

**Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners
Meeting
Monday, July 3, 2017
10:00 am
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh and Member David S. Byers. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas. President Tracy A. Brown and Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Murtaugh called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 2017

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2017 meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Commissioners Murtaugh recommended the claims from June 21, 2017 through July 3, 2017, including payroll from June 30, 2017 be approved without exception.

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

AREA PLAN- SALLIE FAHEY

Z-2693--Adam C Scheffee (I3 to A), Ordinance 2017-11-CM: Petitioner is requesting rezoning of 63.885 acres in order to build a house on property bounded by Division Road, CR 350 W, and South River Road in Wabash 27 (NE) 23-5.

Commissioner Byers moved to hear Ordinance 2017-11-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

Thomas Brooks Jr. from Mayfield and Brooks stated he represents the petitioner. The Area Plan Commission approved this rezone unanimously. This property is across from Ft. Ouiatenon and was zoned as I3 because it used to hold gravel pits. The property has been farmed for years now and they are asking that it go back to Ag so the petitioner can build a house on the property.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Murtaugh - Aye
Byers - Aye

Passed 2-0

APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Commissioner Byers moved to appoint Stewart Kline as the new Highway Executive Director, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY- STEWART KLINE

Awarding of Bid – Tippecanoe County Culvert SHF301 and SHF302 Replacement Contract

Director Kline recommended awarding the bid in the amount of \$394,000 to Milestone Contractors.

- Commissioner Byers moved to award the bid to Milestone Contractors, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Warranty Deed – North River Road Project, Parcel 1 & 1A, Johnny R and Glenda J Bunch

Director Kline presented the Warranty Deed for parcels 1 and 1A in the amount of \$3,000.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Warranty Deed as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Warranty Deed – North River Road Project, Parcel 3, Michael D Weathers, Daniel L Weathers, and Corey D Weathers as joint tenants with rights of survivorship

Director Kline presented the Warranty Deed for parcel 3 in the amount of \$12,200.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Warranty Deed as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Warranty Deed – Klondike Road Project, Parcel 42, 42A, 42B, Tippecanoe School Corporation

Director Kline presented the Warranty Deed for parcels 42, 42A, and 42B in the amount of \$402,246.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Warranty Deed as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Temporary Easement Grant – Klondike Road Project, Parcel 42C, 42D, 42E, Tippecanoe School Corporation

Director Kline presented the Temporary Easement Grant for parcels 42C, 42D, and 42E in the amount of \$800.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Temporary Easement Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Permit to Close a Road – Intersection of Bayberry and Greenbrier Avenue in Green Meadows Subdivision July 22, 2017, 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm for a block party. Emergency vehicles and mail carriers will be permitted to pass.

Director Kline presented the permit request for a block party in Green Meadows subdivision on July 22, 2017.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the permit as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

TEMA- MARTIN WEBB

Mutual Aid Agreement

Martin Webb presented the agreement with all the Tippecanoe County Fire Department Associations. Commissioner Byers asked if this is just an update. Mr. Webb confirmed it was just an update to the previous agreement.

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

SHERIFF- BARRY RICHARD

New Positions

Sheriff Richard explained this request is following with the five year strategic plan to increase personnel. They are requesting two deputies, two corrections officers, one dispatcher, and one bailiff. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if those positions are listed in order of priority. Sheriff Richard confirmed that is how they are listed. Commissioner Murtaugh said there was some discussion about the addition of the 111 building and the staff in place there. Maybe we should give it another year to see if we actually need another bailiff position. Commissioner Byers asked if they are willing to give up the new part time positions to have these approved. Sheriff said it is imperative to keep those because they are going to use them to cover where it is most needed. They have seen an increase in the number of inmates and the severity of the crimes. According to the five year plan, they should be up to 60 corrections officers and they are only at 50. Even with two additional positions, they are still short of what is necessary to do the job adequately and safely for the personnel and inmates. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if Auditor Plantenga remembered how much was budgeted for the part time positions in 2017. Auditor Plantenga said he could not remember the budgeted amount. Auditor Plantenga pointed out the revenue for 2018 budget will be higher because they are bringing in more from DOC for 2017.

Sheriff Richard said they looked at the other area law enforcement agencies' salaries and are requesting a raise to keep in line with those numbers. It is important to do this because officers might start leaving for higher paying agencies after we pay to train them. Auditor Plantenga said he would rather departments submit the higher possible salary for the statements so we can work down from there if necessary. Commissioner Murtaugh said in the meeting Sheriff Richard had recommended a \$2,500 raise. Sheriff Richard said a \$4,500 raise had been mentioned, not \$2,500. He said they are just trying to match the 2017 salaries of those other agencies. Commissioner Murtaugh said one factor is that a take home car is now standard in other agencies. Sheriff Richard said they moved to having cages in the vehicles and so they cannot consider them a second family car as they used to. Commissioner Murtaugh said President Brown has been concerned that traditionally we have paid about \$2,000 less than other agencies. Sheriff Richard explained since the other agencies will be getting substantial raises in 2018, we would then be about \$5,000 lower.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve two deputy and two correctional officer positions, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES- SHIRLEY MENNEN

Change in Access Card Fees

Director Mennen explained there are fees set in place for attorneys and DCS officers to have access cards for the courthouse. Since DCS has state issued ids, they will just get the access pass and those will be \$10 per year. Attorneys will be required to have county issued ID along with the access card. That fee is changing to \$40 for two years with an automatic expiration. Lost cards will have a \$10 replacement fee.. Commissioner Murtaugh asked her to explain if the access number will be on the ID. She explained that we have had issues with attorneys letting other people use their ID. So rather than having a photo on the access card, they will have to have the county ID card and access card on them.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the fees and renewal process as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

GRANTS- SHARON HUTCHISON

Community Corrections

Administrator Hutchison requested permission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$10,400 from Bulletproof Vest Program and Office of Justice Programs to purchase six appropriate vests for the department. This grant has a 50% match from the county.

- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to apply as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Sheriff

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- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to apply as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Superior Court 3

Administrator Hutchison requested permission to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from Indiana Supreme Court for scholarship to travel to National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Annual Meeting in Washington DC. There is a 25% match that will be covered by in-kind contributions.

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

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murtaugh presented the contract for the 2018 joint funding of the Amtrak Hoosier State Service. This is for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The Tippecanoe County share is \$7,460.38 per month and the contract is as presented previous years.

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

Commissioner Murtaugh stated at the July 17 meeting, a resolution will be brought forth regarding a policy on displays and events at the courthouse. A tentative policy is being drafted and will be posted on the website. The resolution may or may not be decided at that meeting depending on the feedback received.

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will available for public viewing in the Commissioners' office:

- Park and Recreation Board
- Crystal Creek Kennels

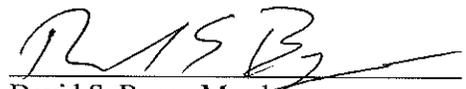
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE


Tracy A. Brown, President


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ATTEST:


Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 8/17/2017

Minutes prepared by Caitlin Thomas, Auditor Administrative Assistant