TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2014

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, November 17, 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.

***PROCLAMATION* – Supplier Diversity**

President Knochel, Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski, and West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis read the Proclamation declaring November 21, 2014 as Supplier Diversity Day in honor of Supplier Diversity Development Coalition of Greater Lafayette.

Supplier Diversity Development Coalition of Greater Lafayette Proclamation

Whereas, growth and development of women and minority businesses are essential in fostering a strong local economy; and

Whereas, the Supplier Diversity Development Coalition of Greater Lafayette is devoted to developing strategic alliances and enhancing opportunities for minority-owned businesses; and

Whereas, the Coalition has formed strategic partnerships with private businesses, governmental agencies, and Purdue University to work together to promote the success and longevity of minority business enterprises; and

Whereas, it is through the efforts of this Coalition that the businesses in Tippecanoe County have access to diverse programs, services and products; and

Whereas, the Cities and County commend the Coalition for its dedication to building a stronger community by promoting and engaging in diverse business development; and

Whereas, the Supplier Diversity Development Coalition is celebrating their 10 year anniversary, and those 10 years have been instrumental to opening doors for woman and minority owned businesses.

Now, Therefore, we,

John Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette,
Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette and
John Knochel, President of the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

do hereby proclaim November 21, 2014, Supplier Diversity Day in honor of

Supplier Diversity Development Coalition of Greater Lafayette

Jesse Moore, Director of Purdue University Supplier Diversity Development thanked the Mayors and President Knochel for supporting the Supplier Diversity Coalition of Greater Lafayette. He continued to

say the relationship/partnership event has been presented for ten years with the idea of introducing women and minority businesses to decision makers at Purdue University and several larger employers of Tippecanoe County. Andrew Antonio from Ivy Tech is a member of the Coalition and is present today. Members are from companies including Caterpillar, Alcoa, IU Health, Tate and Lyle, and Kirby Risk, among others. The 10th anniversary of the event will be celebrated this Friday and will include four women and minority business owners who have been successful in competing and providing services under contracts to coalition members. Three breakout sessions will provide sessions for 1) construction and related products; 2) IT communications and marketing; and 3) products and commodities. The awards luncheon will include a special celebration of the ten year anniversary and keynote speaker David H. Kummer from Nanshan America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 3, 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 November 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, and 17 with exception to invoice 842, payable to Dentist Dennis Carter in the amount of $1,500; the invoice requires further review by the Sheriff. Commissioner Murtaugh also moved to approve payroll vouchers for November 7, 2014 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

HIGHWAY *– Opal Kuhl*
Mechanic Tool Stipend Policy for Highway Maintenance Garage

Highway Director Kuhl discussed tool use at the garage and the mechanics who supply the tools. She explained that the mechanics supply their own tools and tool chests at an investment of approximately $10,000. The tools get broken or "borrowed" creating an expense to keep and maintain tools. A decision has been made to purchase a small set of hand tools for use in the garage and those in the field when needed. The mechanics will continue to provide their own tools and tool chest and receive an annual stipend of $1,500 per year. The wording has been reviewed by Human Resources and the Auditor's office, Director Kuhl requested approval of the policy.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MECHANIC TOOL STIPEND

It shall be the policy of the Tippecanoe County Highway Department that each Mechanic working at the Tippecanoe County Highway Garage will receive an annual stipend to defray all costs associated with providing and maintaining personally owned tools used in their position. The stipend will be $1500 per year and will be paid in two payments, one in January for the previous six months of employment and one in July for the previous six months of employment. The first stipend a new employee will receive will be pro-rated from their date of employment to January 1 or July 1, whichever comes first.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Highway Department Mechanic Tool Stipend as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Award Bid for 2014 Bridge No. 17 Replacement Project (located on CR 800 S over Wea Creek)

Director Kuhl said all bids were reviewed and the bid from Yates Construction Inc. is in order and is the low bidder at $1,347,525.67. She recommended the bid be accepted.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the bid for Yates Construction for Bridge No. 17 in the amount of $1,347,525.67 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Contract for Yates Construction for Bridge No. 17

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract with Yates Construction for Bridge No. 17 as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Street Acceptance for Stones Crossing Subdivision, Section Four, Phase Two

Director Kuhl requested acceptance of five streets in Stones Crossing Subdivision, Section Four, Phase Two. The streets total .573 miles and include 1,465.67' of Basalt Street. 717.25' of Druze Avenue, 115.00' of Ensley Street, 281.56' of Eppingham Drive, and 448.25' of Scoria Street.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the streets for Stones Crossing Subdivision as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

3 Year Sub-Division Street Maintenance Bond from Atlas Excavating, Inc., for Stones Crossing, Section Four, Phase Two in the amount of $56,000.00

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Maintenance Bond from Atlas Excavating as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***SHERIFF** – Tracy Brown*
RESOLUTION 2014-27-CM – Authorizing Special Purchase and Lease Financing of E911 Communication System Upgrade

Attorney Luhman said the agenda item is the approval of the contract and lease with Motorola for the upgrade of E911 Communication System. There are three steps: 1) Resolution 27, recognizing a special purchase; 2) Resolution 26, determining the need and approving the lease-purchase agreement; and 3) approval of the purchase contract for the system. Sheriff Brown introduced Pat Hughes from Motorola Shamburg and Allen and Adam Williams from RA-COMM, the local Motorola service provider.

Mr. Hughes presented a slide presentation explaining that the current radio system controller the County has will no longer be sold, shipped, or supported at the end of 2016. The base stations and the consoles which are in the three dispatch centers will no longer be supported at the end of 2018. A P25 Communication System, which has been put together by Police and Fire Chiefs and also Sheriffs throughout the country is a standard base system; a system using the same platform throughout the country. The standard base system would allow FEMA and others to use their radios on the County system and those from Tippecanoe County to use their radios in other parts of the state or country. Since 9/11, communications and government agencies have worked together to build one system to work nationwide. The State of Indiana and other large cities including Fort Wayne and Indianapolis are moving toward the P25 System. The system will be expanded to three sites; the three dispatch centers will remain the same with the Sheriff, Lafayette Police, and Purdue University. The system will be more robust with microwave connectivity and recording systems for radio and telephone.

Previously, systems were sold, installed, and replaced at the end of their 15 year life. Currently, the industry has changed, dictating that software and hardware be upgraded every year on IT networks. The proposal includes a 20 year life cycle plan. Motorola will come to Tippecanoe County every two years to upgrade the software and hardware. The schedule would include signing the contract today and shipping the equipment in December, 2014; 2015 would allow installation, tests, and training. Pricing includes the infrastructure, microwave, recording, training, project management, engineering, consultant, and the State of Indiana contract pricing with Motorola, totaling $4.5 million. Some incentives to obtain the lowest price include signing the contract today, shipping in 2014, and signing the 20 year maintenance agreement reduced the total to $3,808,000.

President Knochel asked what the cost was when 911 was initially installed. Mr. Hughes said the cost was in excess of $5 million; the cost has come down with smaller computers and infrastructure that is about half the size. Sheriff Brown said the annual maintenance fee is currently $125,000, the new fee will be over $400,000; the user fees will offset the new fee which will be due 1/1/16. At the end of the 20 year agreement, the equipment and upgrades will be new and paid for. Mr. Hughes said Motorola guarantees to come out every two years; depending on technology changes, changes could be slight or drastic. Sheriff Brown said 911 funds currently bring in approximately $123,000 per month in user fees, totaling approximately $1.5 million. The current 911 budget is $900,000. The surplus will be used to pay the $294,000 per year for the lease and the maintenance costs. Half of the cost will be paid up front followed by a seven year lease payment.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2014-27-CM Authorizing Special Purchase ad Lease Financing of E911 Communication System Upgrade as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***RESOLUTION 2014-26-CM* – Determination of Need and Approval of Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement – E911 Communication System Upgrade**

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2014-26-CM Determination of Need and Approval of Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement – E911 Communication System Upgrade as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

CONTRACT – MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract for Motorola Solutions as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***RECORDER** – Oneta Tolle*
Bulk Copy Agreement

Recorder Tolle said the body of the agreement has not changed; it is an update of the Commissioners signatures and positions.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the agreement with Fidlar Technologies as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***HUMAN RESOURCES** – Shirley Mennen*
RE Sutton & Associates Consulting Fees and Services

Human Resources Director Mennen presented the renewal agreement for RE Sutton & Associates. There have been no changes to the fee which is $1,050 per month.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the renewal agreement with RE Sutton & Associates as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Renewal Contract

Director Mennen presented the renewal contract for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Anthem contract has increases to the Administrative Services Only (ASO) and Reinsurance fees.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the renewal contract with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

GRANTS *– Frank Cederquist*
Permission to Accept Grant

Commissioners' Assistant Cederquist requested approval to accept a grant for TEMA in the amount of $8,485.20 from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for Emergency Management Competitive Performance Grant. The grant will be used for the purchase of portable radios.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve permission to accept the grant for TEMA in the amount of $8,485.20, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-28-CM **– Support for Tippecanoe County Veterans suffering with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**

Attorney Luhman read the Resolution.

WHEREAS, Tippecanoe County is the location of the Indiana Veteran's Home and the residence of over 10,000 veterans, and veteran's issues are, therefore, very important to the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County;

WHEREAS, Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder are important issues which create significant health challenges for Indiana veterans, including those who served in Afghanistan and Iraq;

WHEREAS, the effects of Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder can be debilitating, long lasting, and potentially fatal;

WHEREAS, current treatments for these health issues are often inadequate in a variety of ways;

WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is an alternate treatment that has the potential to restore the functionality of these veterans and alleviate their suffering;

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Administration, Medicare, and the Military Health System currently recognize the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for other indications but not for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County hereby urges the General Assembly to consider appropriate funding and investigation for the provision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy to those veterans and other citizens where medically indicated as an effective treatment.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2014-28-CM, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***RESOLUTION 2014-29-CM* – Establishing the Tippecanoe County Heartland Economic Development Area**

Attorney Luhman said the issue was previously considered in September. The County Redevelopment Commission adopted a Declaratory Resolution to create the Heartland Economic Development Area which is located north and east of the I65 and State Road 25 intersection. The Area Plan Commission adopted an order approving the Declaratory Resolution of Economic Development Plan and the Commissioners saw the issue when they adopted a Resolution approving the Area Plan Commission order. Last week, it went back to the Redevelopment Commission. After a public hearing, a Confirmatory Resolution was adopted to establish the area. The final step is for the Board of Commissioners to adopt Resolution 2014-29-CM which determines it is in the best interest of the County to establish an economic development area in the Tippecanoe County Heartland Economic Development Area as described in the Declaratory Resolution.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2014-29-CM Establishing the Tippecanoe County Heartland Economic Development Area as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***CONTRACT* – ARKOR Architects & Engineers for Fairgrounds Restroom and Horse & Pony Judging Stand**

Commissioner Byers said he was approached by the Tippecanoe County 4-H Horse & Pony Club requesting a new judging stand and also an upgrade to the restroom to be ADA compatible. The contract will include architectural design drafting of the structure to combine the two. The Horse & Pony Club plans to provide several thousand dollars of labor and time; the County budget has money for ADA projects. The contract with ARKOR is $12,000 to create construction documents suitable for final construction estimates.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract with ARKOR Architects and Engineers for the Fairgrounds restroom and horse and pony judging stand project, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to appoint Jean Hall as the Legislative Body Representative for projects on the West Lafayette Community School Corporation Common Construction Wage Committee on November 13 and November 19, 2014, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Murtaugh provided an update on the Animal Control Ordinance saying the committee has met four times. The Ordinance will be significantly changed and will be presented as a 1st reading at the first meeting in December.

Commissioner Byers said no appraisals have been received for the building on 4th Street.

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will be on file in the Commissioners' Office:

- Clerk
- Health Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

John L. Knochel, President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President

David S. Byers, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor 12/01/2014

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