

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2013

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Commissioner Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 4, 2013, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for February 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 19, 2013 and the addition of a voucher in the amount of \$574.00 for Carrie Costello that was excepted out at the last meeting, as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR WIC TO LEASE SPACE

President Byers announced a public hearing to hear Resolution 2013-09-CM, a request for Women Infants and Children (WIC) to lease space. Attorney Luhman said the Board of Commissioners previously determined the need to lease space from Purdue Research Foundation (PRF) to provide 1,089 square feet of office space for the WIC program. The property is located at the Purdue West shopping center area, on the corner of State Road 26 and McCormick Road. The proposed lease from PRF extends through September 30, 2013 with renewal options for four additional one year periods. The initial rent is \$1,361.25 per month, providing an inflation index at renewal. Notice of the public hearing was published in the *Lafayette Journal and Courier* on January 25, 2013 and in the *Lafayette Leader* on January 31, 2013. The hearing today provides an opportunity for anyone approving or opposing the lease to address the Commissioners.

President Byers asked for public comment in favor of the lease agreement.

Coleen Batt, the Coordinator of the Tippecanoe County WIC program said WIC is in need of additional space. Previously, Purdue University donated space for the WIC program for 23 years but they are no longer able to offer the space. The WIC program would like to continue services in the same general area and lease the space from PRF. The funds have been approved from the WIC grant. Commissioner Murtaugh asked what percentage of the clients would be served at the new facility. Ms. Batt said approximately 4,500 clients are served by the WIC program. The previous Purdue location served about 450, or 10%. She anticipates the numbers will be higher, around 500 - 800 due to the visibility, accessibility, and better parking.

President Byers asked for additional public comments in favor of the lease agreement. There were none.

President Byers asked for public comment in opposition of the lease agreement. There were none.

- Commission Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2013-09-CM WIC Lease Agreement, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

HIGHWAY - Opal Kuhl

Ordinance 2013-03-CM Amending Tippecanoe County Code, Chapter 72, Schedule 1, Traffic Schedule regarding Speed Limits – Second Reading

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear Ordinance 2013-03-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

Highway Technician Services Coordinator Mike Parks said it is the second reading for Ordinance 2013-03-CM, changing the speed limits as follows:

1. The Tippecanoe County Code Chapter 72, Schedule I, Traffic Schedule regarding Speed Limits, be amended to delete the following and re-adopted as so amended:

Road/Street	Location	Speed limit (m.p.h.)	Temp speed (m.p.h.)	Ord.	Date
CR 775 East	From SR 26 to 2,500 feet north Of SR 26	30		2008-21-CM	11-17-08
CR 775 East/ CR 725 East	From 2,500 Feet north of SR 26 To CR 300 North	40	NA	2008-21-CM	11-17-08
Pretty Prairie Road	Battle Ground Town Limits to Grant Road	45	NA	2008-21-CM	11-17-08
Tyler Road	Pretty Prairie Road to North County Line	40	NA	93-12-CM	3-22-93

2. The Tippecanoe County Code Chapter 72, Schedule I, Traffic Schedule regarding Speed Limits, be amended to include the following and re-adopted as so amended:

Road/Street	Location	Speed limit (m.p.h.)	Temp speed (m.p.h.)	Ord.	Date
CR 900 North	From Old SR 25 to East County Line	45	NA	2013-03-CM	4-1-13
Tyler Road	Pretty Prairie Road to North County Line	45	NA	2013-03-CM	4-1-13

President Byers asked for public comment in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance. There were none.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Byers Aye
Knochel Aye
Murtaugh Aye

Ordinance 2013-03-CM passed 3-0 on second and final reading.

Ordinance 2013-05-CM Amending Tippecanoe County Code, Chapter 72, Schedules I, III, IV & V, Traffic Schedule regarding Speed Limits, Stop Intersections, Yield Intersections and Signalize Intersections – First Reading

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear Ordinance 2013-05-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

Technician Services Coordinator Parks said the Ordinance amends the County Code, the stop and intersections, speed limits, and adds signalized intersections. It is simply housecleaning from the Technician Services Coordinator Parks said the Ordinance amends the County Code, the stop and yield construction of Hoosier Heartland, State Road 25, and the traffic signal at County Road 300 North and old State Road 25. As clarification to a question regarding speed limits on SR 25 from Commissioner Knochel, Coordinator Parks said the speed limits on SR 25 will be 45 mph from US 52 to Donna Drive, which is north of the roundabout.

President Byers asked for public comment in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance. There were none.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Byers	Aye
Knochel	Aye
Murtaugh	Aye

Ordinance 2013-05-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

Street Acceptance – Raineybrook Subdivision, Part Two, Section Two, Phase Three, the following streets East Commodores Drive 340’, Commodores Circle 812.65’.

Highway Director Opal Kuhl presented the acceptance of streets into the Raineybrook Subdivision for East Commodores Drive and Commodores Circle, totaling 1,152.65 feet. Everything has been approved and inspected and is ready for acceptance.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the street acceptance as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Maintenance Bond – in the amount of \$13,433.30 for Raineybrook, Part Two, Section Two, Phase Three from Fairfield Contractors, Inc.

Director Kuhl said the Maintenance Bond is for the streets just accepted into Raineybrook in the amount of \$13,433.30.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Maintenance Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Utility Maintenance Bond – United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc.

Director Kuhl presented a Utility Maintenance Bond for United Telephone Company in the amount of \$5,000 for work in the right-of-way.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Utility Maintenance Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson
Permission to Accept Grant

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to accept a grant for TEMA from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for 2012 State Homeland Security Program training and exercises in the amount of \$21,428.57.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the acceptance of the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

CARY HOME FOR CHILDREN – Rebecca Humphrey
Behavioral Health Services Contract with Wabash Valley Alliance

Cary Home Executive Director Humphrey requested approval of the Behavioral Health contract with Wabash Valley Alliance. As part of the contract, Cary Home has an agreement with Wabash Valley to lease office space from Cary Home in order for the Cary Home therapists to perform services which are billed to Medicaid. The space is in the intake room and the group room at Cary Home.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract with Wabash Valley Alliance, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

ASSESSOR – Linda Phillips
Position Changes

Assessor Phillips requested approval of eliminating a PAT 3 position, Customer Service Staff Supervisor and replacing it with a dedicated Appeals staff member which would be a COMOT 3. The job description has been approved and the new position has been approved by the personnel committee.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the elimination of the Customer Service Staff Supervisor and the addition of an Appeals Staff position as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

CASA – Coleen Hamrick
Sponsorship Agreement for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

CASA Executive Director Hamrick requested approval of a Sponsorship Agreement. April is National Child Abuse Prevention awareness and education month. The month begins with a proclamation on the Courthouse square by local dignitaries, including a Commissioner. Various community activities are held throughout the month to promote healthy family interaction. A banner will be placed across Main Street and Director Hamrick requested permission to place blue ribbons around the Courthouse and outside the County Building. Commissioner Murtaugh complimented Director Hamrick for doing a good job with this project every year.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Sponsorship Agreement for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

CORONER - Donna Avolt
Ordinance 2013-06-CM Repealing Section 34.61, Adding New Section 34.62, Coroner's Department Fee Schedule

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear Ordinance 2013-06-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

Coroner Avolt requested approval to raise the fees for the use of the facilities on North 6th Street. Fees have not been increased since 2007. The autopsy nurses fees remain the same; the increase applies to the use of the facility. The increase is from \$200.00 to \$300.00 for the use of the autopsy room, consumable goods and autopsy equipment by Indiana counties. Currently, eleven counties utilize the North 6th Street facility for all autopsies. Additional counties also use the facilities but not on a regular basis. Commissioner Knochel asked if the other counties provide their own assistant, how many people it takes to perform an autopsy, and if the other county Coroner attends. Coroner Avolt said Tippecanoe County provides the staff which is preferred because it provides quality. They take pride in being immaculately clean and it is more comfortable using their own staff. An autopsy takes one surgery pathologist, includes law enforcement, fire, and several of the interns. The Coroner from the other county often attends the autopsy. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if the increase in fees actually reflects the cost to the County to which Coroner Avolt answered yes, it does. The use of the autopsy room, consumable goods, and autopsy equipment by organ donation organizations at a cost of \$500.00 is a new line item in the fee schedule.

President Byers reviewed the Coroner's Fee Schedule:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Use of autopsy room, consumable goods and autopsy equipment by Indiana counties	\$300.00 per autopsy
Use of autopsy room, consumable goods and autopsy equipment by organ donation organizations	\$500.00 per autopsy
Diagnostic radiology	Actual cost, subject to minimum of \$100 per autopsy
Evidence photography and/or collection of evidence when referring county does not send evidence technician to autopsy/body examination	\$ 25.00 per man-hour, subject to minimum of \$100 per autopsy

Diener/morgue Assistant services, including log-in and out of deceased and related documentation and assistance with autopsy	\$ 25.00 per man-hour, subject to minimum of \$50.00 per autopsy
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President Byers asked for public comment in favor of or in opposition to Ordinance 2013-06-CM. There were none.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Byers Aye
Knochel Aye
Murtaugh Aye

Ordinance 2013-06-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to suspend the rules and hear Ordinance 2013-06-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.
- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear Ordinance 2013-06-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

President Byers asked for public comment in favor of or in opposition to Ordinance 2013-06-CM. There were none.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Byers	Aye
Knochel	Aye
Murtaugh	Aye

Ordinance 2013-06-CM passed 3-0 on second and final reading.

APPOINTMENTS

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Daniel Kordy and Bill Kitterman to the Romney Sewer District, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.
- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Jeff Houston to the District Planning Council For Indiana Homeland Security District 4, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – none

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports are on file in the Commissioner's office.

Treasurer
Board of Health

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

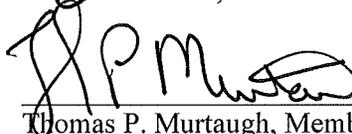
Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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David S. Byers, President

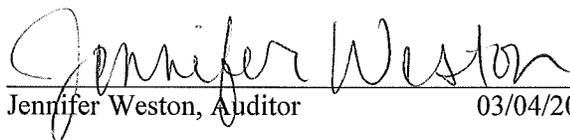


John L. Knochel, Vice President



Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:



Jennifer Weston, Auditor

03/04/2013