TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2015

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.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 Tillie Hennigar.

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

PROCLAMATION *– National March for Meals Month*

President Murtaugh introduced Jennifer Shook. Ms. Shook said on behalf of *Meals on Wheels* and *Meals on Wheels of America*, she appreciated the Commissioners proclaiming March as March for Meals Month. Many efforts will be done locally to bring attention to their mission which is to deliver nutritious meals in Tippecanoe County.

President Murtaugh and Commissioners Brown and Byers read the Proclamation.

Proclamation by Tippecanoe County Commissioners
March is National March for Meals Month

WHEREAS, the month of March is known nationally as March for Meals to call attention to hundreds of local Meals on Wheels Programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels of Tippecanoe County is an active participant in March for Meals and Meals on Wheels Association of America; and

WHEREAS, the 13th annual March for Meals Campaign draws attention to food delivery programs that help strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels of Tippecanoe County provides nutritious meals to over 900 individuals in this community each day with clients ranging in age from 2 to 98; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Tippecanoe County ensures that affordable and nutritious meals are available to any individual regardless of age, disability, income, or other criteria, and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels of Tippecanoe County seeks partnerships with local government, business, religious, and civic organizations to sustain our efforts throughout the year by providing active support and volunteerism;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Tippecanoe County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as NATIONAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH throughout all of Tippecanoe County and encourage our citizens to recognize and support Meals on Wheels of Tippecanoe County for the significant impact they have made, and will continue to make, in providing nutritious meals to our neighbors, friends, and relatives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 16, 2015

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 16, 2015, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for February 18 through March 2, 2015 and payroll vouchers for February 27, 2015 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2015-06-CM – PETITION TO VACATE A PLATTED UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT

- Commissioner Byers moved to hear Ordinance 2015-06-CM Petition to Vacate a Platted Utility and Drainage Easement on first reading, second by Commissioner Brown.

President Murtaugh said there were two lots with an easement for utilities in between and it will now be one lot. Jim White from Vester and Associates said the easement will be vacated, all utilities have agreed and other easements will remain.

President Murtaugh invited public comment in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance. There were none.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Murtaugh	Aye
Byers	Aye
Brown	Aye

Ordinance 2015-06-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

- Commissioner Byers moved to suspend the rules and hear Ordinance 2015-06-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

- Commissioner Byers moved to hear Ordinance 2015-06-CM Petition to Vacate a Platted Utility and Drainage Easement on second reading, second by Commissioner Brown.

President Murtaugh invited public comment in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance. There were none.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Byers	Aye
Brown	Aye
Murtaugh	Aye

Ordinance 2015-06-CM passed 3-0 on second and final reading.

HIGHWAY *- Opal Kuhl*
2015 Fee Schedule from H. Stewart Kline & Associates

Highway Executive Director Kuhl presented the 2015 fee schedule for H. Stewart Kline & Associates, saying the Highway Department uses their services for an inspection on a bridge or road. The fee is an hourly basis with the fees staying the same since 2010 with the exception of one change to the Engineering Technicians & Drafters range increasing from $40.00 to $70.00 an hour to $40.00 to $80.00 an hour.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the 2015 fee schedule for H. Stewart Kline & Associates as presented, second by Commissioner Byers, motion carried.

GRANTS - *Sharon Hutchison*
Cary Home for Children

Grant Facilitator Hutchison requested permission to accept a grant from the Indiana Department of Correction Juvenile Alternatives for Cary Home. The grant is amendment #3 to fund $55,000 to defer funding through June 30, 2015. The funds will be used to support policies as well as the "Teen Brain" and "Teaching the Teen Brain" and Restorative Justice Projects.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve permission to accept the grant from the Indiana Department of Correction Juvenile Alternatives as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

COURT SERVICES - *Cindy Houseman*
Contract with American Financial Credit Services

Court Services Director Houseman said Court Services previously used Premiere Credit Services but wants to change to American Financial Credit Services. Auditor Plantenga provided the name of American Financial and after meeting with them, Director Houseman said American Financial appears to be more on top of collections. Auditor Plantenga said the Treasurer's office uses American Financial Credit Services for delinquent personal property collection. Commissioner Byers asked if it would be easier for all departments to be under the same umbrella – Court Services is moving away from Premiere, yet Probation is signing a new contract with them. Chief Probation Officer Dave Hullinger said he met with Premiere in September, 2014 and plans to monitor the rate of collection from Premiere before moving to another collection agency; he is unfamiliar with American Financial. Auditor Plantenga stated that the same people probably owe money to Court Services and Probation. Attorney Masson said if all departments are under the same umbrella, how do you decide who gets paid first? Director Houseman confirmed that the collection fees are paid by the consumer. Attorney Masson said the agreement has been reviewed and is in order.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract with American Financial Credit Services for Court Services, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

PROBATION - *Dave Hullinger*
Collection Contract with Premiere Credit

As Chief Probation Officer Hullinger spoke during the discussion for Court Services, no further comments were required.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract with Premiere Credit for the Probation Department collection services as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS
Proposal for Announcer Stand/Concession &ADA Bathrooms Building Project

Commissioner Byers said the project at the Fairgrounds will add ADA bathrooms, eliminating the current ones and utilizing them for storage. The project will also build a new judging stand for the horse and pony arena; the Horse and Pony Club will contribute money to the project. The proposal is for Tecton to run the project in the amount of $35,800. The project will be completed around fair time.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the proposal with Tecton for the Fairgrounds project as presented, second by Commissioner Brown; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS *- none*

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will be on file in the Commissioner's Office.

- Building Commissioner
- Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Brown said he was out of town for the weekend. Upon returning early this morning and seeing the roadways, he asked Highway Director Kuhl to express thanks to the men and women at the Highway Department for the remarkable job they did removing a lot of snow.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.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 03/16/2015

Minutes prepared by Tillie Hennigar, Auditor Administrative Assistant