TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, August 17, 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 David W. Luhman, 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 Murtaugh moved to approve minutes from the August 3, 2009 meeting, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for August 6, 7, 13, 14, 17, 2009 as submitted with no exceptions.

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

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Highway Director Opal Kuhl recommended approval of the Traffic Route for the Feast of the Hunter's Moon at Fort Quiatenon. Mike Thompson, a volunteer with the Feast, reported the traffic pattern at the Feast has not changed in 7 years; the one-way pattern has been effective and allows for constant flow for visitors and homeowners in the area.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Traffic Route for the Feast of the Hunter's Moon, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Approval was recommended for Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Professional Engineering Services on the 2009 Culvert Replacement Project from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for $13,910.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Agreement Addendum No. 1 on Bridge 210 and County Road 300 South Project from HIS Constructors, LLC was presented for approval. A railroad indemnification clause has been added as requested.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Agreement Addendum #1 as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Director Kuhl recommended Street Acceptance for Hunters Crest, Section B to include the following streets, Chivalry Drive 1,099.37 feet, and Ironbrand Road 283.45 feet.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the streets into the county system for Hunters Crest as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

A 3-Year Subdivision Maintenance Bond in the amount of $21,355 from Benjamin Crossing, LLC for Hunters Crest, Section 3B was presented for approval.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the 3-Year Subdivision Maintenance Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

A Warranty Deed, Temporary Easement Grant and Partial Release of Mortgage for Parcel #1 on Tippecanoe County Bridge #17 Project were recommended for approval.

Parcel 1 & 1A – Mark A. Hamm and Michelle D. Morris

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed, Temporary Easement Grant and Partial Release of Mortgage as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

A Warranty Deed for Parcel 2 on Tippecanoe County Bridge #17 Project was recommended for approval.

Parcel #2 – Donald Glenn Burchett

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed on Parcel 2 as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grant for Parcel 4 on Tippecanoe County Bridge #17 Project was recommended for approval.

Parcel 4 & 4A – Jerry Lee Snyder

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

A Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grants for Parcel 5 on Tippecanoe County Bridge #17 Project were recommended for approval.

Parcel 5, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D & 5E – William A. & Jane F. Buckles

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grants as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Approval was requested for a Performance Bond & Payment Bond in the amount of $827,900 from HIS Constructors, LLC for Bridge #210 and 300 South Project.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Performance & Payment Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Director Kuhl recommended approval of a Continuation Bond in the amount of $5,000 from Fairfield Contractors for work in all right-of-way.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Continuation Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

A Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grant on South River Road Project Parcel #62 were presented for approval.

Parcel 62, 62A, & 62B – Vulcan Lands, Inc.

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

Director Kuhl reported a Public Hearing will be held on August 31, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tippecanoe Room for the McCarty Lane Project.

BUILDING COMMISSION *– Ken Brown*

Beverly Adams Property

6900 Church Street in Colburn – Ken Brown confirmed there have been no changes to the property since the August 3, 2009 Commissioner's meeting. A local resident reported high activity of rodents in the area due to the deterioration of the home. Mr. Brown is recommending the home be demolished.

Attorney Luhman confirmed a certified letter has been sent to the mortgage company and to the owner Beverly Adams which indicates the owner should vacate and secure against entry and vandalism. The owner has been ordered to remove all trash, debris, and fire hazardous materials from the home and yard. Mr. Brown reported the home is not secured and the inside of the home is filled with trash and debris.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to confirm the findings and decisions as presented by Ken Brown and add a civil penalty of $5,000 due by September 21, 2009 and order the home destroyed after September 21, 2009 if the owner has not complied with the Building Commission, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

GRANTS *– Laurie Wilson*

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson requested approval to accept $161,250 from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to fund training for personnel for District IV Task Force.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the funds as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

She requested approval for a $50,000 continuation grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to fund the District IV Administrative Coordinator.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the funds as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Ms. Wilson reported the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has granted the county $109,594.10 for training on 800 MHZ radios. She added the funds will be re-allocated to the state for state-wide training on the radios. The state will retain the funds and the county will not be fiscally responsible for the funds.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the funds from the Department of Homeland Security and allow the IDHS to retain funds and expend the funds on behalf of the county, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

VILLA

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of a Trash Collection Contract with Allied Waste Services for the Tippecanoe Villa. The new contract will be $2,064 annually and allows a 5% increase in year two, and a 7% increase in year three. The total amount saved over the three-year period the county will save $7,500.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Allied Waste Trash Collection Contract as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

The commissioners discussed an appointment to the Highway Supervisor position in lieu of the recent resignation of Jack Fisher.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to appoint Ed Ward as Interim Highway Superintendent for the Highway Garage, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

REPORTS ON FILE

Weights and Measures
Tippecanoe County Library
Crystal Creek Kennels
Building Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

Absent

John L. Knochel, President

David S. Byers, Vice President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor