

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2003**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, December 29, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member John L. Knochel. Also present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

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

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

As a former County Clerk, Commissioner Shedd presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Roberta "Bert" Blosser who is retiring after eighteen (18) years of services to Tippecanoe County. Mrs. Blosser worked in the County Assessor's Office two years and the County Clerk's Office for sixteen. The Commissioners' wished her much enjoyment in her retirement.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston

Mrs. Weston recommended approval of the Accounts Payable Vouchers for the periods ending December 19, 2003, December 24, 2003, and December 29, 2003 with three exceptions:

Voucher #6198	Diane Hawkins	\$231.00	A duplicate payment
Voucher #6142	M A I L	\$11,034.79	Invoice needs clarification
Voucher #6563	James Doyle	\$4,220.88	Auditor Plantenga said the Auditor's Office tried unsuccessfully to contact the Office Manager in the Prosecutor's Office regarding this claim. Since Mr. Doyle is a County employee, he should be paid through payroll, not the claim process.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers as submitted with the exceptions noted, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

HIGHWAY

CONTRACT: Bridge #U209 Emergency Repair: LaPorte Construction Co., Inc.

In the absence of Highway Executive Director Mark Albers, Mrs. Weston presented for approval the contract for an emergency repair to Bridge #U209 in the amount of \$68,369.02 with LaPorte Construction Co., Inc. If the contract is approved today, the Highway Department can encumber the funds for payment in 2004.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the contract for emergency repair to Bridge #U209, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

QUOTES: Elevator Hydraulic Cylinder Replacements

Attorney Luhman opened and read quotes for Hydraulic Cylinder Replacements for a passenger elevator and a freight elevator.

AMCO Elevators

Freight	\$38,036.00
Alternate #1 add Union-Gard	5,000.00
Passenger	\$29,045.00
Alternate #1 add Union-Gard	3,750.00

Horizon Elevator Co.

Freight	\$26,200.00
Passenger	\$21,700.00
Passenger & Freight	43,110.00

- Upon Attorney Luhman's recommendation, Commissioner Shedd moved to take the quotes under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

POLLING PLACES: City of Lafayette District 5 Special Election February 17, 2004: Clerk Linda Phillips

Mrs. Phillips said these are the same polling places that were used during the 2004 General Election. She said consideration was given to combining some of the polling place for this election due to the small number of voters, but they thought it would confuse voters in the next election.

Fairfield 11	Elmwood Church of Christ	2501 Elmwood Ave.	Lafayette
Fairfield 15	Sunnyside Middle School	2500 Cason St.	Lafayette
Fairfield 16	Washington School	1100 Elizabeth St.	Lafayette
Fairfield 18	Kossuth St. Baptist Church	2901 Kossuth St.	Lafayette
Fairfield 19	Rush Pavillion	19 Scott St.	Lafayette
Fairfield 20	Art Museum of Greater Lafayette	101 S. 9 th St.	Lafayette
Fairfield 25	Oakland School	611 S. 21 st St.	Lafayette
Fairfield 28	Community Reform Church	2501 S. 18 th St.	Lafayette
Fairfield 29	Calvary Chapel	2111 State St.	Lafayette

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the polling places for the Special Election for District 5 on February 17, 2004, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2003-51-CM: Establishing Polling Place Advisory Council: Second Reading (First Reading December 15, 2003)

Ordinance 2003-51-CM will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

Attorney Luhman summarized that the Ordinance establishes a Polling Place Advisory Council that will have no fewer than seven (7) members and will meet at least once per year in those years elections are held and submit a list of fully accessible polling places to the Commissioners.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-51-CM on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

KD Benson	Yes
Ruth Shedd	Yes
John Knochel	Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-51-CM passed 3 - 0 on second and final reading.

CONSENT TO PARTIAL RELEASE OF LEASE AND TENANCY IN COMMON AGREEMENT AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The Tippecanoe County Government Building Corporation, owner of the County Jail real estate, decided to sell approximately 1.2 acres along the Wabash River to the adjacent landowner. One requirement for closing is the Commissioners' consent to release that strip of real estate from the Lease and the Tenancy in Common Agreement between the County and the Building Corporation. The land is described as follows:

A part of the southwest quarter of Section Nine (9), Township Twenty-Three (23) North, Range Four (4) West, Fairfield Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, more completely described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of the State of Indiana property as described in Document No. 96-25976, recorded December 12, 1996, in the Tippecanoe County Recorder's Office, said point marked by an iron pipe; thence along the easterly line of said State of Indiana property, North 12E56'56" East, 552.49 feet to the westerly extension of the northerly line of the L. Anita Hurt property as described in Document No. 00-008323, recorded April 21, 2000 in said Recorder's office; thence along said westerly extension, South 86E16'30" East, 78.99 feet to the northwest corner of said Hurt property; thence along the westerly line of said Hurt property, South 08E23'50" West, 546.97 feet to the southerly line of the Tippecanoe County-Lafayette property as described in Document No. 88-04641 in said Recorder's office; thence along said southerly line, North 86E22'00" West, 123.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.2641 acres.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Consent to Partial Release of Lease and Tenancy in Common Agreement and Sale of Real Estate and authorize the President to sign, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

CONTRACT: Snow Removal

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the contract with Kevin Russell for snow removal for 2003-2004 at Cary Home, the 629 Building, the County Extension Office, and the 4th & Alabama Parking Lot for a charge of \$52.00 per hour for 1" of snow and \$70.00 per hour for removing 5" or more due to a heavy snowfall, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2003-41-CM: Amended Capital Asset Policy (amends Res 2003-04-CM passed 1/6/2003)

Resolution 2003-41-CM will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

Auditor Plantenga explained the Resolution sets the policy for the new reporting model of the County's capital assets for GASB34 (Governmental Standards Accounting Board Statement 34). Attachment A was amended due to changes based on the software and experience in entering the data. The \$10,000 threshold remains unchanged.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Resolution 2003-41-CM, amending the Capital Asset Policy, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.


PUBLIC COMMENT


None.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

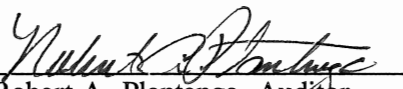
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ATTEST:


 Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor