

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 29, 2008**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, December 29, 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: Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

***PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for December 18, 19, 23, 24, 29, 2008 without exceptions.

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

***HIGHWAY – Mike Spencer***

Assistant Highway Director Mike Spencer recommended approval of a PE Services Agreement with American Structurepoint, Inc. for Lindberg Road in the amount of \$174,005. He reported \$30,000 will be used for survey fees, \$81,800 for geo-technical services, and \$62,000 for the engineering report.

Public Comment

Ann Hunt, West Lafayette City Council member, questioned how the funds will be distributed through this agreement.

Diane Damico from the West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission requested the amount currently in the Cum Bridge Fund. She also asked how far in advance a feasibility study is performed before construction is started on each bridge.

Commissioner Knochel said the Cum Bridge Fund has approximately \$26 million; he added the Lindberg Bridge project will be placed on the 10-Year Bridge repair plan and will have a higher priority on the plan.

Assistant Director Mike Spencer noted the bridges are rated on the plan according to safety and condition of the bridges.

Ms. Damico stated she read the West Lafayette Redevelopment Committee would be asked to reimburse the funds for the feasibility study.

Commissioner Benson stated the agreement states the county will fund for the construction cost of the bridge and the City of West Lafayette will fund the design.

Dick Lester, West Lafayette resident, asked if the county can make the 500 ft. of the proposed bridge a gravel road. He has traveled to different states and driven on gravel roads different from

any gravel road in our area. He believes a gravel road will cost a fraction of the amount proposed for the Lindberg Bridge.

Commissioner Knochel stated the unstable condition of the current bridge and the lack of water movement in the area does not permit the use of gravel.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the PE Services Agreement with American Structurepoint, Inc. as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

### ***SHERIFF – Tracy Brown***

Sheriff Tracy Brown presented information regarding the new 911 vendor. Sheriff Brown reported the budget for 2009 is \$1.6 million, and in 2010 is a proposed \$1.5 million, which is a 7.5% reduction. In years past, 911 required 18 months of revenue to fund a single year of services. Proposals were received from AT&T, Interact, J&K Communications, MicroData, Verizon, and INdigital Telecom. A selection committee included:

- Councilmember Tom Murtaugh
- Commissioner KD Benson
- Major Charles Williams
- Lt. Rick Walker
- Former MITS Director Diane Hawkins
- Sheriff Tracy Brown

The Sheriff's Department had a one year contract with Verizon, which will be used until the transition is complete. Sheriff Brown reported Verizon owns a majority of the telephone wire in Tippecanoe County and they will be an important part of the process as the county transitions to the new vendor. With the new vendor additional equipment will be purchased and will provide the county with the flexibility of owning a system which eventually will reduce the 911 budget.

Mark Brady, CEO and founder of INdigital Telecom, spoke regarding the proposed 911 service. INdigital will provide Tippecanoe County with wireless and wireline 911 service, ALI database services and system integration. The counties own Internet Protocol (IP) will be utilized over fiber network to control cost. A regional call center will be created to meet emerging/changing needs. And finally, INdigital will integrate the new system with existing systems to achieve high value and performance.

Sheriff Brown thanked Major Charles Williams for his dedication on the 911 project and all the other members of the committee that assisted in the recommendation for the new vendor.

- Commissioner Benson moved to select INdigital Telecom as the 911 vendor of choice and allow the Sheriff to negotiate a contract, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

### ***YOUTH SERVICES – Rebecca Humphrey***

Youth Services Director Rebecca Humphrey presented a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Judge Rush between Superior Court 3 and Juvenile Alternatives. Judge Rush is requesting a transfer of funds from Secure Detention to pay for Detention Services to Juvenile Alternatives for uncollected fees.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS ON FILE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vicki Burch, West Lafayette City Councilmember, thanked the commissioners for the support in addressing the Lindberg Road problem. She also thanked Commissioner Benson and Commissioner Shedd for their service to the county and Commissioner Knochel for his continued service.

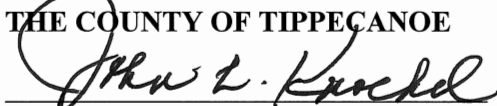
Commissioner Knochel thanked the Commissioner Shedd and Commissioner Benson on behalf of Councilmember Kemper. Councilmember Kemper enjoyed working with the commissioners and expressed his appreciation.

Sheriff Tracy Brown presented a plaque to Commissioner Benson and Commissioner Shedd for the dedication and service to the county and the Sheriff's Department. He presented a plaque on behalf of the men and women of the Sheriff's Department.

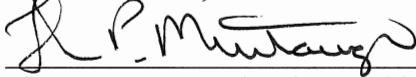
Smokey Anderson also thanked the commissioners for the service to the county as well as their friendship.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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John L. Knochel, President

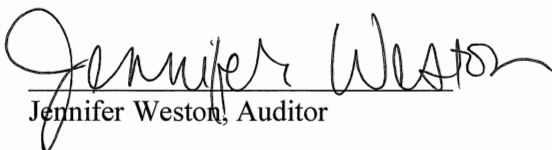


Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President Member



David S. Byers, Member Vice President

**ATTEST:**

  
Jennifer Weston, Auditor