

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2001**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, March 5, 2001 at 9:00 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; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney Thomas H. Busch, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the February 20, 2001 Regular Meeting, February 21, 2001 Special Meeting, February 26, 2001 Executive Meeting, and February 26, 2001 Special Meeting minutes as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Weston, Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Claims as submitted with the exception of #01-02597 to Zee Medical in the amount of \$23.88, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION: "Severe Weather Awareness Week": Emergency Management Director Steve Wettschurack**

Lafayette Mayor Dave Heath, West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum, Purdue University representative Carol Shelby, and Commissioners John Knochel, KD Benson, and Ruth Shedd participated in reading the Proclamation declaring March 4 - 10, 2001 as "Severe Weather Awareness Week" ..

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**TIPPECANOE COUNTY  
LAFAYETTE, WEST LAFAYETTE, AND PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**"SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK"  
MARCH 4 - 10, 2001**

- WHEREAS:** The months of March through June present the highest risk for severe thunderstorms and tornadoes to strike Tippecanoe County, and
- WHEREAS:** Tippecanoe County is located within the nation's "Tornado Belt", becoming a prime target of devastating tornado outbreaks and other types of severe weather and;
- WHEREAS:** A statewide tornado warning exercise will be held on March 7, 2001 for the purpose of testing communications systems, equipment and procedures; and
- WHEREAS:** During this week, the Tippecanoe County Emergency Management is emphasizing its safety procedures involving tornado activity:

**NOW THEREFORE,**

We, the undersigned, do hereby proclaim the week of March 4 - 10, 2001 as

**"SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK"**

in Tippecanoe County and encourage all citizens to become aware of tornado danger signs, and to learn how to safeguard the lives of their families, friends, and citizenry in the event of severe weather activity in our area.

BY COMMISSIONER:	_____
	Ruth Shedd, President
BY COMMISSIONER:	_____
	John Knochel, Vice President
BY COMMISSIONER:	_____
	KD Benson, Member
BY LAFAYETTE MAYOR:	_____
	Dave Heath
BY WEST LAFAYETTE MAYOR:	_____
	Sonya Margerum
BY PURDUE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE:	_____
	Carol Shelby

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Mayor Heath said we all need to be aware that tornadoes do strike in Tippecanoe County and it is important to be aware of the dangers.

Ms Shelby reminded all that the sirens signify that individuals should take shelter and turn to the media for information.

Mayor Margerum stated it is important for all agencies to work together in cases of severe weather.

Commissioner Shedd said she is glad Tippecanoe County has Emergency Management Director Steve Wettschurack and the TEMA Volunteers who work to prepare the County. She agrees with Mayor Margerum that all need to work together.

**HIGHWAY: Executive Director Mark Albers**

**BID OPENING: Bituminous Materials**

Attorney Busch opened and read the bids:

Asphalt Materials, Inc.	Bid Bond	Various Prices
American Paving & Asphalt Inc.	Bid Bond	Various Prices
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	Bid Bond	Various Prices
Milestone Contractors L.P.	Bid Bond	Various Prices

- Upon Executive Director Albers' recommendation, Commissioner Knochel moved to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**GRANTS OF RIGHT OF WAY**

Executive Director Albers presented the following Grants of Right-of-Way in Phase 4, Part 3 of Watkins Glen Subdivision for approval:

Lots 68, 69, 70, 72, & 73:	A part of the SE ¼ of Sec. 11, Twp. 23 N, R 4 W in Fairfield Twp. from Rodger Allen & Mareva Jean Watkins
Lot 71:	A part of the SE ¼ of Sec. 11, Twp. 23 N, R 4 W in Fairfield Twp. from Rodger Allen & Mareva Jean Watkins.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Grants of Right of Way for Watkins Glen Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**SUB-DIVISION STREET MAINTENANCE BOND: A & K Construction, Inc.**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the three (3) year Sub-Division Street Maintenance Bond #5855755 in the amount of \$3,400.00 for A & K Construction, Inc. for street and drainage improvements to Phase 4, Part 3 of Watkins Glen Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**STREET ACCEPTANCE: Watkins Glen Subdivision**

Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the acceptance of Mar Ruth Drive located within Watkins Glen Subdivision, Phase 4, Part 3, into the County Highway System, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY: By Parcelization**

Executive Director Albers presented the Grant of Right-of-Way by parcelization for approval:

<b>Key #138-00600-0011:</b>	CR 1000 E; A fractional part of the West ½ of the NW ¼ of Sec. 12, Twp. 24 N, R 3 W, Washington Twp. from R. Gregg Sutter.
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- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Grant of Right-of-Way by parcelization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE BOND: Right Angle Homes LLC**

Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #3-688-500 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Right Angle Homes LLC for the installation of an entrance to Sagamore Pines Subdivision on the right-of-way of Morehouse Road, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE**

The following Certificates of Insurance were submitted for inclusion in the record:

- ◆ Hastings Mutual Insurance Co for All-Sets
- ◆ State Farm Fire and Casualty Company for Five Star Construction Inc
- ◆ Central Insurance Company for Tippecanoe Home Center, Inc. dba Creative Concepts Housing
- ◆ St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co, Fireman's Fund for Gradex, Inc., Gradex Transportation, Inc.
- ◆ American States Insurance for Right Angles (sic)Homes LLC
- ◆ Federated Mutual Insurance Company or Federated Service Insurance Company for De Haai Industrial Sales and Service Inc
- ◆ Indiana Insurance Company for R. W. Davis Contracting Inc, Rusty Davis
- ◆ Bituminous Insurance Companies, Fireman's Fund for Structure Contractors, Inc.

