

**Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners
Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2017
10:00 am
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Tracy A. Brown and Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas. Member David S. Byers was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monday, September 18, 2017

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting as presented, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL- PAULA BENNETT

Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett recommended the claims from September 20, 2017 through October 2, 2017, including payroll from September 22, 2017 be approved without exception.

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

AREA PLAN COMMISSION- SALLIE FAHEY

Z-2696 R Gregg Sutter (A to RE), Ordinance 2017-18-CM: Petitioner is requesting rezoning of a 12.032 acre tract located in the "Abby Marle" parcelization/development in order to divide it into three lots in the proposed Abby Marle Rural Estate Subdivision (RE-0068). The site in question is located at the northeast corner of CR 725 N and Abby Marle E, more specifically, 7301 Abby Marle E, Tippecanoe 16 (SW) 24-4.

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to hear Ordinance 2017-18-CM.

A representative from Vester and Associates Land Surveyors said they are working with Mr. Sutter to rezone his property. They are taking a 12 acre tract and creating two lots. Commissioner Murtaugh said the ordinance passed the Area Plan Commission 9-2.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Brown - Yes

Murtaugh - Yes
Byers - Absent

Ordinance 2017-18-CM passed with a vote of 2-0.

Unified Zoning Ordinance Amendment #92, Ordinance 2017-19-CM: This amendment would add bufferyard requirements and limit the zones where self-storage warehouses would be permitted.

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to hear Ordinance 2017-19-CM.

Director Fahey said this came out of a recent rezone request that caused a lot of concern in the community in the area. The request was to change from Ag Wooded to Ag so that the owner could build a self-storage warehouse. This request was ultimately denied and caused Area Plan to take a closer look. This amendment defines a self-storage warehouse business. There must be no outside storage, no storage units can be used as a residence, and no criminal activity permitted. This also eliminates self-storage in Ag zones by special exception. They would only be allowed in General Business, Industrial 1, 2, &3 and only by special exception in neighborhood business zones.

Also, they recognized there are already some rural locations where people with pole barns have received permission to store large items in their pole barns. The department decided that was an appropriate use in a rural area because there is not a lot of traffic for that type of storage. They will handle those types of storage barns as a rural occupation. The amendment also includes an increase in the buffering requirement to type C, which is most dense kind of plantings. It would also require a C if the storage unit is adjacent to residential district. If adjacent to business or rural zones, it only requires type A. Commissioner Murtaugh commended the staff for their work on this Ordinance. Director Fahey said she would like to recognize Kathy Lynd publically for her work on this.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote.

Murtaugh - Yes
Brown - Yes
Byers - Absent

Ordinance 2017-19-CM passed with a vote of 2-0.

Resolution 2017-30-CM: Interlocal Agreement to Purchase Traffic Counters

Director Fahey explained every four or five years we use some of our federal planning money to help the county and the two cities buy traffic counters. We pay 80% out of the PL fund and each jurisdiction in the agreement pays a 20% match. This is handled with an Interlocal Agreement, which requires a resolution from each of the governing bodies. The data collected goes into transportation forecasting model that we use to develop future traffic patterns. The jurisdictions maintain the counters. When new counters are purchased, the old counters will become the County's property. This same Resolution will go before the Council at their meeting next week and the two cities are reviewing them at their meetings this evening.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2017-30-CM as presented, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY- STEWART KLINE**Consulting Contract- Right-of-Way Services for Reconstruction of Tippecanoe County 450 South/430 South from VS Engineering Inc.**

Director Kline presented a Consulting Contract with VS Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$91,500 for right-of-way services.

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

3 Year Utility Maintenance Bond- McLeod USA Telecommunications Services LLC for work in all county right-of-way in the amount of \$5,000

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- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Utility Maintenance Bond as presented, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

3 Year Utility Maintenance Bond- Carroll White REMC for work in all county right-of way in the amount of \$5,000

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- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Utility Maintenance Bond as presented, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR- ERIC GROSSMAN**Pictometry Contract with Eagle View Technologies**

Assessor Grossman stated his office rely on these aerials heavily for assessment. Typically MITS pay for aerials. When MITS scaled back the original contract, they saved money. However, his office still needs the majority of the county in 3 inch aerials. This is to pick up the slack so we have the same aerials as in previous years. The software also matches them up with the latest aerials and flags discrepancies. His department has cancelled contracts they do not use anymore. They have used that extra money to build things in house and appropriated the remaining funds to pay for this amendment. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if the total of all projects the \$625,000. Assessor Grossman said yes and that included portions for both Assessor and MITS. Katie Molinder said each project represents one year. All this amendment is doing is increasing the quantity of parcel squares back to what they are used to having. The \$79,000 pays about half of that. The third project is only asking to increase it to \$53,000.

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

GRANTS- SHARON HUTCHISON**LEPC**

Administrator Hutchison presented a request for permission to apply to a grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. This is for preparedness training for hazmat technicians from TEMA, Lafayette Fire Department, and Purdue Fire Department in the amount of around \$20,000. These funds can also be used to aid in LEPC requirements of function and priority.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to apply as requested, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

Prosecutor

Administrator Hutchison presented a request for permission to apply to a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program not to exceed \$150,000. These funds will be used for the High-Tech Crime Units for continued development of local initiatives to prevent and control crime resulting in a lasting impact for the state of Indiana. There will be a 25% match required this year.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to apply as requested, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

Drug Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County

Administrator Hutchison presented a request for permission to accept a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$125,000. A match will be made with the Drug Free Community funds/Local Coordinating Council (Fund 1148).

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to accept the grant as requested, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

Health

Administrator Hutchison presented a request for permission to accept a grant from the Indiana Department of Health in the amount of \$35,000. These funds are for Public Health Emergency Response Division to purchase a Mass Casualty Incident trailer. No match from the county is required.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to accept the grant as requested, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

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Eliminate/Create a position

Commissioner Murtaugh said they want to eliminate the position titled Voucher Clerk Supervisor and create a new position of Voucher Clerk. This will be a savings in total wage cost. They will be going to the Council for a salary statement for the new position at their next meeting.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to eliminate the position and create the position of Voucher Clerk, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ROMNEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Attorney Masson stated this is a short term loan in the amount of \$110,000. Romney is on track to get grants and loans from state and federal government, but they do not get the money until they close at the end of this year. They need this money to get them to that point. Councilmember Basham stated they have two grants lined up and they would like to break ground by the end of this year or no later than February. Councilmember Basham gave a short history of the project. President Brown said they appreciate Councilmember Basham's involvement and work.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the as presented, second by President Brown. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

President Brown announced the Rooftop Cookout today will be take place from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This event is to benefit United Way.

REPORTS ON FILE

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

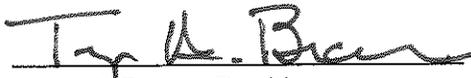
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- Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation
- Clerk of the Court
- TEMA Advisory Council
- Tippecanoe County Building Commission

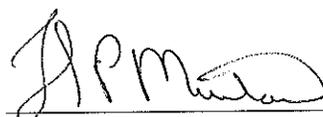
PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Fahey thanked Councilmember Basham for taking up the Romney Sewer District project. She explained the importance of projects like this for the small towns in our area.

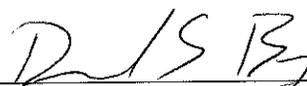
Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. President Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.

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Tracy A. Brown, President

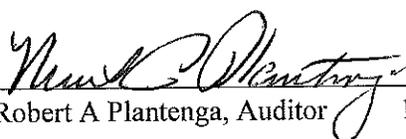


Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice-President



David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:



Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 10/16/2017