TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2012

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Vice President John L. Knochel. Also present were: Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commission Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 2, 2012, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for April 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 16, 2012 as submitted with no exception, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl
Memorandum of Understanding Tippecanoe County/City of Lafayette – CR 400 East

Director Kuhl presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tippecanoe County and the City of Lafayette. The MOU is for County Road 400 East (CR 400 E), a short road remaining at the completion of the Hoosier Heartland Highway. The city requested the road remain open to access the property for a future well field project. The MOU outlines the City's responsibility for the care and maintenance of CR 400 E.

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

Tippecanoe County Highway Department Maintenance Division – Summer Hours

Director Kuhl presented the Tippecanoe County Highway Department summer hours for the Maintenance Division. Summer hours will commence on May 7, 2012, consisting of four (4), ten (10)-hour days and return to five (5), eight (8)-hour days on approximately October 1, 2012.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the summer hours as presented, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Administrator Wilson requested permission to accept an amendment to a TEMA grant. The amount changed from $30,500 to $41,000. The grant is for regional collaboration at the conference Indiana is hosting in December.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the grant amendment as presented, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

Grant Administrator Wilson requested permission to apply for an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for TEMA from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security in the amount of up to $56,816. The grant covers up to 50% salary for the TEMA Director, Deputy Director, and Administrative Assistant.

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

SUPERIOR COURT 2
Contract for Parent Workshop

Attorney Luhman presented a renewal of a contract for Professional Services with Pat Foerg to present workshops for parents. It is paid for with user fees collected with filing of dissolution actions. It is a continuation of her existing contract, extending the term through the end of the year with automatic renewal for another five years, unless 30 day written notice is given by either party. The rate is the same and the contract now includes the E-Verify provision.

- Commission Knochel moved to approve the contract as presented, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

AWARDING OF COURTHOUSE LIMESTONE PROJECT BIDS

President Murtaugh said this is the awarding of Courthouse Limestone Project bids, not the acceptance as listed on the agenda. Bids for the Courthouse Limestone repairs were opened at the March 19, 2012 meeting. General Restoration provided the low bid of $670,520 which includes the base bid and the five alternatives. All work will be completed in 2012 instead of over the next four years as originally planned.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to award the bid to General Restoration for the Courthouse Limestone project, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

DEDICATION CERTIFICATE
Maple Point SD

Attorney Luhman said during an audit of old records, it was discovered that the original Dedication Certificate for a part of Maple Point Subdivision was not approved by the Board of Commissioners. The part consists of the area around the retention pond, by Menards, and across from Ivy Tech. The Certificate records the Easements, Outlot A, and the Restrictions for utilities and maintenance use of the parcel.

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

ADA CONSULTANTS OF INDIANA CONTRACT

Commissioner's Assistant Cederquist presented the ADA Consultants of Indiana Contract to conduct an American with Disabilities (ADA) assessability study at Tippecanoe Villa. The assessment will begin in

the parking lot, move to the building approaches, then a complete internal review. A report will be provided of the deficiencies and also assistance to lay out a plan to rectify the deficiencies.

President Murtaugh added that the study will be charged at an hourly rate of $95 per hour. This is the first of several to be completed for all facilities.

Assistant Cederquist said the base agreement is being scheduled by task order until all facilities are assigned and the assessment completed. The timeline for completion was unknown at this time but assumed to be years rather than months.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the ADA Contract as presented, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO MITS ADVISORY BOARD

President Murtaugh said MITS Executive Director Dave Sturgeon is requesting a nomination for Brad Alexander to be appointed to the MITS Advisory Board. He is the Network Administrator for 911 in the jail.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Brad Alexander to the MITS Advisory Board, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Jean Hall as the taxpayer representative for the common construction wage committee meeting on April 12, 2012 at Purdue University, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

APPLICATION TO VILLA

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the application to Tippecanoe Villa for Alan R. Poindexter, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

President Murtaugh presented a Professional Service Agreement for Teresa Duncan who will train poll workers to use the voting equipment. The agreement has been reviewed by Attorney Luhman.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Professional Service Agreement, second by President Murtaugh.

Attorney Luhman said there is also a Conflict Disclosure since Teresa Duncan is an employee of the MITS Department. The disclosure reflects that the training is unrelated to her services as part of the MITS Department and addresses compensation for her training services.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to amend the motion to approve the contract and accept the Conflict Disclosure, second by President Murtaugh; motion carried.

President Murtaugh asked for additional unfinished or new business. There were none.

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports are on file in the Commissioner's office:

- Central Mail and Duplicating
- Building Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Wright - 4523 S. County Line Rd W., WestPoint – He has two points: first, assuming most everyone has received their property taxes, he hopes they are not as high as his. He appreciated the Auditor working with him and intends to visit the Assessor to see what steps he can take, which he hopes everybody does if they are as dissatisfied as he is. It is difficult for those on a fixed income, with no improvements to their property, to pay increased taxes. Second, since we have to pay for it, he said the public should be able to see where their money goes. In maybe 2007, for about six months, expenditures were published. In years past, it was a public record of expenditures when it was printed in the paper. With the County website of today, it would be extremely easy to have the information in a very noticeable place, within a reasonable amount of time for the public to see where their money is being spent. He thought it was a previous reasonable request that would be handled better, but it hasn't been. It's hard to put all the numbers together when you can't see where they go.

Commissioner Knochel asked if Mr. Wright meant the individual claims being put on line after each meeting when approved?

Mr. Wright said even if they are in a six month block, it's better than not being able to see anything at all. As an example, there are 179 pages in the six month block that Auditor Weston put online a year and a half ago. It is really difficult to try to visualize where the money goes when you can't access it and see if a claim has been paid. Mr. Wright finished by saying he knows there are a lot of people looking at their tax bill and because the economy is the way it is, they will all be wondering how and why.

President Murtaugh asked for other public comment. There were none.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn.

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston

Jennifer Weston, Auditor 5-7-12