

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
*January 19, 2010*

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President David S. Byers, and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Kay Muse.

Commissioner Knochel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

***PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for January 7, 8, 14, 15, 19, 2010 as submitted with no exceptions.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***HIGHWAY-Opal Kuhl***

**Change order #2 Myers Construction Management, Inc.**

Assistant Director Mike Spencer presented Change Order #2 Myers Construction, for the Highway Garage Improvements Project for approval. Mr. Spencer stated this is an increase of \$29,450 adding this will fund new locksets, insulation in the attic, concrete for storm drain trenches, and additional length on the canopy over the fuel island. Mr. Spencer stated the garage project cost would still be under budget.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Change Order #2 as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

**Street Acceptance for Applewood Subdivision**

Mr. Mike Spencer presented Street Acceptance for Applewood Subdivision, Section 2 Apple Lane 1,955.62' and Apple Court 379.45' for approval.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Street Acceptance as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

**Maintenance Bond**

Mr. Mike Spencer presented a three-year subdivision street Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$31,940 from O'Malley & O'Malley Inc. for the Applewood Subdivision for approval.

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

### **Opening of Bids Bridge #151**

Milestone	\$3,141,500.00
Wertz & Yates	\$2,880,038.55
Isom Construction	\$2,373,684.72

Attorney David Luhman recommended bids be taken under advisement for review.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to take the bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

### **Warranty Deeds and Temporary Easements**

Mr. Mike Spencer presented Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grant for Tyler Road Project Parcel 9 for approval in the name of Michael and Virginia Mann, in the amount of \$765 for the warranty deed and \$6 for the temporary easement grant.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Mr. Mike Spencer presented Warranty Deed for Tyler Road Project Parcel 12 for approval in the name of Patrick J. Benner in the amount of \$4,580.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Warranty Deed as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Mr. Mike Spencer presented Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grant for Tyler Road Project Parcel 15 for approval in the name of Shannon and Niki Gaylord, in the amount of \$19,200 for the warranty deed and \$700 for the temporary easement grant.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Warranty Deed as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

### ***GRANTS-Laurie Wilson***

#### **Professional Services Agreement**

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson presented a Professional Services Agreement between Women Infants and Children (WIC) and Sandra Arnold. Ms. Wilson stated this is for the position of assistant to the breast-feeding coordinator. Ms. Wilson added this position is funded entirely through a grant.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept Professional Service Agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh, motion carried.

#### **Juvenile Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson presented a MOU between Tippecanoe County and Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the MOU as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

### **Permission to Accept**

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested permission to accept three grants.

Ms. Wilson requested permission to accept a \$5,000 grant for the Health Department for bio-terrorism hospital planning fund. This will be used by the Medical Reserve Corp for supplies.

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

Ms. Wilson requested permission to accept a \$10,000 grant for the Health Department for bio-terrorism preparedness and response.

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

Ms. Wilson requested permission to accept a \$353,311 grant for the Health Department phase 3 of the H1N1 program. Ms. Wilson added because of the time restraints and the size of this grant any funds that could not be put to good use would be returned. She added that many of the counties included in this grant are under-funded and this will be of help to them.

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

### **Permission to Apply**

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested permission to apply for six grants.

Ms. Wilson requested permission to apply for a State Grant that will reimburse funds to the IV-D Program. This is a cooperative agreement between the State and Tippecanoe County. The state reimburses 66% of the expenses paid by the County.

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

Ms Wilson requested permission to apply for 2010 funding for the State Homeland Security Program. Ms. Wilson added this would include the nine counties making up District 4.

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

Ms. Wilson requested permission to apply for a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant for up to \$25,000. These funds will be used to pave the Randolph Township Trustee parking lot and provide renovations to several other local sites, to make them American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant so they may be used as polling places. Ms. Wilson stated there would be a Memorandum of Understanding with these agencies agreeing to use the sites for polling places for a determined number of years.

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

Ms. Wilson requested permission to apply for a Indiana Criminal Justice Institute grant through Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant program (JAIBG) for a pregnancy prevention program in the amount of \$25,000 adding the 10% cash match has been identified.

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

Ms. Wilson requested permission to apply for a Indiana Criminal Justice Institute grant through JAIBG for \$55,000 to fund a school resource officer with Tippecanoe School Corporation. Ms. Wilson added this program will be administered in coordination with the Sheriff's Department and the school corporation will provide the match.