**PROSECUTOR: Jerry Bean**

Federal Annual Certification Report

Mr. Bean requested the President's signature on the Federal Annual Certification Report for 2001 of Federal Adoptive Forfeitures. The County receives 80% and the Federal Government receives 20% of the forfeitures which are assets seized from drug dealers. The Drug Task Force receives the largest portion of the County's percentage to fight the spread of drugs.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to authorize the President to sign the Federal Annual Certification Report for 2001, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

➤ County Attorney Busch left the meeting and County Attorney David W. Luhman entered.

**APPOINTMENT: West Lafayette Economic Development Commission**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint William Baitinger to the West Lafayette Economic Development Commission for a term beginning January 31, 2001 until January 31, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION: 629 Building Tenants**

Initiating a discussion about occupants of the 629 Building, President Shedd said the Lafayette Adult Reading Academy has been leasing space in the 629 Building on a month-to-month basis since 1999 due to their search for a larger location due to overcrowding. Commissioner Benson said she spoke to the Reading Academy Director Joann Vorst who confirmed the overcrowding. Since their search for a new space has been such a long process, Commissioner Benson suggested imposing a deadline. Commissioner Knochel agreed with the idea of giving them a deadline because the County needs the space for expansion of some of its own departments.

- Commissioner Benson moved to give formal notice to Lafayette School Superintendent Ed Eiler and Reading Academy Director Joann Vorst of the deadline of September 1, 2001 for the Reading Academy to vacate the 629 Building, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Commissioner Benson commented that possibly the Commissioners could provide suggestions for other locations.

- The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION: Jail Expansion**

Since the Commissioners have approved hiring Schenkel Schultz to design the addition to the Jail, President Shedd asked if they should hire a Project Manager to relieve the Commissioners of day-to-day decisions. She noted that a Project Manager was helpful during the construction of the Community Corrections Facility. Commissioner Benson asked for an explanation of what a Construction Manager does.

Attorney Luhman said a Construction Manager oversees day to day operations of construction and, as the Commissioners' representative, looks out for their interests. He pointed out that the Architect represents the contractor, the Commissioners, and himself.

Commissioner Knochel agreed that the Project Manager took the load from the Commissioners when the Community Corrections Facility was built. He thinks it is essential to hire one for this project. Commissioner Benson said, since the cost for a Project Manager is small in the design phase, they will be saving tax dollars because the Commissioners don't have the expertise to supervise such a project.

Attorney Luhman agreed that it makes sense to have this person in place if the Commissioners decide to proceed with the expansion. The funding source for hiring a Project Manager will need to be determined. He said the cost may be reimbursable from the bonds.

Commissioner Knochel said they need to determine if they are going to add a pod that will accommodate 104 or 208 beds. He recalled that they thought the space in the current Jail would be sufficient for twenty (20) years, but it is overcrowded after only ten (10) years. Planning for future growth, he favors adding 208 beds. He pointed out that, if additional beds are needed in the future, construction costs will be higher.

Although it was noted that the County can receive revenue from the State for housing Department of Corrections' prisoners if beds are available, Sheriff Murtaugh stressed that he cannot guarantee the State will house its prisoners here. He said adding 208 beds vs 104 will require an additional staff of four (4).

- Commissioner Knochel moved to authorize the Architect to design the Jail expansion to add 208 beds in the pod area, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Benson announced that Vision 2020 has submitted a questionnaire to the Commissioners.

The GIS Policy Committee will meet next week.

Kris Emerson, Victim Assistance Coordinator, received a State-wide award last Friday as Outstanding Victim Advocate.

**REPORTS**

Reports from Veterans Service, Mail & Duplicating, and Weights & Measures are on file in the Commissioners' Office for review.

**RECESSED/RECONVENED**

- Commissioner Knochel moved to recess until 11:00 A.M. when bids will be opened, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 11:05 A.M.

**BIDS: Ambulance**

No bids were received.

Attorney Luhman reported that, following a notice from a potential bidder concerning a problem with the specifications for the Ambulance Bid, the Commissioners will rebid at a later date.

**UPDATE: Accounting/Human Resources Software RFP**

Auditor Plantenga reported the RFP was sent to vendors on February 28th with a deadline of March 28th. A meeting is scheduled for March 29th to discuss the proposals with Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz.

**RECESSED/RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 11:10 A.M. and reconvened at 11:20 A.M. as a joint Commissioners/Drainage Board Meeting for the purpose of opening bids for the Kirkpatrick Drain reconstruction.

County Surveyor Steve Murray was present.

**BIDS: Kirkpatrick Regulated Drain Reconstruction**

Attorney Luhman opened and read the following bids:

R & W Contracting, Inc.	Bid Bond	\$2,999,230.00
Atlas Excavating, Inc.	Bid Bond	2,639,579.20
Smock Fansler Corporation	Bid Bond	2,721,258.44
Milestone Contractors L.P.	Bid Bond	2,848,706.50
Jack Isom Construction Co., Inc.	Bid Bond	2,490,266.77

Mr. Murray announced the Engineer's estimate was \$2,989,724.05


- Upon the recommendations of Attorney Luhman and Surveyor Murray, Commissioner Knochel moved to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.


**ADJOURNMENT**


- Commissioner Benson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

  
Ruth E. Shedd, President

  
John L. Knochel, Vice President

  
KD Berison, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor