

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2008

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Commissioner Ruth Shedd called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve minutes from the April 9, 2008 special meeting and the May 19, 2008, regular meeting, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Auditor Weston recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for May 22, 23, 29, 30, and June 2, 2008 with no exceptions.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Ron Cripe

Administrator Ron Cripe requested combining two part-time clerical positions within the Health Department to create a full-time position. The Health Department has a part-time Vital Records Clerk position and a part time TB Outreach Worker position of which the duties are being fulfilled full-time. He suggested combining the positions to create a full-time Nursing Bilingual Vital Records Clerk at a COMOT III level.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the full-time Nursing Bilingual Vital Records Clerk position, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Amy Hutchison

Public Defender Amy Hutchison requested combining two part time attorney positions for one full-time position. The current case load warrants a full-time position.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the full-time Attorney position, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES – Tammy Patrick

Clinical Services Director Tammy Patrick requested approval for a regular part-time Therapist position for Juvenile Alternatives. The position was previously part time at 20 hours per week and the request is for 32 hours per week with benefits at a PAT IV level.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the regular part-time Therapist position for Juvenile Alternatives, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

CARY HOME – Tammy Patrick

Clinical Services Director Tammy Patrick requested a part time 32 hours per week Therapist position be increased to a full-time Therapist for Cary Home. The increase in hours will provide appropriate coverage for Cary Home for girls and boys.

- Commissioner Benson moved to eliminate the part-time position and create a full-time Therapist position, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES – Ruth Shedd

Commissioner Shedd recommended the Executive Director of Cary Home position be combined with the Youth Services Director contracted duties to create an Exec 1 position. Commissioner Shedd noted the position may be split in the future to fill the Executive Director of Cary Home, if a juvenile facility is built.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the change as requested for the full-time Youth Services Executive Director position, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

COUNTY ASSESSOR – Samantha Steele

Assessor Steele requested elimination of positions in the Wea and Wabash Township offices in accordance with HB 1001. A Sales Disclosure Deputy, Appeals & Non-Profit Deputy, Land Deputy and Improvements Deputy will be transferred to the County Assessor. A regular part-time Inheritance & Personal Property Deputy will be transferred as well. Two full-time positions will be eliminated between the Wea and Wabash offices.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the new plan for elimination/transfer of positions as proposed, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

2009 SALARY COST INFORMATION RECOMMENDATION

Auditor Weston presented a 2009 salary cost information for the commissioners to consider. The recommendation provided a 1% incremental change; the total amount for a 1% change will be \$212,000 from the general fund which includes social security and retirement. Auditor Weston noted in 2008 PERF increased from 6% to 6.5% which amounted to \$75,000. In 2009 the rate will increase to 6.75%. The commissioners should make at their second meeting in June.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Benson moved to appoint Betty Michael, Tom Murtaugh, and Dave Lahr to the Culvert & Bridge Projects Common Wage Board for Tippecanoe County.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benson reported the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee met recently and discussed the importance of adding an additional ambulance to the fleet to meet the

needs of the county. TEMA Director Mark Kirby added the aging fleet requires a lot of maintenance and another ambulance is desperately needed. He explained the committee is working toward an advisory board to oversee the operations of TEAS and the service provided for both hospitals. He expects the board to make a decision on replacement of new ambulances but an additional ambulance is critical at this point. Members of the committee discussed purchasing demo models or new trucks to meet the immediate need.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve publication for an RFP for 1-2 ambulances new or used, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Luhman presented a Professional Services Agreement from DLZ and recommend approval of the agreement for repairs of the Community Corrections building.

- Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with DLZ for the Community Corrections, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Auditor Weston questioned whether or not the Executive Director of Cary Home position should be eliminated. Commissioner Benson suggested maintaining the position until more information is available on the direction of the Juvenile Justice Center.

REPORTS ON FILE

Treasurer
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Weight & Measures
Mail & Duplicating

PUBLIC COMMENT

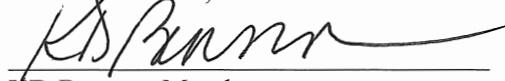
None

- Commissioner Benson moved to adjourn.

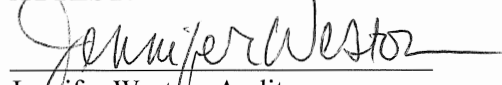
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