change order for the CR 350 S in the amount of \$40,975. Some unsuitable soils on Newcastle road needed to be treated.

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

Change Order #1 - Milestone Contractors, LP for County Road 1000 South Reclamation Project

Director Kline presented a Change Order in the amount of \$18,985. It turned out there was a wrap available from the I-65 project.

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

Permit to Close or Block a County Road – Rockhill Drive between Fiddlesticks Drive and Stergen Drive for annual HOA picnic

Director Kline presented a request for a Permit to Close or Block a County Road. This is for a Home Owners Association picnic on September 15.

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

PURDUE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Contract with Earthlink/Windstream

President Brown said this item is pulled from the agenda.

GRANTS

TEMA

Commissioners' Assistant Bennett presented a request for permission to apply for a grant from Firehouse Subs in the amount of \$18,376.20. This will be used for a Polaris ATV to assist with wildfire and hazmat situations in the county.

- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to apply for the as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Health

Commissioners' Assistant Bennett presented a request for permission to apply for a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health in the amount of \$73,500. These funds will be used for STD and HIV prevention.

- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to apply for the as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried

CONTRACT FOR SHREDDING SERVICES WITH ECO SHRED

Commissioners' Assistant Bennett said this contract will go into effect on October 1. It will not affect the contract with the public defender's or prosecutor's offices as those are independent. Attorney Masson said this gives the county more flexibility regarding services used and stopping or starting service.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract with Eco Shred, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

CROPLAND CASH RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GDB FARMS LLC

Commissioner Byers said this agreement is for the tillable ground at the Villa. This contract will be for 3 years and holds the cash rent price at the same amount of \$185 per acre.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the rental agreement with GBD Farms, LLC, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

PASTURE CASH RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HORSTMAN CATTLE CO LLC

Commissioner Byers said this is a new agreement with Horstman Cattle Co. LLC. The agreement is for three years at \$50 per acre.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the rental agreement with Horstman Cattle Co. LLC., second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

APPLICATION TO VILLA

President Brown presented an application to the Villa from Heidi Marie Vidos.

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

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murtaugh said they are submitting a letter of commitment to INDOT on Title XI and ADA compliance.

REPORTS ON FILE

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

- Wabash River Corridor


PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Miller stated the Rogers Group has filed for a special exception for an industrial mining complex in prime agricultural community in Tippecanoe County. This location is also in the Wabash River flood plain. She thanked the Commissioners for their efforts protecting that area and its residents. She offered forms and instructions for writing a letter to the Planning Commission regarding this project.

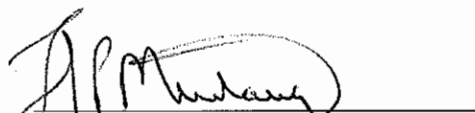
Larry Whitesell said he was born and raised in Lafayette and wants to recognize Mr. Jim Harris, the County's Veteran's Service Officer. Mr. Whitesell's son came back from Iraq and was training to go back when he had a heart attack and was honorably discharged. In February he had a very serious heart attack and he was in and out of hospitals and nursing homes for several months. He then had a severe stroke and all this time, Mr. Whitesell has been working with Mr. Harris to get benefits through the VA. He said Mr. Harris works very hard, always has a good attitude, and it is an honor to work with him. He said Mr. Harris was able to get help for his son who is now living back at home.

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn. President Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

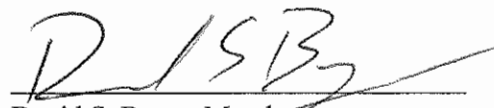
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Tracy A. Brown, President

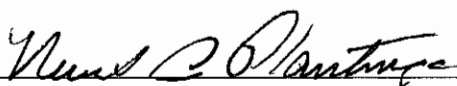


Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice-President



David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:


Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 09/18/2017

Minutes prepared by Caitlin Thomas, Auditor Administrative Assistant