

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

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President Tracy A. Brown and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Attorney Masson opened up the floor to nominations for President of the Commission. Commissioner Byers nominated Tracy Brown for President of the Commission, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Commissioner Byers moved that the floor be closed, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Attorney Masson opened the floor to nominations for Vice President of the Commission. Commissioner Byers nominated Tom Murtaugh for Vice President, second by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Byers moved that the floor be closed, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Sue Scholer and Mike Piggott delivered the torch and banner from the Bicentennial Celebration. Commissioner Byers thanked Mike and Sue for their hard work on the event.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**Resolution 2017-01-CM Department Head Appointments**

Commissioner Brown presented Resolution 2017-01-CM and the appointments contained therein.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2017-02-CM Appointments to Various Boards, Councils, Commissions, and Other Bodies**

Commissioner Brown presented Resolution 2017-02-CM and the appointments contained therein.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' ASSIGNMENTS**

Commissioner Brown presented the following assignments to various boards, councils, and commissions for the Commissioners.

**Commissioner Byers**

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| • Court Services Advisory Board | • Convention and Visitor's Bureau |
| • TERF Board                    | • Drainage Board                  |

- Human Resource Committee
- Lafayette Housing Consortium

- TC Solid Waste District

#### **Commissioner Murtaugh**

- Area Plan Commission
- Drainage Board
- Cary Home Advisory Board
- Redevelopment Commission

- Joint Purchasing Committee
- Wabash River Enhancement Corp.
- TC Solid Waste District
- Child Protective Team

#### **Commissioner Brown**

- Area Plan Commission
- Drainage Board
- TC Solid Waste District
- MITS Advisory Board

- TEMA
- Solid Waste Advisory Board
- LEPC
- Community Corrections Advisory Board

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the assignments as stated, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

#### **CONTRACT FOR ATTORNEY**

Commissioner Brown presented the contract for legal services with Hoffman, Luhman, & Masson, PC. Attorney Masson pointed out that this contract includes a raise for Attorney Salisbury to partner level of pay.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the contract for one year in the amount of \$185/hr, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 19, 2016

December 27, 2016

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes from the December 19 and December 27, 2016 meetings 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 December 30, 2016 be approved without exception.

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

#### **CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF**

Commissioner Murtaugh presented the compensation agreement between Barry Richard and Tippecanoe County for one year in the amount of \$114,317.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the agreement, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

## **BOND APPROVAL**

Sheriff, Barry Richard

Commissioner Murtaugh asked if the county has always had a bond for the Sheriff. Attorney Masson explained there have been changes in the past couple of years requiring special bonds based on how much money that office handles.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the bond in the amount of \$300,000, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

Clerk, Christa Coffey

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the bond in the amount of \$300,000, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

## **PROSECUTOR- PAT HARRINGTON**

### **New Position**

Prosecutor Harrington explained this position runs adult protective service and will be fully funded through the grant from the state that took effect July 1, 2016.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the new position, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

### **Professional Services Agreement for Contract Employee**

Prosecutor Harrington presented the contract with Kathryn Redd in the amount of \$64,000. She runs Project Safe Neighborhoods and Community Prosecution.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the agreement, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

## **GRANTS- SHARON HUTCHISON**

Director Hutchison presented several grants for permission to accept and apply.

### **Health Department**

The Health Department requested permission to accept a grant in the amount of \$65,427.73 from Indiana State Department of Health for the Local Health Department Trust Account (LHDTA) continuation. They also requested permission to accept another grant in the amount of \$72,672 from Indiana State Department of Health for the Local Health Maintenance Fund (LHMF) continuation.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to accept the grants as stated, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

The Health Department requested permission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$32,700 from the Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis, Inc. for syringe exchange & harm reduction grant program to

purchase necessary supplies and material related to emergency declaration. This is pursuant to Senate Enrolled Act #461, of an epidemic outbreak of Hepatitis C in Tippecanoe County. There is not match required of the county for this request.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the request to apply, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

The Health Department requested permission to apply for a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Naloxone Kit Request for Proposal. It is determined based on the geographic service area identified by the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD). ISDH will appropriate the necessary supplies. The only requirement is that proper training and adequate education will be provided by TCHD prior to distribution.

Commissioner Brown asked if this is outside of public safety. Amanda Balsler explained these are the kits that they would carry along with the syringe services program. They would be given out to people in the community who had received training from the County Health Department, but not sold. This is a grant from the state in the form of kits instead of money.

Commissioner Murtaugh asked who would be giving the training. Amanda Balsler explained that county nurses would be conducting that training. Commissioner Murtaugh said that some doctors think it is inappropriate for this to be administered outside of a hospital setting and asked Attorney Masson if we are opening up the county to some liability. Attorney Masson said it depends on how it is distributed. Commissioner Murtaugh asked who would actually administer the kits. She said it could be family members or business owners who see a lot of drug users; anyone who completes the training could receive a kit.

Commissioner Brown explained there is already an avenue for families to get Naxolone via prescription. The objective of this program is to make it more readily available and alleviate the process. The intent of this is not to replace any program or stash already in place.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the request to apply, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

### **Prosecutors Office**

The Prosecutor's Office requested permission to accept a grant in the amount of \$126,460 from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) for the Tippecanoe County High Tech Crime Unit.

- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to accept the grant as stated, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

### **Youth Services**

The Youth Services Department requested permission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$246,647 from Indiana Department of Corrections for the support of Home Detention, Truancy Mediation, Day Reporting and Evidence Based Programming in our community. This is an ongoing annual funding we apply for and there is no required match for these funds.

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

The Youth Services Department also requested permission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$42,821 from Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) performance-based funding for Law Enforcement Community Engagement Opportunities, Parent/Child Mediation Services and ongoing support of Policing the Teen Brain, Teaching the Teen Brain and Juvenile Justice Jeopardy in our community. Tippecanoe County was only one of two counties chosen out of all JDAI Counties to receive this grant. There is no match required for these funds.

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

#### **APPLICATION(S) TO VILLA**

Commissioner Murtaugh presented application from Irene Slagle and moved to approve, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

#### **CHANGE ORDERS FOR 111 N 4TH STREET PROJECT**

786007 – to add a hose bib to 2, 3, and 4 mechanical rooms in the amount of \$300

786005 – for a variety of items in the amount of \$1,028

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept both change orders, 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.

Tippecanoe County Building Commission

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

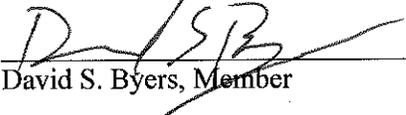
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Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn. President Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

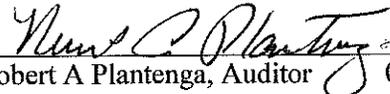
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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

  
Tracy A. Brown, President

  
Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice-President

  
David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:

  
Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 01/17/2017

Minutes prepared by Caitlin Thomas, Auditor Administrative Assistant