TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2014

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Commissioner David S. Byers. Also present were Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 2, 2014, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS and PAYROLL CLAIMS

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for September 4, 5, 11, 12, and 15 and payroll vouchers for September 12, 2014 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

HIGHWAY *– Opal Kuhl*
Contract for Engineering Services – Reconstruction of N River Road from Beam, Longest and Neff

Highway Director Kuhl presented a contract with Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC for a project on North River Road. The project will raise approximately 1200 feet of roadway in front of River Bend Hospital to cut down on flooding. The contract is for the design services, which includes the survey, environmental, and the purchase of right-of-way if necessary. It is a Federal Aid project; INDOT will pay 80% of the construction costs. The contract is in the amount of $123,800.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract for engineering services with Beam, Longest and Neff for the River Road project as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

LPA Contract – Project Coordination Contract with Indiana Department of Transportation

Director Kuhl presented the LPA Contract for project coordination of North River Road. The contract is with INDOT for reimbursement of 80% of construction, up to $500,000.

Payment Bond and Performance Bond – Replacement of Bridge No. 33 from Jack Isom Construction Company

Director Kuhl presented the Payment and Performance Bonds for the Bridge No. 33 project on 200 South at East County Line Road. The amount is $544,670.73.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Payment Bond and the Performance Bond from Jack Isom Construction Company for the replacement of Bridge No. 33 in the amount of $544,670.73, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Continuation Certificate from Tri-Esco, Inc. in the amount of $5,000

Director Kuhl presented a Continuation Certificate from Tri-Esco for work in the public right-of-way.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Continuation Certificate for Tri-Esco in the amount of $5,000 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CLOSE OR BLOCK A COUNTY HIGHWAY OR ROAD

Director Kuhl said she had an item that was not on the agenda for West Point to hold a 5K run/walk fundraiser for the West Point Park on October 4th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The insurance was just obtained this morning and the application has been reviewed.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the application to close a road for the West Point 5K Run/Walk on October 4th, 2014 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***MITS** – Dave Sturgeon*
Approval of Beacon Contract

MITS Chief Information Officer Sturgeon presented a Professional Services Agreement with The Schneider Corporation for a Beacon site project. The Beacon site is a system that will augment GIS, allowing shared data points in one place instead of having them spread among several different systems. The MITS Board reviewed and agreed that the County should move forward with the contract. Attorney Luhman has also reviewed the contract. The annual cost is $16,800 which will come from the MITS budget. There is a $12,000 up front set-up fee that will be waived with a three year contract. The Beacon site should be available for use in approximately one month.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Beacon Contract as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***WIC** – Colleen Batt*
Create One Position – Eliminate Two Positions

WIC Director Batt said a new Nutritionist position is needed to replace a current part time Nutritionist. The funding for the position and benefits has been confirmed for the fiscal year 2015 budget.

Two positions will be eliminated: the State Breast Feeding Coordinator position due to a retirement earlier this year and a (Floater) Nutrition Staff Relief position that traveled within the region to fill staffing needs. That person took a vacant position earlier this year.

Director Batt clarified that she has received the budget with contract approvals but not the actual contracts, which is normal.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the full time Nutritionist position for WIC as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the elimination of the two positions as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Purdue West Lease Extension

Director Batt said the lease for Purdue is on an annual renewal basis. It is part of the fiscal year 2015 approved budget.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the extension of the lease for WIC and the Purdue West property, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Director Batt said the number of people being served at the West Lafayette site has increased from around 450 to approximately 600. Purdue remodeled the site; it's a nice facility and is working out very well.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD PRESENTATION – *Roger Feldhaus*

Executive Director of the Region 4 Workforce Board Feldhaus thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak today. Mr. Feldhaus introduced members of the Tippecanoe County Workforce Board, Dr. John Schneider, Assistant Vice President for Industry Research at Purdue University; Randy Vernon, President/Owner of Pinnacle Wealth Partners and the Chair of the Youth Council for the board; Chris Cohee, Regional Coordinator with Community Action Program of Western Indiana; and Deb Provo, Youth Services Team Leader.

Mr. Feldhaus provided a handout of the programs and services available in Tippecanoe County and the also the twelve county Region 4 area. From July, 2013 through June 30, 2014, 7,200 Tippecanoe County residents were served through the WorkOne system. The cost for the services provided over that time period total approximately $1.5 million.

Advancing Manufacturing began in March, 2012 to target service delivery to the manufacturing sector. Applicants selected for this initiative receive training that includes a certified production technician credential. The program is 140 hour academic program compressed into a 90 day period. Approximately 300 people have enrolled, 225 have passed and received the certification; 75% of the graduates are now employed in the manufacturing sector. The average earnings at the entry level position is $14.33 per hour. The expenses to date for the program are around $750,000; half of the expenses are funded from the Regional Workforce Board, half from local governments such as Tippecanoe County, White County, the City of Lafayette, and grants through Foundations such as Duke Energy and Alcoa. The key to the success comes from Ivy Tech where the training is provided.

Youth Services Team Leader Provo shared a success story letter from a local participant of the *Jobs for Americas Graduates* (JAG) program. The Tippecanoe County JAG program is located at Jefferson High School.

Mr. Feldhaus thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Region 4 Workforce Board and WorkOne of West Central Indiana.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – *none*

REPORTS ON FILE

President Knochel said the following reports will be on file in the Commissioner's Office:

- Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there were no public comments, Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

John L. Knochel, President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President

David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor 10/06/2014

Minutes prepared by Tillie Hennigar, Auditor Administrative Assistant