TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2012

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Commissioner David S. Byers. Also present were: Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

President Murtaugh welcomed the students from Ms. Greeley's Harrison High School Government class.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 1, 2012, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for October 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, and 15, 2012 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – Sallie Fahey
Rezone Z-2501 – Scheumann Properties, LLC (R1 to R2), Ordinance 2012-27-CM
Petitioner is requesting rezoning of 75.61 acres for a proposed 178 lot duplex development located on the east side of County Farm Road (CR50W) between Kalberer Road and CR 500 N, Wabash 31 (SE) 24-4.

Attorney Luhman verified the rezone did not need untabled because it was tabled to a date certain and appears on the agenda.

Dan Teder, Attorney with Reiling, Teder & Schrier representing the petitioner respectively requested to withdraw the zoning petition for Rezone Z-2501, Ordinance 2012-27-CM.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the withdrawal of Rezone Z-2501, Scheumann Properties, R1 to R2, Ordinance 2012-27-CM, second by Commissioner Byers with clarification from Attorney Luhman that the withdrawal for R2 is complete; it will remain as R1. President Murtaugh thanked everyone who contacted the Commissioners for their patience, emails, and comments. He expressed his appreciation for their attendance today and at the prior meetings; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to accept a grant for Superior Court 3 in the amount of $8,253 from the Indiana Judicial Center for the Court Improvement Program grant. It is a continuation grant.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the grant for Superior Court 3 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to accept a grant for CASA in the amount of $22,768 with a $5,692 match from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The grant is for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and is a continuation grant.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the grant for CASA as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for TEMA in the amount of $5,000 from Indiana Department of Homeland Security for training. This grant is new.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to apply for the grant for TEMA, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to authorize the issuance and publication of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for District 4 Interim Administrative Coordinator. Tippecanoe County is the fiscal agent for the grant that pays for the position, having the obligation to advertise for bids for the position. The position is a contract position over $50,000 and requires an annual RFP.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission of issuance for the RFP District 4 Interim Administrative Coordinator as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Heath
Grant Amendment to allow Community Corrections to house State Department of Corrections Work Release Participants

Community Corrections Executive Director Heath said the amendment is to the existing grant, allowing housing of Department of Corrections (DOC) work release inmates. Community Corrections participated in the program a couple of years ago but the program was discontinued. The program has been re-started and the grant amendment will allow participation.

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

For the benefit of the Harrison High School students, Director Heath provided an overview of Community Corrections: Community Corrections was established 15 years ago as an alternative for sentencing to prevent people from going to the Department of Corrections. Tippecanoe County has 54 participants on work release and they are housed at the building on North 9th Street, just past the jail. There are approximately 325 people on house arrest who wear ankle bracelets and are monitored from their houses. Surveillance Officers go to their house and check on them 3-4 times per week. There is also day reporting and they check in every day at the building. In total, there are approximately 460 participants on Community Correction programs in Tippecanoe County. By having the programs, it defers them from going to prison. Statewide, in the 78 counties there are 17,000-18,000 people in Community Corrections with an additional 27,000-28,000 in the Indiana Department of Corrections.

RESOLUTION 2012-28-CM
Establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioners' sale to sell tax sale certificates for properties that are severely delinquent in payment of property taxes.

Attorney Luhman said Resolution 2012-28-CM authorizes the Commissioners to conduct a sale of tax sale certificates. There are a number of properties with delinquent property taxes. They were offered for

sale by the Treasurer and Auditor at the County tax sale; there were no bidders and did not sell. As a result, the Commissioners may acquire the certificates. By adopting the resolution, the Commissioners may conduct a sale of the certificates to attempt to sell the properties. The difference between the Commissioners Certificate Sale and the County Tax Sale is at the County Tax Sale there is a required minimum bid that includes all the back taxes, interest, and penalties up to the date of the sale. The Commissioners can accept a lesser amount since the properties did not sell. There is not a set date for the sale. Once the certificate sale is authorized, it can be coordinated with the contractor to conduct the sale. The previous sale was an internet auction, allowing on-line bidding.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2012-28-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPLICATION TO VILLA

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve two applications to the Tippecanoe Villa; one for Rick L. Murphy and one for Terry W. Brand, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

For the students' benefit, Commissioner Knochel said the Community Corrections Board is the governing body of the facility Director Heath spoke about.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the appointment of Dale Bartlett to the Tippecanoe County Community Corrections Board, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

President Murtaugh explained for any common construction project over $150,000 the County government performs, a common wage board is appointed to set the wages for the project. There are two of those projects today.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the appointment of Dave Lahr, Frank Cederquist, and Eleanor Mlynarik to the Common Wage Board for the Erosion Control on Eisenhower Road project, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the appointment of Frank Cederquist to the Purdue University common construction, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – none

REPORTS ON FILE

The following report will be on file in the Commissioner's office.

Central Mail and Duplicating

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Murtaugh provided additional information on the rezone for the benefit of the Harrison students. The specific rezone was heard twice at the Area Plan Commission (APC) due to a non-conclusive vote. APC has a 15 member body that makes a recommendation to the Commissioners. At the second hearing, the vote was conclusive as a denial 11-1. On October 1, it was presented in the Commissioner meeting but there was an issue with clarification of the rezone itself; R2 or multi-family as R3. The rezone was tabled until the meeting today and notice received immediately before the meeting that the request would be withdrawn. Commissioner Knochel said the discussion the students didn't have a chance to hear was the comments from the property owners opposed to the rezone. Commissioner Byers explained where the property was located and explained to the students that the rezone would have encompassed 78 acres and 178 duplexes for rentals. The neighbors primarily wanted the property to remain as single family housing.

Highway Director Opal Kuhl addressed the students as a former teacher.

President Murtaugh introduced Council President Roland Winger and invited the students to discuss any County fiscal matters with him. Commissioner Byers introduced Auditor Weston as a Harrison graduate; Attorney Luhman as a Klondike graduate; recording secretary Tillie Hennigar, whose daughter is a Harrison graduate; and Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, whose children will attend Harrison in the future. Other County employees in attendance include Dawn Fay (who also graduated from Harrison), second in command in the Auditor office; Mike Spencer, second in command in the Highway department; and Major Charlie Williams, second in command in the Sheriff's department.

Paul Wright - 4523 S County Line Rd W, Westpoint – Mr. Wright thanked the teacher and informed the students that she is doing them a huge favor by getting them to pay attention to what government does on every level saying it's important to know where your money goes. "What you saw here today is just a fraction of what the Commissioners do every day. Their charge is to spend your money and if you don't pay attention to how they are spending it, they will spend it the way they want to."

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

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor 11-05-2012