Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners
Meeting
Monday, August 21, 2017
10:00 am
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Member David S. Byers. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monday, August 7, 2017

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2017 meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL- PAULA BENNETT

Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett recommended the claims from August 9, 2017 through August 21, 2017, including payroll from August 11, 2017 be approved without exception.

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

HIGHWAY- STEWART KLINE

Warranty Deed – Tippecanoe County North River Road at River Bend Project, Parcel 2 & 2A-F - Wabash River Enhancement Corporation, an Indiana Corporation

Donation Agreement – Tippecanoe County North River Road at River Bend Project, Parcel 2 & 2A-F - Wabash River Enhancement Corporation, an Indiana Corporation

Director Kline presented a Warranty Deed and Donation Agreement for parcels 2 & 2A-F and stated the property is valued at $11,200. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if he should abstain from this vote since he serves on the board of directors for the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation. Attorney Masson advised it would be best if he did. Commissioner Murtaugh abstained from the vote.

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

Payment Bond - In the amount of $112,431.00 from HIS Contractors, Inc for Tippecanoe County Bridge #199 Project

Performance Bond – In the amount of $112,431 from HIS Contractors, Inc for Tippecanoe County Bridge #199 Project

Director Kline presented Performance and Payment Bonds for Bridge #199 in the amount of $112,431.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Performance and Payment Bonds as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

Construction Maintenance Bond – Forcum Lannom Contractors, LLC, in the amount of $5,000 for entrances on Old 350 S, 500 E, and work in the right-of-way at the intersection of 350 S and 500 E

Director Kline presented a Construction Maintenance Bond with Forcum Lannom Contractors in the amount of $5,000. He stated this is to construct entrances for the Crossroad Galvanizing plant on 350 S.

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

WIC- ALICIA KEEN

Lease for West Lafayette WIC clinic

Coordinator Keen stated this lease will begin on October 1st. The grant has been approved for fiscal year 2018 includes the rent and utilities. Commissioner Murtaugh asked how the offices and how much community traffic the clinic gets. She said the offices are very nice and that traffic is pretty equal with the Lafayette clinic. The residents on the west side appreciate the convenience of this location. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if this was the clinic's third year. Director Keen stated they have been at this location since 2013.

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

PURDUE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION- ROBERTA CRABTREE

Contract with Earthlink/Windstream

Extension Agent Crabtree said they realized they were not the ones who initiated the contract with Earthlink/Windstream. It has been sent to the attorney to review. She said this was supposedly having us save about $1,000 a year but after they looked at it they realized it would affect all the other contracts as well. Commissioner's Assistant Bennett said Dave Sturgeon is still trying to collect some information. President Brown tabled the contract for the next meeting.

GRANTS- SHARON HUTCHISON

Health

Administrator Hutchison requested permission to apply for a grant in the amount of $65,427.73 from the Indiana State Department of Health. This is for the local health department Trust Account (LHDTA) continuation funds for 2018.

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

Administrator Hutchison presented a request to apply for a grant in the amount of $72,672 from the Indiana State Department of Health for the Local Health Maintenance Fund (LHMF) continuation funds for 2018.

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

Youth Services

Administrator Hutchison presented a request to apply for a grant in the amount of $187,376.20 from Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Mental Health and Addiction. This is to fund contractual services for school-based and after school evidence-based social services programs for elementary and middle school youth. This funding would also include transportation assistance for youth to and from programming. The timeframe is October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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

Health

Administrator Hutchison presented a request to accept a grant in the amount of $1,000 from Indiana Family Health Council, Inc., to assist in creating the harm reductions kits for the Gateway to Hope program. These funds will be used to purchase sharps containers for law enforcement vehicles throughout Tippecanoe County.

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

Prosecutor

Administrator Hutchison presented a request for permission to accept a grant in the amount of $140,000 from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) for the Drug Task Force. This will be distributed over the next two years for necessary day to day operations. Prosecutor Harrington said this will go to DTF, overtime, and other types of activities they need it for. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if this is in addition to the regular grant cycle. Prosecutor Harrington said actually their grant ended and this is the new grant going forward. Since the Drug Task Force was just what the organization was looking for, they increased the amount and extended it for another year.

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

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Richard stated the county jail is over capacity by 23 inmates. They have reached out to other counties to see if they can help with the overflow, but thus far none can help. They have requested two new Corrections Officer positions for 2018, but since they did not get any new positions last year, that number should probably be four. If this trend continues, it would be a good idea to start a capital project

such as adding another pod. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if they are still housing Department of Correction inmates and if we could send them back. Sheriff Richard said they are still housing them and could send them back if DOC would take them. He said when they place the inmates in the county, they cannot really do anything until the DOC comes back to get them. President Brown said he talked to the Sheriff and Captain Saxton about this last week. The number of DOC commitments that are "stuck in jail" is fairly low. The reality is when the numbers grow rapidly the expenses go up as well. They also discussed looking at commitments to Community Corrections and if there was anything that could be done to fast track some of those people. He said does not think these numbers will dip back down at any time in the near future.

Sheriff Richard said what makes this a statewide concern is due to the new sentencing guidelines we are now seeing the effects of. His office created the research and surveys to show the Commissioners the crucial need for more space and manpower. Commissioner Murtaugh asked how many of the 574 inmates are from the DOC. Captain Denise Saxton said the number of inmates that are eligible to go back to DOC is eight. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if we are getting reimbursed for all of the DOC inmates or just those eight. Captain Saxton said we are being reimbursed at the same rate for all of them. President Brown said if we move our level 6 offenders to another county, we would still get reimbursed for those, but we'd also turn around and have to pay another county. Commissioner Byers asked for an estimation of how many Felony 6 inmates we have. Captain Saxton said around 50 inmates. President Brown said they recommended hiring two more jail officers and possibly more part time staff that could later be plugged in when the funding becomes available. Sheriff Richard said even if they were to give them four full time and four part time positions, it would still just be managing. President Brown said they understand that. Sheriff Richard said he hopes the Commissioners can find the $30,000 they were trying to find for his department. President Brown said he is confident they can find the funds and asked if the Sheriff has budgeted funds to use in case they come up short. Sheriff Richard said yes, they have the funds. He also said that another consideration is that with the growing inmate numbers, there will be a need for more health care contracts for them.

REPORTS ON FILE

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

- Clerk of the Court
- Treasurer Office
- Central Mail and Duplicating

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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ATTEST:

Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 09/5/2017

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