TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2013

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Commissioner Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 5, 2013, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for August 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 19, 2013 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

MITS – Dave Sturgeon
Acceptance of RFP's for Print Management Project

MITS CIO Sturgeon said a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent last month for the print maintenance and consolidation project. The responses were due Friday, August 16 by noon; today, the proposals will be accepted. Attorney Masson said the RFP process is set by the State and requires the proposals be opened to avoid disclosure of contents to competing offers during the process of negotiation. A register of proposals must be kept and open for public inspection after the contract is awarded. The register must include a copy of the RFP; a list of all persons to whom copies of the request was given; a list of received proposals, including the name, address and dollar amount of the offer; the name of the successful offer; the basis on which the contract award was made; and the entire contents of the contract file except for proprietary information.

Attorney Masson reported the following RFP's were received:

Canon IV	August 16, 2013	11:38 a.m.
Ricoh	August 16, 2013	12:13 a.m.
Smith Office	August 16, 2013	9:53 a.m.
VanAusdall and Farrar Mgmt. Serv.	August 15, 2013	2:43 p.m.
Lafayette Copier Service & Sales	August 16, 2013	11:30 a.m.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take the Request for Proposals under advisement, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2013-25-CM - Regulating **the Use of Consumer Fireworks** – *2nd Reading*

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to hear Ordinance 2013-25-CM Regulating the Use of Consumer Fireworks on 2nd reading, second by President Byers.

Attorney Masson said the Ordinance would amend the County Code to regulate the use and time of consumer fireworks in the unincorporated parts of the county according to the State statute. The restrictions would apply except for some days around the fourth of July and New Year's.

President Byers said he received several letters. Citizens Joe Anthrop, Debbie Trella, and Carl Covely sent letters opposed to the Ordinance. Citizens Greg Kloppel, Kyle Charters, and Susie Hudson sent letters in favor of the Ordinance. Citizen Mark Durham sent a letter with suggested changes to the Ordinance.

President Byers invited public comment in favor of the Ordinance.

Barbara Willis – Fiddlesticks Subdivision – stated she is in favor of the Ordinance and has previously stated all her reasons. Commissioner Knochel asked Ms. Willis how often she has called the Sheriff to report firework activity. Ms. Willis said she has called three or four times this summer. As recently as last Saturday, fireworks woke her up at 10:30 p.m. Fiddlesticks Subdivision is just outside the city limits.

President Byers invited public comment opposed to the Ordinance.

Carl V. Covely Jr. – 5740 S 800 E, Lafayette – Mr. Covely stated he had a party on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. He feels the Ordinance is another example of punishing the innocent; the majority is being denied due to the actions of a few inconsiderate citizens and/or law breakers. Living outside the city has advantages but there are also down sides, like smells from hogs, dust, slow moving farm equipment, and fireworks a few days a year. He doesn't think the problem is serious enough to warrant restrictions on everyone in the county and is opposed to the Ordinance.

President Byers invited Area Plan Director Sallie Fahey to come forward and explain a map of the urbanized area of the county. Director Fahey said following a census, the census bureau prepares urban area boundary maps for each metropolitan area. The boundary is based on persons per square mile/acre. Following some adjustments by the Area Plan Commission (APC), APC is required to submit the information to the Indiana Department of Transportation and to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. The map was approved locally in August and September of 2012; approval from the Federal Highway Administration was January 25, 2013. Director Fahey said the map is the official adjusted urban area boundary.

Director Fahey suggested the Ordinance not be tied to the 2010 adjusted urban area boundary but to the approved urban area boundary to flex with future census. Also, incorporated cities and towns of West Lafayette, Lafayette, Battle Ground, and Dayton fall within the boundary and would need excluded.

Director Fahey said a link could be added to the APC website, linking the map and the Ordinance.

President Byers explained why Director Fahey was invited to present the map. He stated he is personally not a fan of the Ordinance but understands those living in subdivisions and housing developments are supportive of the Ordinance. He said if the Ordinance is passed with the urbanized area, those living in the country would not be affected by the Ordinance. Commissioner Murtaugh said amending the Ordinance to the urban area seems like a fair and relevant compromise; most of those with concerns and opposition live in a rural area.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to table the Ordinance, allowing time for the public to review, absorb, and provide input. There was no second.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to amend the Ordinance to include the urban area boundary map, second by President Byers.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to amend his motion to include the "adjusted" urban area boundary map, second by President Byers.

