TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2015

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President David S. Byers, and Commissioner Tracy A. Brown. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Bob Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Michelle Richardson.

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

President Murtaugh thanked everyone for adjusting their schedule to 1:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 8, 2015, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for September 9 through September 21, 2015 and payroll vouchers for September 11, 2015 as presented without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-23-CM - LIQUIDSPRING REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Dean Bartolone, President and CEO of LiquidSpring thanked the Commissioners for the abatement consideration. His company builds vehicle suspension systems for medium duty trucks. Some of the markets served are ambulance, motorhome, underground mining, and shuttle bus. They have experienced a lot of growth lately and plan to build a 30,000 square foot manufacturing facility, along with 3,400 square feet of office space. The new facility will support the growth over the next three years. The land is large enough to expand again; hopefully in five years.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Resolution 2015-23-CM LiquidSpring request for tax abatement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

HIGHWAY- Opal Kuhl
Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract - Indiana Department of Transportation and Tippecanoe County for SR 28

Highway Director Kuhl presented an Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract for State Road 28 for work on the bridge deck. The detour was on Tippecanoe County roads and INDOT will reimburse for repairs once the agreement is signed.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Official Contract with INDOT for the Unofficial Detour Reimbursement in the amount of $28,823.99, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Opening of Quotes for Snow Plowing Services

Attorney Masson opened the quotes for Snow Plowing Services and read the hourly rates from the following:

Jimmy Gross DBA Gross Lawn Care, 10848 E 350 N, Lafayette 47905
Wiesler's Snow Service, 4209 Treeshill Dr., Lafayette 47909
Vaughans Lawncare & Landscaping, 5811 S 450 E, Lafayette 47909
Crossroads Motorsports, 3995 State Road 38 East, Suite 1, Lafayette 47905
Fishers Lawn Care & Snow Removal, 8837 US Hwy 52 South, Lafayette 47905
American Paving & Asphalt, Inc., 2149 Wabash Avenue, Lafayette 47909
TNT Transportation Enterprises, Inc., 25 Saxton Court, Lafayette 47905

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the quotes under advisement, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Director Kuhl said the quotes will be reviewed. If the insurance is in order, all quotes will be accepted and used for on-call services over the winter if our drivers are really busy and can't get into the subdivisions.

Presentation of Road Builder Awards

Director Kuhl presented a *Road Builder Award* plaque to Mike Littlewood and Mike Parks. The *Road Builder Award* is earned by attending several classes and getting proficient in several areas. The classes included Supervision and Organization; Liability and Risk; Highway Funding; Purchasing and Public Construction; Roadway Safety; Basics of a Good Road; Temporary Traffic Control, The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); Bridge Basics; Drainage; Road and Bridge Plan Reading; and Estimating Construction Costs.

GRANTS - *Sharon Hutchison*
IDHS Resolution

Grant Facilitator Hutchison presented a County Board of Commissioners Resolution saying the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) imported a new system for E-Contracts which requires two signatories for the process. President Murtaugh and Auditor Plantenga are the authorized signatures. Attorney Masson said the Resolution authorizes the two positions to sign documents submitted by IDHS; his recommendation is to approve them formally in the meeting as time allows. Ms. Hutchison said after an award letter is received, President Murtaugh and Auditor Plantenga would sign online.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the IDHS Resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Permission to Accept Grant

Grant Facilitator Hutchison requested permission to accept a grant from HAZ MAT Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) for the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) in the amount of $8,500. The grant will assist in travel and registration of local delegates to the 2016 IAFC Hazardous Materials Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve acceptance of the grant for LEPC as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Permission to Apply for Grant

Grant Facilitator Hutchison requested permission to apply for a grant for the Prosecutor in the amount of $128,801 from the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Law enforcement and the Tippecanoe County High Tech Crime Unit. There is no match required as it is the first year for the request.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve permission to apply for the grant for the Prosecutor as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

MOU/Contract

Grant Facilitator Hutchison presented an agreement with Buck Black Mental Health Services for substance abuse assessments at $200 per assessment funded by a grant from the Drug Free Coalition.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract with Buck Black Mental Health Services as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES *- Sharon Hutchison*
Contracts for Law Enforcement Officers for Community Policing Project through Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI)

Grant Facilitator Hutchison presented agreements for LPD off-duty Officers Mark Roberts, John Townsend, and Grant Christopher Leroux for performance of educational and community education services. The agreements are funded by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreements for the LPD Officers as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION*- Christa Coffey, Brian Mangus*
2015 Municipal Election Satellite Voting Locations

Democrat Co-Chairperson Mangus requested approval of the 2015 Municipal Election Satellite Voting Locations and the General Vote Center Locations. Clerk Coffey said the locations are basically the same as the last election except for the last one was Lafayette only; this election includes West Lafayette and Battle Ground.

2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION SATELLITE VOTING LOCATIONS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
October 14, 2015	12:30pm – 4:30pm	UNIVERSITY PLACE	1700 LINDBERG RD WEST LAFAYETTE
October 15, 2015	9am – 4pm	PURDUE UNIVERSITY STEWART CENTER	128 MEMORIAL MALL UNDER THE MURAL
October 16, 2015	8:30am – 11:30am	ROSEWALK VILLAGE	1903 UNION STREET LAFAYETTE
October 20, 2015	8:30am – 11:30am	CUMBERLAND POINTE	1051 CUMBERLAND AVE WEST LAFAYETTE
October 20, 2015	12:30pm – 3pm	GREENTREE ASSISTED LIVING	3675 SENIOR PL WEST LAFAYETTE
October 21, 2015	8:30am – 12:30pm	WESTMINSTER VILLAGE	2741 N SALISBURY STREET WEST LAFAYETTE
October 22, 2015	12:30 pm to 3pm	FRIENDSHIP HOUSE	1010 CUMBERLAND AVE WEST LAFAYETTE
October 22, 2015	8:30am – 11:30am	ROSEWALK COMMONS	250 SHENANDOAH DR LAFAYETTE
October 29 – November 1, 2015	NOON-7PM DAILY	PAYLESS-GREENBUSH	2200 GREENBUSH STREET LAFAYETTE
October 29 – November 1, 2015	NOON-7PM DAILY	PAYLESS-MAPLE POINT DR	2513 MAPLE POINT DR LAFAYETTE
October 29 – November 1, 2015	NOON-7PM DAILY	PAYLESS- BECK LANE	65 BECK LANE LAFAYETTE
October 29 – November 1, 2015	NOON-7PM DAILY	PAYLESS- WEST LAFAYETTE	1032 SAGAMORE PKWY WEST WEST LAFAYETTE

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Satellite Voting Locations as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

2015 Municipal General Vote Center Locations

2015 MUNICIPAL GENERAL VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS

LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY
Battle Ground Fire Station	112 North Street	Battle Ground
Dayton Town Hall	721 Walnut Street	Dayton
Eagles Lodge	3208 S 18th Street	Lafayette
Evangelical Covenant Church	3600 S 9th Street	Lafayette
Jenks Rest Senior Center	1915 Scott Street	Lafayette
Lafayette City Hall	20 N 6th Street	Lafayette
Lafayette Fire Station #5	750 N Creasy Lane	Lafayette
St. Lawrence Catholic Church	1916 Meharry Street	Lafayette
The Outpost Catering	2501 Old US Highway 231 S	Lafayette
Tippecanoe County 4-H Fairgrounds	1010 Teal Road	Lafayette
Burtsfield Gymnasium	1800 N Salisbury Street	West Lafayette
Federated Church	2400 Sycamore Lane	West Lafayette
Morton Community Center	22 N Chauncey Avenue	West Lafayette
Purdue University-Memorial Union	101 N Grant Avenue	West Lafayette
WL Parks Building - Kalberer	1101 Kalberer Road	West Lafayette

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Municipal General Vote Center Locations as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Poll Worker Contract & Oath

Co-Chairperson Mangus said the Poll Worker Contract & Oath changes include updated dates.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Poll Worker Contract & Oath as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

REGION IV WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – *Roger Feldhaus*
Presentation of Initiatives

Region 4 Workforce Board Executive Director Feldhaus presented a handout packet of regarding information for West Central WorkOne, stating the Board operates programs in 12 Northwest and Central Indiana counties. The annual budget varies from year to year depending on grants. The upcoming year's budget is approximately $5.5 million; much as pass through funds from the US Department of Labor. State funded grants and competitive grant applications make up the remaining funds. In the past year, a project called *Ready to Work* has been implemented; directly from the US Department of Labor to serve long term unemployed people. The *Ready to Work* project is a partnership with local manufacturing companies SIA, Caterpillar, Kirby Risk, and Wabash National. There are other companies such as Fiat/Chrysler in other areas. Additional newer Tippecanoe County companies such as Voestalpine Rotec have recently joined. The purpose is to bring people back into manufacturing careers who had their careers interrupted and also to encourage people who have not considered or are not prepared to enter a manufacturing career to do so. The *Ready to Work* project is a $500,000 grant that will serve 800 people over a four year period; the project is currently in year two.

