

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
*April 7, 2008*

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President John L. Knochel and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the January 22, March 17, 2008, and the March 21, 2008 meeting minutes, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

***PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for March 18, 20, 21, 27, 28, April 3, 4, 7, 2008 with no exceptions.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as submitted, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

***HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl***

Bill Hamilton, Menards, presented a check for \$333,132.41 for construction costs to the commissioners for the joint project at US 52 and County Road 300 West. Director Kuhl explained Menards was responsible for the construction costs and the county was responsible for the remainder. The joint project was intended to improve traffic flow to the new Menards on the west side.

Change Order #2 for the 2007 Culvert Replacement Project from Milestone Contractors, L.P. was recommended for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change Order #2 as submitted, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Contract Modification #1 was presented for approval for Bridge #118 and Bridge #179 from H. Stewart Kline & Associates, Inc.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Contract Modification as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Utility Maintenance Bond from Indiana Fiber Network, LLC in the amount of \$5,000 was recommended for approval for work in county right-of-way.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Utility Maintenance Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Payment and Performance Bonds from Jack Isom Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$380,432.35 for Bridge #28 were presented for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Payment and Performance Bonds as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Payment and Performance Bonds were also recommended for approval from Jack Isom Construction Co., Inc. for Bridges #54 and #160 in the amount of \$660,886.18.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Payment and Performance Bonds as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Design Agreement with Floyd E. Burroughs & Associates for engineering services on Bridge #33 was recommended for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Design Agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**UZO AMENDMENT #58 – WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM (WECS)  
REVISION TO AMENDMENT #55**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear UZO Amendment #58; Ordinance 2008-09-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APC Director Sallie Fahey discussed the proposed amendment which addresses wind farm energy transmission lines and small wind farms in residential areas. Director Fahey explained electrical transmission lines on wind farms sites will have to be buried from turbans to substations according to the amendment. Also, the amendment eliminates the use of small wind systems in residential areas and states only micro systems are allowed.

Public Comment

None

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Shedd	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Benson	Yes

Ordinance 2008-09-CM passed 3-0.

**UZO AMENDMENT #59 – OUTSIDE STORAGE IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES:**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear UZO Amendment #59; Ordinance 2008-10-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Director Fahey clarified the amendment regarding the three types of industrial zones. These zones are characterized by the impact to neighbors based on outdoor activity. Other uses permitted in this type of zone may have the typical level of outdoor activity but are limited to uses permitted in industrial zones.

Public Comment

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Shedd	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Benson	Yes

Ordinance 2008-10-CM passed 3-0.

**JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES – Tammy Patrick**

Director Tammy Patrick requested approval of a Juvenile Specialist position. The position is a PAT II with funding provided by project income through Community Corrections.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Juvenile Specialist position, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**BOARD OF ELECTION & REGISTRATION – Linda Phillips & Heather Maddox**

Clerk Linda Phillips requested approval for contracts for Election Workers and Training for Poll workers at Ivy Tech.

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

**TREASURER PLANTENGA – Bob Plantenga**

Treasurer Plantenga requested approval for termination of a Professional Services Contract with Atlas Collections, Inc. Atlas Collections charges 35% for recovering property taxes and does not provide status reports. Premier Credit Services charges 18% and provides access to accounts in collections.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the termination of contract as requested, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**MITTS – Diane Hawkins**

MITTS Director Diane Hawkins reported on a recent request for public records from the Taxpayer Advocacy Group. She explained the request is progressing slowly due to the magnitude of the request. The MITTS department is preparing for the upcoming election which will consume a large portion of time. Director Hawkins confirmed the request will require numerous staff hours to complete.

Commissioner Benson proposed a public meeting with the Taxpayer Advocacy Group to discuss any issues they feel the public has not been privy to. She stressed the request will be expensive

for taxpayers and in an effort to minimize the cost the commissioners are willing to hold a public meeting to accommodate the request of the group.

Michele Blaas, Taxpayer Advocacy Group, agreed that she wanted to avoid the cost to taxpayers. She proposed meeting with the commissioners to discuss issues at hand and follow-up with a public meeting if needed. She confirmed the request for information could be put on hold until she had a chance to meet with one of the commissioners.

**RESOLUTION 2008-15-CM, APPROVING FORM OF LEASE OF PROPERTY (FOCUS JUVENILE SERVICES PROGRAM)**

Youth Services Director Rebecca Humphrey stated the proposed resolution for lease at the YWCA will be for the FOCUS Juvenile Services Program. She confirmed the lease will allow for all the juvenile programs to co-exist in the same building thus freeing up office space in other county buildings. The lease will save the county \$16,000 per year and funding for the lease will be provided by Community Corrections.

Public Comment

None

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-15-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2008-17-CM, AMENDING THE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Attorney Luhman explained the amendment to the Cumulative Capital Plan adds project AAA to the capital outlay expenditures for 2008. The addition of the project increases the total capital outlay amount to \$1,164,332.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-17-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2008-20-CM, AMENDING THE EDIT PLAN**

Attorney Luhman described the amendment to the Economic Development Income Tax Plan to include items approved by the council in the 2008 budget. Project #57 will be added for the Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) system in the amount of \$491,000 and project #58 for Cary Home Improvements to include improvements on the fire escapes in the amount of \$90,000.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-20-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF APPRAISAL UPDATE**

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of an appraisal update with Buckland and Associates for the county office building, jail, and the courthouse. For insurance purposes an updated appraisal is recommended each year.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the reappraisal update, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### **APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Al Parker to City of Lafayette Common Wage Board for various projects, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Knochel requested information from Highway Director Opal Kuhl regarding roads in other counties returning to gravel due to a shortage in highway funding. Tippecanoe County is not returning roads to gravel; however, decreased funding is limiting the amount of newly paved roads.

Commissioner Knochel is in favor of purchasing the Duncan Road property regardless of the outcome of the juvenile center. He explained several county offices have outgrown their space and the 9<sup>th</sup> street property offers the opportunity for expansion.

Commissioner Benson attended the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee meeting. The committee discussed the need for additional medical services in the county, mutual aid, and emergency air services. It was recommended by the committee that two additional members be added.

- Commissioner Benson moved to appoint two additional members to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, one from Tippecanoe Emergency Ambulance Services (TEAS) and a member from the volunteer ambulance services, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Georgia Jones, County Assessor, requested approval of the Sales Disclosure Deputy position. The position is included in the County Assessor's 2008 budget.

- Commissioner moved to approve the Sales Disclosure Deputy position, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### **REPORTS ON FILE**

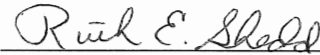
Wabash River Parkway  
 Tippecanoe County Public Library  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Treasurer  
 Weight and Measures  
 Building Permits

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Benson encouraged employees to volunteer to work the election.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**



Ruth E. Shedd, President

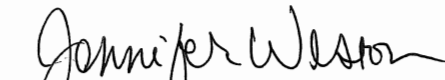


John L. Knochel, Vice President



KD Benson, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
Jennifer Weston, Auditor