

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

10:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building  
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present Vice President Tracy A. Brown and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Samantha Perez. Absent President David S. Byers

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice President Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance
  
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday August 15, 2022.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

The claims from August 17, 2022, through September 6, 2022, were recommended for approval without exception.

  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  
- IV. **PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

The payroll from August 19, 2022, and September 2, 2022, was recommended for approval without exception.

  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  
- V. **HIGHWAY** – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:

Concord Rd. & Eppingham Dr. Project  
Birk Living Trust

  - A. Warranty Deed- ROW Purchase Parcel 4- Concord & Eppingham Dr- \$295,000
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  
  - Thomas and Megan Musselman
  - B. Warranty Deed- ROW Purchase Parcel 7- Concord & Eppingham Dr- \$4,100
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Morehouse Road Project

Albert Urazaev

A. Warranty Deed- ROW Purchase Parcel 20- Morehouse Rd.- \$18,240

B. Temporary Easement Grant- Parcel 20A- Morehouse Rd.- \$160

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Old 231 & 500 S Project

Susan Woodrow & Michael Marks

A. Warranty Deed- ROW Purchase Parcel 10- Old 231 & 500 S- \$16,425.80

B. Temporary Easement Grant- Parcel 10A- Old 231 & 500 S- \$1,750

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warrant Deed and Temporary Easement Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Kathleen Haugen

C. Warranty Deed- ROW Purchase Parcel 13- Old 231 & 500 S- \$7,350

D. Temporary Easement Grant- Parcel 13A- Old 231 & 500 S- \$1,771

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warrant Deed and Temporary Easement Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**VI. MOU/CONTRACTS –**

A. Professional Service Agreement with The NEW Group, INC- Parking Garage Expansion and Joint replacement- Commissioners- \$13,000

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the professional service agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

B. Professional Service Agreement with Susan Kersey- Health Department- This is a contract for the provision of consulting services related to identifying mental health needs for the Tippecanoe County Health Department Staff- Dr. Loomis introduced Dr. Kersey and thanked the Commissioners for their consideration. Commissioner Brown thanked Dr. Kersey for serving in this capacity.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the professional service agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

C. A MOU with Hamilton and Tippecanoe County Emergency Management for Mutual Support- TEMA- Smokey Anderson stated this is for establishing a process of mutual support during an emergency disaster.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the MOU as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

D. A MOU for Shovel Ready Certification- Commissioner Murtaugh stated this is an agreement with the City of Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, and the property owners to have 501 acres of property, roughly located between Haggarty Lane and McCarty Lane and west of Veterans Memorial Parkway, certified as shovel ready.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the MOU as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**VII. Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals-** The Board of Zoning Appeals received a resignation from Jen Decker and appointed Dustin Grove to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to appoint Dustin Grove to the Board of Zoning Appeals, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**VIII. GRANTS – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:**

**Permission to Apply for Grants:**

A. For TEMA, four projects in line with the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program sponsored by FEMA- an in-house committee is working on this project which includes four different grants.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grants as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

B. For the Sheriff's Department, two Wal-Mart Foundation applications to fund supplies needed for the Tippecanoe County K-9 unit.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

C. For Community Corrections, seeking funding from Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant 2023 for mental health and substance services in the pre- trial program- \$60,000

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

D. For the Health Department, to submit the letter of intent for 2023 HIV prevention RFP requesting \$100,000 for funding to staff testing, outreach, and harm reduction.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

E. For Community Corrections, funding from SIA Foundation to cover AEDs in this department.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

F. For Youth Services, to apply for funding from Juvenile Community Corrections in the amount of \$10,000 to cover travel, training, and community interventions.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

G. For Youth Services, to complete the application from Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Funding (JDAI) in the amount of \$60,000 to cover travel, training, and community interventions.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve applying for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**Permission to Accept Grant Funds:**

A. Surveyor, \$10,000, from the American Water Charitable Foundation for the WOW program to continue the classroom on the Wabash and needed supplies for the five-day event.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

B. Health Department, \$25,000, from IDOH for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant (PHEP) FY2023

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

C. Health Department, \$24,000, from IDOH for STD supplemental grant to continue this program's success in Tippecanoe County

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

D. For Health Department, \$86,000, from IDOH for Overdose Fatality Review Team continuation through fiscal 2023. (Apply 06/21/2022)

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**IX. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS-** A disbursement for the BOT program of \$1,396,853.00. There is about \$4.4 million balance to finish the project. Commissioner Murtaugh advised this project could be finished and the buildings could be occupied as early as November 2022.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the disbursement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**X. REPORTS ON FILE-**

- Tippecanoe County Weights and Measures- July 16- August 15, 2022, Report
- Tippecanoe County Building Commission- August 2022, Report

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT-** The Fetal Infant Mortality Coordination spoke about the Community Baby Shower and how successful the event was. Tips, resources, supplies, and gifts were given to all new moms who attended. The event was so successful they hope to make it an annual event.

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn. Vice President Brown adjourned the meeting.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

ABSENT

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David S. Byers, President

Tracy A. Brown

Tracy A. Brown, Vice-President

Thomas Murtaugh

Thomas Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga  
Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 09/19/2022

Minutes prepared by Samantha Perez, Recording Secretary