TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President David S. Byers, and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve minutes from the May 18, 2009 meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for May 21, 22, 28, 29, June 1, 2009 as presented with no exceptions.

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

REZONE

UZO Amendment #60; Ordinance 2009-10-CM: An omnibus amendment to Chapter 1: Words and terms defined regarding the definitions of front line and front setback, Chapter 2: PD checkpoint agencies list, Chapter 3: Permitted use table (correcting footnote 8) and Chapter 4: setbacks for parking and buffering for residential PD's.

APC Director Sallie Fahey spoke regarding the omnibus amendment to the ordinance. The first section will amend the front lot line and front set-back section which will allow anyone on a corner lot to change the front lot line from the narrow side to another lot line. Sections two and three will amend buffer yards and special set-backs which are required for some uses adjacent to residential zones or zoning districts. Planned developments are not listed in the chart but frequently have residential components. It includes residential components of planned development so industrial use in an industrial zone potentially located next to a component will have to meet the same set-backs and buffer yards as it would in residential zone or other residential uses. Section four changes the checkpoint agency for West Lafayette United Water of West Lafayette. West Lafayette United Water has changed its name to Indiana American and in the event it changes again, APC would like to change it to a more generic term such as the appropriate water department. Section five addresses setbacks for parking downtown zoning districts and neighborhood business-urban districts. The intent in these zoning districts is to keep an urban look by having buildings up close to the street. A block or lot being developed or redeveloped with streets on either three or four sides would have no place for parking. The amendment allows, under certain circumstances for parking to be located in front of the building in these zoning districts as follows: For property surrounded on three sides by streets, parking

can be located between the building and one of the adjoining streets. For property surrounded on four sides or more with streets, the parking can be located between the building and two of the adjoining streets rights-of-way. Section six addresses footnote eight which is applied to some uses appropriately but was listed as applying to wholesale trade both durable goods and non-durable goods. Those uses are not permitted in the zones which footnote eight applies and should be removed, The amendments have been through the ordinance committee and the plan commission voted on May 20, 2009 13-yes 0-no to recommend approval of these amendments to all six jurisdictions.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve UZO Amendment #60; Ordinance 2009-10-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Byers	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Murtaugh	Yes

Ordinance 2009-10-CM passes 3-0.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Bid Opening

2009 Bridge Deck Patching

Jack Isom Construction Co., Inc.
$204,929.02

Wirtz & Yates, Inc.
$302,038.28

- Commissioner Byers moved to take these bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSION – Ken Brown

Robert Wallace Property Update

Zoning Officer Ken Brown reported the Robert Wallace property has been fully sealed, but the truck remains on the property and as of today the lawn has not been mowed. He confirmed an engineer's report has not been provided to the Building Commission as of today.

Jeremy Duff from KJG Architecture spoke regarding the engineer's report for the Robert Wallace property. Mr. Duff reported KJG was contacted in February regarding the property in question and no further contact was made until last Thursday. He visited the property Friday afternoon and the confirmed the house has been gutted to the original framing with substantial improvements made including the floor structure. Improvements were also made on the outside of the home being sheathed with OSB, the roof re-sheathed with a new shingle roof. KJG agreed to meet with the commissioners today to confirm substantial improvements have been made since February and a walk-through will be performed before the final drywall is applied.

Commissioner Knochel asked if the home is a hazard. Mr. Duff verified there is no floor sheathing and bare floor joist with a 3-foot deep crawl-space. He confirmed a final report will be completed and provided to the county.

Ray Luecke, contractor for Robert Wallace, confirmed he contacted the owner after the last meeting and advised him to mow the grass and remove the truck. As of Saturday, neither one had been touched. Mr. Luecke stated he will mow the lawn for the owner and notify Mr. Wallace again about the abandoned truck. He also stated the owner has a contract with an individual to remove the old garage. Mr. Brown confirmed the roof is collapsing on the garage but the main concern for the Building Commission is the house.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to extend the deadline for June 15, 2009 for the engineer's report and a property update, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

2010 SALARY OPTIONS

Auditor Jennifer Weston presented options to the commissioners regarding salary increases for 2010. Several scenarios were calculated in an effort to provide different options. She reported there is a mandatory .25% increase from PERF in 2010. As she calculated the different options, she considered the full charts at market value as presented by Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele last summer.

Compensation Options for 2010 Budget
Tippecanoe County General Fund

	Incremental Costs
PERF .25% increase (6.75 to 7.0)	$45,000
WIS 2008 recommendation	
Full market charts	$1,460,128*
50% market	$730,472
Flat Amount (one time, not added to base salary)	
Flat $500 – all	$248,500
Flat $500 – market only	$150,500
Flat $500 – frozen only	$ 77,500
Flat $500 – elected/chief dep	$ 9,500
Percentage added to base market level salary	
1% - all	$181,583
1% - market only	$113,583
1% - frozen only	$58,305
1% - elected/chief dep	$9,695
$500 added to base salary	$180,000-$250,000
Range of .7% to 2.0%	

Notes:
Longevities not calculated in scenarios
PD & Probation frozen per State 2009

PD & Probation included in flat value calc, not in %
All vacant positions accounted for
Total represents General Fund only

*Breakdown by Classification:

LTC (Labor, Trades, Crafts)	$112,806
PAT (Professional, Admin, Technological)	$308,436
COMOT (Clerical, Office Machinery)	$554,759
POLE (Police, Law Enforcement)	$414,766
SO (Special Occupation)	$ 56,757
EXEC (Executive)	$ 5,869
Deputies (Sheriff – Merit)	$ 6,735
Total to Market	$1,460,128

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to take the salary options under advisement, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested permission to accept a grant for $550,000 from the Department of Homeland Security. District 4 will receive funds to purchase equipment, provide training and develop a district-wide communication plan.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the grant for the Department of Homeland Security for $550,000, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Permission was requested to apply for a grant from Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) mentoring grant.

- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to apply for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Ms. Wilson also reported the county only received 60% of a Department of Justice grant which would be used to hire a full-time employee. Without total funding, it was decided to start a Saturday school through the summer to reduce truancy and serve children with special needs.

APPOINTMENT TO REGION 4 WORKFORCE BOARD

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to appoint Randy Vernon to the Region 4 Workforce Board, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO ROMNEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

- Commissioner Byers moved to appoint Laurie Wilson to the Romney Regional Sewer District Board, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS ON FILE

Park Board
Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Tracy Brown invited the public to the Annual Red Cross Fish Fry and Car Show to be held Friday, May 5th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds.

- Councilmember Byers moved to adjourn.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

John L. Knochel, President

David S. Byers, Vice President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor