

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2007

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson and Vice President John L. Knochel. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney Dave Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange. Absent was: Commissioner Ruth E. Shedd.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the May 7, 2007 meeting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval for accounts payable vouchers from May 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, and 21.

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

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

A temporary easement grant was presented for approval for Bridge #20 – Parcel 3A located at CR 350S.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the temporary easement grant for Bridge #20 as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A warranty deed for Bridge #20 – Parcel 3 was presented for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the warranty deed for Bridge #20 – Parcel 3, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried

A continuation certificate from Hack Excavating, Inc. for work in the right-of-way was presented for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the continuation certificate from Hack Excavating as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried

A continuation certificate from Indiana Gas Company, Inc. dba Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. for work in the right-of-way was presented for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the continuation certificate as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried

HUMAN RESOURCES – Shirley Mennen

Director Shirley Mennen presented a contract from Sagamore Plus Health Network. She noted that Great West Insurance purchased the Indiana Health Network this year and in order for county employees to continue to use Sagamore and the same network of doctors, a contract is necessary. This contract will carry the county through the end of the year.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contract with Sagamore Health Network as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried

HEALTH – Ron Cripe

Director Ron Cripe recommended revisions on 2006-30-CM. The food ordinance includes a revision for warnings and a penalty schedule. He noted that the revision states no fine is payable for the first warning of a critical violation for food establishment owners. If the establishment is revisited within one year and the same problem is not corrected, a second warning with a civil penalty shall be enforced. Additionally, a provision will be included for appealing a violation set forth by the Health Department.

The fee ordinance suggests a permit fee be enforced in the event a replacement food permit is requested. Director Cripe noted that replacement permits are requested frequently and this fee would help recover cost. The fee for a replacement permit will be \$10.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear and approve Ordinance 2007-19-CM and Ordinance 2007-20-CM, second by Commissioner Benson;

Auditor Weston recorded the vote for Ordinance 2007-19-CM:

Benson Yes
Knochel Yes

Ordinance 2007-19-CM passes 2-0 on first reading.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote for 2007-20-CM:

Benson Yes
Knochel Yes

Ordinance 2007-20-CM passes 2-0 on first reading.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Director Rebecca Humphrey presented an overview of best practices across the community and the state for juvenile delinquents. She stated that our county does not provide a consistent juvenile assessment to assist youth immediately upon arrest and aid in determining the level of service and restriction needed. She noted that Tippecanoe County is working on implementation and funding is available for the youth level of service case management inventory. Re-entry services are continually being researched for the best opportunities for success. She added that the length of stay for youth in residential placement or secure detention within their community have a shorter stay. Additionally, she noted youth have better success rates if they are more involved with family and more connected to their community.

MITS – Diane Hawkins

Director Hawkins presented six maintenance agreements with Verizon for various locations. She noted that this agreement is for one year only for services at 629 N. 6th Street, Cary Home, Tippecanoe County Office Building, Wildcat Creek Waste District, Tippecanoe Villa and TEMA. Director Hawkins added that short term agreement will allow her time to research other options to provide the best deal to the county.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the maintenance agreements for the various facilities as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Land Management Pilot Program – Diane Hawkins & Steve Murray

Director Steve Murray recommended approval of a contract from TACT Consulting. The proposal includes business process review for land development and management systems. This pilot project will review the office workflow to determine the acceptance and delivery of information received. He added that an additional option of the contract includes the opportunity to enter into additional services for other county offices to include workflow and archival of records.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the contact with TACT Consulting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ASSESSORS – Samantha Steele

County Assessor Steele recommended approval for amendments to the 2007 Annual Trending contract. She noted that the exhibits include an amended pay schedule and an escrow agreement.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the amendment to the trending contract and escrow agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Pat Scowden

Director Scowden recommended approval of a grant agreement for the Department of Corrections to fund Community Corrections in Tippecanoe County in the amount of \$1,255,296 for the current grant year.

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

DRUG FREE TIPPECANOE – Karah Rawlings

Karah Rawlings noted that Tippecanoe County received a grant for the Safe and Drug-Free Tippecanoe County coalition. Twelve agencies across the state will be working on this initiative with Tippecanoe County to prevent underage and binge drinking for youth 18 to 25 years old. She noted that the first year of the four year grant, the county will be drafting a strategic plan for local needs and local prevention resources. The following years will be used to implement programs and evaluate outcomes.

APPLICATION TO THE VILLA

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the application to the Tippecanoe Villa for Paula Sue Kutsch, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Prosecutor Harrington requested approval for a grant application to the US Attorney's office and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods will track gang crime and issues and assist local housing facilities in screening applicants in an effort to identify gang members.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the grant application, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Commissioner Benson recommended that the office space used by Zoning Director Al Levy be offered to GnA Professionals in an effort to better accommodate the assessors during trending.

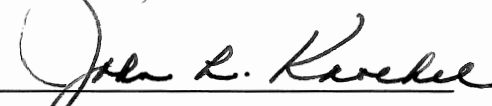
REPORTS ON FILE

Veteran's Office
Tippecanoe County Ambulance Service

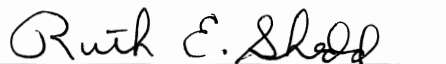
- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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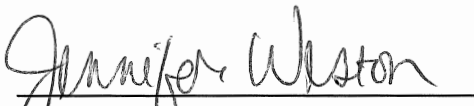

KD Benson, President



John L. Knochel, Vice President



Ruth E. Shedd, Member

ATTEST:


Jennifer Weston, Auditor