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

Ms. Wilson requested permission to apply for a \$45,000 grant for the graduated sanctions program. Ms. Wilson added this is a program that identifies and implements ways to provide discipline steps in a graduated manner for juvenile offenders.

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

***CARY HOME FOR CHILDREN-Rebecca Humphrey***

**Resolution 2010-06-CM Establishing 2010 Rates and Admission Application for Cary Home**

Director Rebecca Humphrey requested approval of the Cary Home 2010 Rates, and Admission Application. Ms. Humphrey stated the rates are set by the state and this would be a decrease.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2010-06-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***HUMAN RESOURCES-Shirley Mennen***

Human Resource Coordinator Shirley Mennen presented a vacation policy change for approval. Ms. Mennen stated that currently new hires do not accrue any vacation until after the six-month probation period. This change will allow new hires to accrue vacation during the six-month probation period, but they will not be able to use the accrued vacation until they have completed the six-month probation period. Ms. Mennen stated the vacation policy will not take affect until February 1, 2010 and will not be retroactive.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve change in vacation policy as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

***PUBLIC HEARING***

**Lease of Swisher Road Property and Amending Start Date of Lease**

Attorney David Luhman stated that at the last meeting the Tippecanoe County Commissioners approved a resolution approving the form of lease and scheduled a public hearing to receive input from the public with respect of the proposed lease. This is a two-year lease for approximately five acres and two buildings located on Swisher Road. The purpose of this lease will be to house TEMA equipment. The rent for the two years would be \$81,000 for the first year and \$82,620 for the second year. The County Council considered this at their January 12, 2010 meeting and tabled the issue until February.

President John Knochel opened the public hearing and asked for any comments in favor of or against the proposed lease.

Paul Wright–West Point, voiced his concern whether this eleven-acre site could be split if the County decides to purchase it. Mr. Wright added that this property sold in 2005 for \$750,000 and if the County leases this property for two years the County will be spending approximately \$100,000 per year. Mr. Wright added that the assessed value in 2008 was down to \$590,000 and has gone down \$50,000 to \$540,000 since that time. Mr. Wright stated that the amount and need of the equipment belonging to the County needs to be evaluated before leasing property. Mr. Wright went on to say that he feels the amount of rent that is being asked is too high.

Sadie Harper-Scott– voiced her concern that the Youth Center is on hold because of financial reasons and the County is considering leasing property to store equipment. Ms. Harper-Scott added her concerns about the youth of the community and feels they are a priority.

- Commissioner Byers moved to table the issue until the February 1, 2010 meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

#### ***JAIL BUMP-OUT CHANGE ORDERS***

Major Charlie Williams presented Change Order #4 in the amount of \$199.50 to Craig Electric for approval. This will be to add power for the sump pump.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Change Order # 4 for Craig Electric as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Major Charlie Williams presented Change Order #2 in the amount of \$325 to Tri-Tech for approval. This will be to drill holes for the security doors on the detention cells.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Change Order #2 for Tri-Tech as presented, second Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

#### ***RESOLUTION 2010-04-CM***

#### **Confirming the Participation of Tippecanoe County in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission**

Re-appointed to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission were Member Norman A. Neiburger and alternate James A. Andrews.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2010-04-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

#### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

None

#### ***NEW BUSINESS***

None

#### ***REPORTS ON FILE***

Building Commission Monthly Report

Mail and Duplicating Monthly Report  
Crystal Creek Kennel

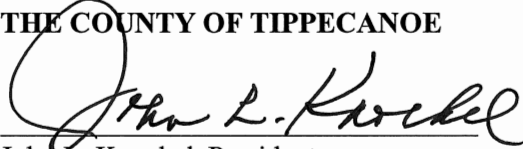
Reports are on file in the Commissioner's office for public review.

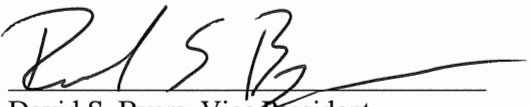
***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

Sadie Harper-Scott stated that she feels the use of the grant needs to be identified before approval. Ms. Harper-Scott requested that any grant money made available to the health clinic also be made available to the community.

- Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

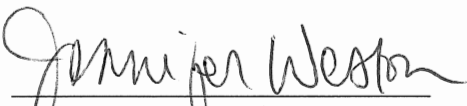
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ABSENT  
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Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jennifer Weston, Auditor