

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, December 17, 2018**

**10:00 am**

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

Commissioners present: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President David S. Byers and Member Tracy A. Brown.

Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary John Thomas.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the regular meeting Monday, December 3 and the Executive meeting December 13, 2018.**

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**III. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL – Paula Bennett**

The claims from December 5, 2018 through December 14, 2018, including payroll from December 14, 2018 were recommended for approval without exception.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**IV. JAIL VIDEO UPGRADE STATUS – Scott Carnegie from DLZ presented the update.**

A walk of the jail has been conducted and the needs documented, including the identification of current blind spots. A handout was distributed that shows the scope, schedule, and proposed budget. The design will include 80 new cameras for a total of 288, a new recording system, new monitors, removal of the old coax cable and an alternative bid for replacing the master control console. A status update and an additional walk thru with the sheriff staff will be conducted in March, with bids anticipated April 1 and construction lasting 6-7 month. The total cost is estimated at \$1.1 million with a one-year warranty and an option for an extended warranty.

Tracy Brown stated that the original VHS based system was installed in 1990 and this new system is a significant technology upgrade. The Commissioners' will encumber \$300,000 from 2018 that will be carried over to 2019 and a lease to purchase will be explored.

**V. RESOLUTION 2018-37-CM and Contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. – Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Hartman presented and recommended.**

The department has been using body and fleet cameras on a trial basis for several months and is now ready to lease the camera systems. Because of the very specialized software, hardware and the integration required and sole source bidding, as a special purchasing method, is recommended-. Additional, very specific documentation will be

created for this special type of bid. The technology links the body and vehicle cameras to automatically come on any time a gun or tazer is pulled and the car camera will sync in real time to the body cameras. The systems will cost \$218,459 for the body cameras and \$146,264 for the fleet cameras for the first-year installation and maintenance with annual payments after that for the five-year lease period. The purchase and first year's lease are in the Department's 2019 budget with the annual payments each year after that (\$137,616 for the body cameras and \$67,000 for the fleet system).

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contract as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**VI. HIGHWAY** – Mike Spencer presented and recommended.

- A. Award the Bid for the Tippecanoe County Bridge #177 Project to Reith Riley, the low bidder, for \$282,812.30.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve awarding the bid to Reith Riley as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- B. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation to add Portland Cement Concrete Pavement patching on CR 350 South at US 231 as part of INDOT's US 231 patching contract for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with INDOT as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- C. Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement (Community Crossings) with the Indiana Department of Transportation for the planned improvements to CR 450 South in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the state with \$1,000,000 from the County.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the agreement with INDOT for the grant as recommended, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- D. Easement from Indiana American Water for the CR 50 West and CR 500 North Project.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the easement as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- E. Continuation Certificate from Warren County REMC for \$5,000 to work in County Rights of Way.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the continuation certificates as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- F. Continuation Certificate from Baseline NXC for \$5,000 to work in County Rights of Way.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the continuation certificates as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**VII. PROSECUTOR** – Pat Harrington presented and recommended.

Professional Services Agreement with Kathryn J. Redd to be the Director of the Project Safe Neighborhood program. The agreement is the same as last year.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**VIII. PUBLIC DEFENDER** – Amy Hutchinson presented and recommended.

- A. Professional Services Agreement with the Legal Aid Corporation for legal services to the Public Defender's office.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the professional services agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- B. Professional Services Agreement with Kimberly A. Wright for services to the Public Defender's office.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the professional service agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- C. Professional Services Agreement with Shay Daley for emergency psychology services to the Public Defender's office.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the professional service agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- D. Professional Services Agreement with Michelle Rushton as a mitigation specialist to the Public Defender's office.
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the professional service agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**IX. PURDUE EXTENSION** – Amber Noll presented and recommended.

The annual contractual agreement with Purdue University for County Extension services in the amount of \$209,245.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**X. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BATTLE GROUND** – Steve Egly presented and recommended.

The agreement covers the cost to demolish the old Holiday Inn at I-65 and SR 43. The Town has tried for years to work with the property owner to demolish the building. This \$145,000 loan from the County (to be repaid in one year at 3% interest) will cover the demolition and receivership costs and become a lien against the property.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**XI. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS** – None

**XII. GRANTS** – Amanda Balsler presented and recommended.

**Permission to accept for a grant** from the Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis for \$10,000 for supplies for the Gateway to Hope program and the new facilities at Transitional Housing.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve receiving the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brown asked about a recent award and Amanda stated that Khala Hochstedler received an award from the Indiana Immunization Coalition.

**XIII. REPORTS ON FILE**

- Central Mail and Duplicating
- Tippecanoe County Public Library
- Clerk of the Circuit Court

- Tippecanoe County Treasurer
- Tippecanoe County Board of Parks and Recreation

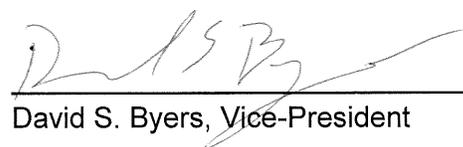
**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn. President Murtaugh adjourned the meeting.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE



Thomas P. Murtaugh, President



David S. Byers, Vice-President

Tracy A. Brown, Member

ATTEST:

  
Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 1/7/2019