Mr. Feldhaus continued to say the training program developed in partnership with Purdue and Vincennes has been approved by the State Workforce Board and the Governor's office has an eligible training provider. Due to the announcement earlier today and what is generally known about career opportunities in Lafayette is the reason the Workforce Board has prioritized manufacturing career training. The Board does sponsor other kinds of training such as Healthcare Occupations, Business Services and Information Technology. Training is important because manufacturers have certain standards and expectations of new hires. "RAMP" (Rapid Reemployment in Manufacturing Positions) operated at the SIA Training Center is designed to train individuals and provide internships for manufacturing employers. Mr. Feldhaus said it is not only important to develop the talent of current residents but also to attract talent from outside of the normal radius of commuting patterns. In Tippecanoe County, comparing August, 2014 to August, 2015, the size of the workforce has grown by 2,000 people and the unemployment rate is down from 5.2% to 4.1%.

Mr. Feldhaus introduced Chris Cohee, the Regional Coordinator for the WorkOne system. Mr. Cohee said he is responsible for coordinating services in the Lafayette center and the seven surrounding counties. He highlighted one of their youth services called "JAG" (Jobs for Americas Graduates); a dropout prevention program. It is administered in three Tippecanoe County Schools – Jeff, McCutcheon, and Oakland Alternative. It is extremely successful with high goals of a 90% graduation rate. He introduced the JAG program Director, Melanie Dorsey. Ms. Dorsey shared the success story of student Lauren who overcame many obstacles through the JAG program.

Mr. Feldhaus thanked the Commissioners for their support and encouragement.

MAINTENANCE
Contract for Fire Alarms

President Murtaugh presented a contract with ESG Fire and Security Solutions to replace the main panel at 629 N 6th St in the amount of $11,530.00.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract with ESG as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

Jail Water Heater Replacement

Commissioner Brown presented a contract to replace two water heaters at the jail in the newer portion of the building built in 2003. The water heaters will be purchased from Fink & Co, Inc. at a cost $19,700 and installed by local contractor Shambaugh & Son, the Ed Grace Division at a cost of $10,260.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the purchase of two water heaters for the jail from Fink & Co. as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the installation of the water heaters by Shambaugh & Son as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Jail Parking Lot Resurfacing Project

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract with Milestone Contractors to resurface the parking lots at the County Jail on Duncan Road in the amount of $132,000, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

President Murtaugh introduced and welcomed Jim Harris, the new Veteran Service Officer.

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will be on file in the Commissioner's office:

- Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Covert, 6121 E 50 South, Lafayette, IN 47905 – Mr. Covert said he is the Pastor of the Eastside Assembly of God Church located on East 50 South next to Wyandotte School. There is a library being built at the end of the road. The church owns 25 acres. In May, notice was received that 15 of the acres would begin to be taxed; the 15 acres is being farmed. The land was purchased in 2000, the building was built in 2002 and an exemption was received on the 25 acres. He is concerned about the difficult appeal

process; the barriers, the objects, and the excuses from the Assessor's office. There is a level of incompetence and dishonesty he has never seen in 20 years of working in ministry. We have filled out every paper as told only to find out we were never notified of either hearing held by the Appeals Board. His understanding is they should have received 30 days' notice. Now, they must appeal to the State which he has no problem with. His paperwork notifying him of the lost appeal accused them of forgery. They (the church) reapplied for the exemption and the Assessor's office lost the application. There has been no apology and his concern as a Pastor is that citizens are customers who should be treated with respect when they visit the Assessor's office. It appears the way he was treated is standard operating procedure for the Assessor's office. He doesn't think the Commissioners as leaders of the County want that kind of County but the actions reflect on the Commissioners and the entire County.

President Murtaugh asked if Mr. Covert had discussions with Assessor Grossman. Mr. Covert said one discussion and his understanding was the Assessor's office was to initiate discussions and they did not. During the one discussion, Assessor Grossman came into the meeting because the woman working with him could not answer his questions. President Murtaugh said Assessor Grossman is very conscientious about citizen communication. Mr. Covert said Assessor Grossman was very nice but he guarantee him he would have a right to go before PTABOA and state his case; that never happened - on two occasions. President Murtaugh said the Commissioner's office will help coordinate a meeting with Assessor Grossman. Mr. Covert said he has a meeting with PTABOA this Thursday, under the condition he signs the 30 day waiver – and it was presented as if the Assessor's office was doing him a special favor.

His concern is the regular household or person who has to go through this; he imagines they just give up and pay beyond what they should. President Murtaugh asked if Mr. Covert would be okay if a meeting was set up. Mr. Covert agreed and President Murtaugh thanked him for his comments.

As there were no other public comments, Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

Thomas P. Murtaugh, President

David S. Byers, Vice President

Tracy A. Brown, Member

ATTEST:

Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 10/05/2015

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