

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 20, 2012**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, August 20, 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 Doug Masson, 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 led a moment of silence in honor of the life of Dr. Martin David Avolt who served as the County Coroner for several years. President Murtaugh said the dedication of Dr. Avolt to the citizens of Tippecanoe County is to be admired.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 2012, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for August 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 20, 2012 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

**WELCOME STUDENTS FROM JAPAN**

President Murtaugh welcomed the group of students and their chaperones visiting from Ota, Gunma, Japan. Teacher and chaperone Noriko Takagi said she brought 13 students to Ota's sister city of Lafayette and Tippecanoe. Two of the students will speak today.

Student Yuri Suto presented President Murtaugh with a letter from the Mayor of Ota. Yuri is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade high school student and talked about her interest in the English language. At the age of 12, listening to her mother's foreign music, she became curious about the words and began looking up the meaning of each word. Once she understood every line of the song, she was very happy and has never forgotten those feelings. Since then, Yuri has always carried a compact dictionary to look up new words wherever she is. During reading time at school, other students were reading biography and novels but she was reading the dictionary, which got her scolded from the teacher. For Yuri, English is not just a subject in school but a fascination and a pursuit. She plans to continue to improve her English and dreams of traveling to English speaking countries to experience foreign cultures. Her music preferences include Michael Jackson and she is excited to be in Indiana where he was born.

Commissioner Knochel and President Murtaugh complimented and congratulated Yuri on her speaking skills and knowledge of the English language.

Student Ryo Inooka said he is a 17 year old 12<sup>th</sup> grade student. He has been learning English since elementary school and studying English from the bottom of his heart in hopes of going to America someday. His decision to be in the exchange program is a good opportunity to improve his English,

fulfill his dream, and learn the culture differences between Japan and America. English is the language used all over the world and if he obtains perfect command of English, he can communicate with many people in other countries. Ryo hopes to become bi-lingual and also learn the correct pronunciation to speak English fluently like the native speakers.

Commissioner Knochel complimented Ryo on a good job. Commissioner Byers said the stuffed animal in front of him is the Ota mascot which he brought back from his visit. President Murtaugh thanked the students for attending the meeting and told them to enjoy the rest of their visit.

#### ***BURN BAN TERMINATION*** (Ratification of Previous Order)

Attorney Masson said the burn ban termination is ratification of the Declaration made by President Murtaugh on August 10, 2012.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to terminate the burn ban, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

#### ***HIGHWAY*** – Opal Kuhl

##### **Bridge #151 Rehabilitation Project – Contract Modification from H. Stewart Kline & Associates, Inc.**

Highway Director Kuhl said this is modification #5 to the contract for Bridge #151, Hog Point Bridge. Additional rip rap and splash pads were needed for erosion under the bridge. The modification is in the amount of \$500, increasing the total to \$2,652,724.22.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract modification for Hog Point Bridge as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

#### ***GRANTS*** – Laurie Wilson

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for TEMA in the amount of \$4,054 from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The grant is for the Emergency Management Performance Grant, which is based on the previous year's performance. TEMA Director Smokey Anderson would like to apply for the money and hold it in reserve for projects and contingencies.

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

#### ***VILLA*** – DeAnna Seiber

##### **Contract Addendum for FSSA RCAP**

Villa Director Seiber said the addendum is to the RCAP contract which states the Villa does not engage in investment activities with Iran. Attorney Masson said it is a new law the State Department of Administration requires. Contracts must include the clause stating no involvement in oil investment activities with Iran.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract addendum as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

#### **Application and Admission**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the application to the Villa for Nathan Wiggers, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***YOUTH SERVICES/JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES*** – Rebecca Humphrey

**Sponsorship Agreement to decorate the Courthouse for Drug-Free Coalition's Red Ribbon Week**

Cary Home Executive Director Humphrey requested approval of sponsorship for Red Ribbon Week. The Courthouse will be decorated with red ribbons the week of October 21- 27. The red ribbon breakfast will be held October 22.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the sponsorship agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

**Conservation Project**

Director Humphrey requested permission to begin a conservation project at Cary Home. The project is a partnership between the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation (WREC) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Cary Home will install rain barrels, rain gardens, and a native savannah. It is proposed to be in the front of Cary Home, between the sidewalk and the building, and will include native grasses. It will provide different types of opportunities to decrease mowing and serve as education for the children at Cary Home and also the community. The funding is provided by WREC and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Cary Home will provide in-kind funding for agricultural plantings. The Cary Home Advisory Board has approved the project. It will be a fourteen month project beginning in the spring of 2013 and include involvement of the children in residence as well as those in other programs.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the conservation project with WREC as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

**Copier Contract**

Director Humphrey requested permission to lease a copier for Juvenile Alternatives through the Community Corrections grant funding. Surveillance has moved to the Intake Center and Truancy Mediation has been moved back into Cary Home. The copier at the Juvenile Alternatives Intake Center does not meet their needs and the current lease will be terminated. The proposed copier, which is a Ricoh, is smaller and more compact to better fit the available space. Two copiers are available for another department if needed and will be discussed tomorrow at the department lunch. Copier contracts are handled through Frank Cederquist.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the request to lease a copier as presented; second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***CLERK*** – Christa Coffey

**Contract for Payment Service**

Clerk Coffey requested approval to extend the contract with Government Payment Service, Inc. (d/b/a "GovPayNet"). Currently, credit cards are accepted for cash bonds through "GovPayNet". The extension will allow credit and debit card payments at the counter.

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

***PUBLIC DEFENDER*** – Amy Hutchison  
**Contract for Payment Service**

President Murtaugh announced the Public Defender Representation Agreement is on hold until next month.

***APPOINTMENTS TO COMMON WAGE BOARD***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the appointment of Dave Lahr to two boards, the City of Lafayette and Ivy Tech, as the County Taxpayer Representative. He also moved to approve the appointment of Frank Cederquist as the Legislative Body Representative for Purdue University, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS***

President Murtaugh announced that Smokey Anderson, the Emergency Management Director, is undergoing open heart surgery tomorrow morning and asked that he be kept in your prayers and thoughts.

***REPORTS ON FILE***

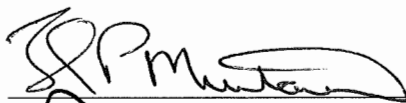
The following reports will be on file in the Commissioner's office.

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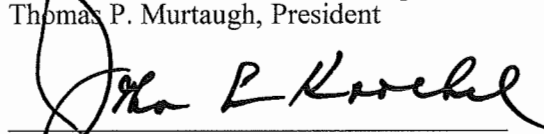
***PUBLIC COMMENT***

As there were no Public Comments, Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

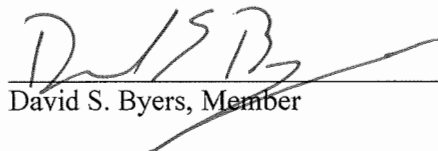
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Thomas P. Murtaugh, President

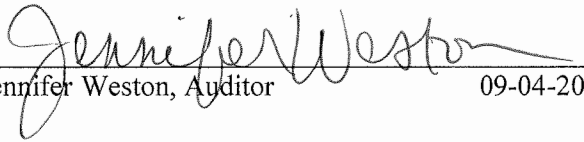


John L. Knochel, Vice President



David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Weston, Auditor 09-04-2012