Attorney Masson said the motion is to amend Ordinance 2013-25-CM to exclude the areas outside of the adjusted urban area boundary map.

- Commissioner Knochel opposed the motion; motion carried 2-1.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Byers	Yes
Knochel	No
Murtaugh	Yes

Ordinance 2013-25-CM passed 2-1 as amended on first reading.

President Byers said the second reading will be heard at the September 16, 2013 meeting.

The boundary map will be added to the website today.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl
Consent to Assignment of Contracts from R.W. Armstrong & Associates, Inc. to CHA Consulting, Inc. – Engineering Services for Bridge #173 Project

Director Kuhl presented a Consent to Assignment of Contracts from R.W. Armstrong to CHA Consulting. Currently there is a contract with R.W. Armstrong for Bridge #173 on 600 North, west of State Road 43. CHA Consulting has acquired R.W. Armstrong; the consent transfers the contract.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the name change assignment from R.W. Armstrong to CHA, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.
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Permit to Close a Road for 5K Run/Walk Fund Raiser for West Point Park on October 5, 2013

Director Kuhl presented a permit to close streets in West Point for a 5K fund raiser to raise money for their park. The event will take place on October 5, 2013 from 7:30 until noon and close portions of Columbia Street, Jefferson Street, Monroe Street, Main Street, and County Road 500 South. Director Kuhl said less than 100 cars per day drive on CR 500 South.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the road closures as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Construction Maintenance Bond – Robert A. Garriott

Director Kuhl presented a Maintenance Bond from Robert A. Garriott in the amount of $5,000 for work in the county right-of way.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Maintenance Bond as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Continuation Certificate – Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC

Director Kuhl presented a Continuation Certificate from Comcast Cable for work in the county right-of-way.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Continuation Certificate as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Road Scholar Recognition

Director Kuhl said there are two Road Scholars to be recognized but one of them could not be here today; the recognition will be postponed until the next meeting.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson
Permission to Accept Grant

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to accept a grant for the Sheriff in the amount of $4,000 from the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation. The money will be used to purchase a boat motor for the water rescue team.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve acceptance of the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Permission to Apply for Grant

Grant Facilitator Wilson requested permission to apply for a grant for TEMA in the amount of $6,985 from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The grant will be used for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) element to participate in the September, 2013 full scale exercise at Muscatatuk.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to apply for the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-25-CM
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief

Grant Facilitator Wilson said the Resolution concerning Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief is required in order to receive reimbursement of the 25% of the previous flood buyout. The Resolution is to catch up on paperwork from two years ago.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2013-25-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Heath
Personnel Position Change

Community Corrections Director Heath said the request is to change a position from regular part time to full time in the Friends of Diversion program. . A grant was received from the Department of Corrections for the difference in salary, which is less than $6,000. In October, 2009 the position was changed from full time to part time as there were only two people in the program. The goal was to build the program up and there are now almost a dozen participants with more waiting to come into the program. Judge Williams is in charge of the program. The position requires meeting with some of the participants on a daily basis.

Judge Williams said he handles the Friends of Diversion court. There are currently eleven participants; up from four or five when he started a couple of years ago. From the financial perspective, the State figures it costs $53.96 per day to have an inmate in the Department of Corrections. Annually, it equals to $19,695. The Friends of Diversion program calls for a three year program, totaling over $59,000. The $59,000 is money not being spent by the State for the individuals who would otherwise be in the Department of Corrections. The court session runs on Monday from 12:00 to 1:30. The position request to full time is really needed; Melanie, the person in the position, is often not available when needed by the participants. An individual might spend two or more hours with Melanie discussing their issues. With the higher number of participants, it would benefit them to have a person available to contact at all times. Overall, the request is important for the continuation of the program.

Commissioner Knochel said he appreciated the input from Judge Williams and acknowledged that his input speaks for the importance of the issue. He asked Sheriff Brown how much the County is reimbursed for inmates. Sheriff Brown said it is $35.00 per day for as long as he can remember. Director Heath said the reimbursement was also $35.00 per day when he was Sheriff.

Judge Williams said the participants are required to pay Community Corrections; they have to get jobs; if they are in Home for Hope, they have to reimburse the cost; and they have to pay for their drug screens, which could be three to four times per week.

Director Heath said there is sufficient money in the grant to cover the increase. He stated in 2009, there was a fairly large contract for counseling services which was discontinued; the funds are now used for individual counseling. The position change would be effective at the beginning of the next pay period.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the personnel position change from regular part time to full time as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

CARY HOME FOR CHILDREN – Rebecca Humphrey
Sponsorship Agreement for Drug-Free Coalition

Cary Home Director Humphrey requested permission to decorate the Courthouse with red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week, October 20-26, 2013 for the Drug-Free Coalition. The Red Ribbon breakfast is scheduled for 7:30 on October 21st at the Trails.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the sponsorship agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Shirley Mennen
Amendment to Wellness Center Contract

Human Resources Coordinator Mennen presented an amendment to the We Care TLC contract for the Wellness Clinic. Last year, the contract was changed from a straight pass-through to a capitated rate for services and supplies. Since then, some of the vendors have allowed direct payment; saving sales tax. To eliminate sales tax, the contract will revert back to direct payment to the vendors. We Care is not tax exempt. As part of the amendment, the rates for doctors, nurse practitioner, nurses, and clerical staff is presented today to avoid a need for a future amendment.

Coordinator Mennen said approximately 600 employees are eligible to use the clinic; approximately 564 utilize it. The clinic hours are under review and will more than likely increase at the beginning of 2014.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the amended contract as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD PRESENTATION – Roger Feldhaus

Region 4 Workforce Board Executive Director Feldhaus provided a packet including a map of the Workforce Service Areas in Indiana, an annual report for program year 2011, and a 2013 report to County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Feldhaus said WorkOne has several local board members/directors who live and work in Tippecanoe County. One of the directors, Andrew Ball, President of Voestalpine Rotec is present today. The remaining directors represent education, labor, business, and industry.

One of the initiatives the board is pursuing is the Advance Manufacturing initiative, which is in the second year and approaching 200 individuals – many from Tippecanoe County but also includes those from the other twelve counties within the region. There are 27 employer partners who make monetary and time contributions to the initiative. The purpose is to respond to employer needs for qualified candidates for entry level positions in the manufacturing sector. Manufacturing does a lot to drive economic growth and huge investments are being made to expand in the county and the region. It's important to assure the talent pool is strong enough to support the growth.

The irony of the manufacturing growth is that other companies such as Caterpillar are in the process of laying off employees. The automotive sector is doing well; those making cars or car parts are doing well. Those employers making large equipment are currently struggling. A manufacturing industry sector strategy is very much on the mind of the regional board with respect to the workforce and matching the investments being made by the community, state, and federal.

An additional major initiative is to support the young people who are entering the pipeline while in secondary education; preparing them for the future. One of the initiatives supporting those struggling to graduate is the Jobs for America's Graduate (JAG) program. The state wide JAG program has been expanded by the legislature. In addition to the program at Jefferson High School, a second program has been added at Oakland School which will have 20 juniors, 20 seniors, and 20 graduates. There is also a program in place providing an opportunity for exposure to manufacturing possibilities for students, their families, and school faculty.

In addition, support is available for young and old who are changing careers or pursuing a career in the health care industry or other growing occupational areas.

Mr. Feldhaus introduced team members attending the meeting: Chris Cohee, Regional Coordinator; Mike Longcor, Team Leader; and Brooklyn Burton, Executive Assistant.

Team Leader Longcor read a letter from Justin Ashby, a former participant. Justin, thanks to WorkOne is now employed by Ball Corporation in Monticello, making $23.00 per hour with health benefits.

Mr. Feldhaus closed by thanking the board for their support of the Workforce board and the investment in training.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – none

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will be available in the Commissioner Office:

Building Commission
Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Covely asked for clarification on the Fireworks Ordinance. President Byers said today was the first reading of the amended Ordinance; the second reading will be at the September 16, 2013 meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

David S. Byers, President

John L. Knochel, Vice President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor 09/03/2013

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