

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Commissioner and President John L. Knochel was absent.)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2006 Regular Meeting as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers through September 18, 2006 with no exceptions, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**HIGHWAY: Executive Director Opal Kuhl**

**Agreement for Consulting Services: CrossRoad Engineers, PC**

Ms Kuhl requested approval of this Agreement with CrossRoad to conduct a preliminary study for the reconstruction of Yeager Road from the point of West Lafayette's new annexation line to the north. They will also conduct an alignment study to remove the abrupt curves in the road. The total amount of the Agreement is \$22,700.

Commissioner Benson asked if this work will be a joint effort with the City of West Lafayette. Ms Kuhl responded that CrossRoad representatives met with David Buck, West Lafayette's City Engineer, because the County wants to continue any trails or sidewalks the City installs.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Agreement for Consulting Services with CrossRoad Engineers, PC for the Yeager Road Project, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**Change Order #3: South River Road Ph III Project: The Schneider Corporation**

Ms Kuhl presented Change Order #3 in the amount of \$17,850 from the Schneider Corporation for Geotechnical Engineering Services for the South River Road Ph III Project. Before widening and resurfacing the road, core samples and an analysis are needed to make sure there is an adequate base underneath the road.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve Change Order #3 for the South River Road Ph III Project from the Schneider Corporation in the amount of \$17,850, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**Street Acceptance: Wake Robin Estates II SD, Ph 3**

**Maintenance Bond #104791384: \$27,042: Milestone Contractors, L.P.**

| <u>Street Name</u> | <u>Length Ft.</u>       | <u>Road Width</u> | <u>R/W Width</u>        | <u>Surface</u> | <u>Type</u>   |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Grosbeak Lane      | 596.93                  | 30'               | 50'                     | Asphalt        | Curb & Gutter |
| Robinhood Lane     | 102.09                  | 30' Rad.          | 50' Rad.                | Concrete       | Curb & Gutter |
| Yeoman Court       | 369.51                  | 30'               | 50'                     | Asphalt        | Curb & Gutter |
| Yeoman Lane        | 911.07                  | 30'               | 50'                     | Asphalt        | Curb & Gutter |
| Total              | 1,979.60' = 0.375 Miles |                   | Total Lots: 45 (68-112) |                |               |

- Commissioner Benson moved to accept the streets in Wake Robin Estates II SD, Ph 3 and Maintenance Bond #104791384 in the amount of \$27,042 for Milestone Contractors, L.P., seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**Construction Maintenance Bond #80473645: Tri Esco, Inc.**

- Commissioner Benson moved to accept Three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #80473645 in the amount of \$5,000 for Tri Esco, Inc. for work in all County Right-of-Ways, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**Bid Awarded: Asphalt Paver (Opened 9/5/2006)**

Ms Kuhl recommended awarding the Asphalt Paver Bid to MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc. She said the County is trading two (2) used graders for one (1) new Paver for \$0.

Commissioner Benson expressed concern about the letter from Brandeis Machinery and Supply Company opened at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting that charged the specifications called for a CAT model paver.

Attorney Luhman explained that Brandeis responded to the bid request with what they called a "no bid". Their cover letter said they were not able to bid because they believed the County had only specified a Caterpillar vehicle. Attorney Luhman said he reviewed the specifications, both before and after they were published, and they did not specify Caterpillar equipment. They did have specifications for a tract paver but it wasn't a Caterpillar product. Prior to publication of the specifications, he said the question of a trade-in was discussed and Statute 36-1-11-9 provides for a trade or exchange as part of a purchase of new property. The Statute specifically authorizes a trade-in of old equipment for new at a zero net purchase price but the notice does need to be published so the public knows what is taking place.

- Commissioner moved to accept the bid from MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc. for the trade-in of two old graders for a new grader for \$0, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**Contract: Lindberg Road Improvements Project: Strand Associates, Inc.**

Ms Kuhl presented a contract with Strand Associates, Inc. for planning services and preliminary engineering in the amount of \$17,000 for improvements to Lindberg Road from McCormick Road to Klondike Road. Strand will also study Klondike Road from SR 26 to US 52 because there are two railroad crossings to be dealt with. Ms Kuhl thinks this preliminary work will help decide which project should be improved first. She said they want to tie into the trails and sidewalks that West Lafayette is constructing and also into the design of the new US 231 that will cross that section of Lindberg Road.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Contract for Planning Services from Strand Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$17,000, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: S-3869-Winding Creek SD, Sections 5 & 6: Attorney Joe Bumbleburg**

1. A variance to permit a cul-de-sac length of 1,356 ft., instead of the required 800-ft. maximum for Augusta Lane.

Representing the petitioner, Attorney Joe Bumbleburg explained there are constraints on this street because the lots are completely surrounded by the Winding Creek Golf Course and there is no other way in or out for these lots. He said the development of these lots will be an excellent addition to the subdivision.

Area Plan Executive Director Sallie Fahey interjected that the proposed cul-de-sac radius of 60 ft rather 50 ft will allow enough turn around room for school buses as well as fire trucks.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the variance for Winding Creek SD, Sections 5 & 6, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT: Cary Home & Coalition for Safe & Drug Free Tippecanoe County: Karah Rawlings**

On behalf of Cary Home and The Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Tippecanoe County, Ms Rawlings requested permission to place red ribbons on the outside of the Courthouse premises for Red Ribbon Week October 22-28, 2006. Youth from Drug Court and other organizations in the County would like to hang the ribbons at 2:00 P.M. October 22<sup>nd</sup> and take them down on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Commissioner Benson moved to accept the Sponsorship Agreement for Red Ribbon Week October 22-28, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**2007 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Human Resources Director Frank Cederquist**

Mr. Cederquist said this schedule mirrors the 2006 schedule. It includes two (2) personal days for Lincoln's Birthday and Columbus Day and moves the Good Friday holiday to the Christmas holiday.

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TO: Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Frank Cederquist, Human Resources Coordinator  
Re: Proposed 2007 Holiday Schedule  
DATE: Monday, September 18, 2006

| DATE                   | HOLIDAY                       | DAY             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| January 1, 2007        | New Year's Day                | Monday          |
| January 15, 2007       | Martin Luther King's Birthday | Monday          |
| February 19, 2007      | President's Day               | Monday          |
| May 8, 2007            | Primary Election Day          | Tuesday         |
| May 28, 2007           | Memorial Day                  | Monday          |
| July 4, 2007           | Independence Day              | Wednesday       |
| September 3, 2007      | Labor Day                     | Monday          |
| November 6, 2007       | General Election Day          | Tuesday         |
| November 12, 2007      | Veterans Day                  | Monday          |
| November 22 & 23, 2007 | Thanksgiving Day              | Thursday/Friday |
| December 24 & 25, 2007 | Christmas Day                 | Monday/Tuesday  |

**2 Personal Holidays**

February 12, 2007 Lincoln's Birthday  
October 8, 2007 Columbus Day

1. All offices will be open Good Friday, April 6, 2007 for regular business.
2. Only employees of offices open for regular business on February 12, 2007, and October 8, 2007 are eligible for personal holidays.
3. A personal holiday may not be taken prior to being earned. In other words, a personal holiday may be taken on the date for which the personal holiday is designated for or later.
4. If an eligible employee fails to take personal holiday(s) by December 31, 2007, the personal holiday(s) will be forfeited.
5. A request for personal holiday(s) shall be submitted to the employee's immediate Department Head and may be taken only after approval.
6. For new hires, the number of personal holidays allowed shall be the number of personal holidays left during the year following the day of employment.
7. For employees who terminate employment with the County, the number of personal holidays allowed shall be the number of personal holidays observed to date.

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- Commissioner Benson moved to accept the proposed 2007 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**Health Plan

Commissioner Benson reported that meetings are being held with representatives from the County and the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette concerning the possibility of pooling employees into a health plan. The group met most recently last Friday but there doesn't seem to be a clear reason for the County to participate at this point. She said Human Resources Director Frank Cederquist and the County's health insurance consultant will meet later this week to study the numbers and make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Commissioner Benson said that right now it is "not a done deal by any means". She thinks this may be a possibility next year when they know who the players are and can seek competitive bids.

Family Day

Commissioner Benson reported receipt of a correspondence from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse regarding National Family Week. They requested the designation of September 25<sup>th</sup> as Family Day and encouraged parents to have dinner with their children.

**REPORTS**

A report from Veteran Affairs is on file in the Commissioners' Office for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

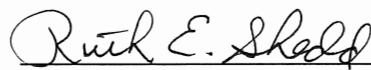
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

Absent

John L. Knochel, President

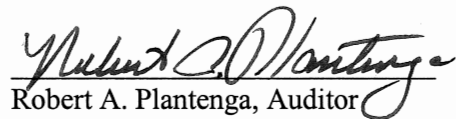


Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President



KD Benson, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor