

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2006**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2006 and the April 11, 2006 Executive Meetings, and the April 17, 2006 Regular Meeting as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers through May 1, 2006 with no exceptions, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Executive Director Opal Kuhl

Proposals Opened: NBIS and Bridges 64 & 65: Attorney Dave Luhman

| <u>Company</u> | <u>NBIS</u> | <u>Bridges 64 & 65</u> |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|
| R. W. Armstrong | x | |
| Floyd E. Burroughs & Associates, Inc. | x | |
| DLZ | x | x |
| Stuart Kline & Associates | x | x |
| Farrar, Garvey & Associates LLC | x | x |
| USI Consultants, Inc. | x | x |
| HE BFS | x | x |
| Frost Engineering & Consulting Co. | x | declined by letter |
| American Consulting, Inc. | x | |
| WTH Engineering | x | |
| Stephen J. Christian & Associates, P.C. | x | x |
| Level 5 Engineering | x | x |
| Bean, Longest, & Neff | x | x |
| United Consulting Engineers & Architects | x | x |
| Strand Associates, Inc. | | x |
| Burgess & Niple | | x |
| Transportation Consulting Engineers LLC | | x |
| Wilbur Smith Associates | | x |

- Upon Attorney Luhman's recommendation, Commissioner Shedd moved to take the Proposals for NBIS and Bridges 64 & 65 under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Authorization to Advertise: Purchase of Used Tandem Dump Trucks

Ms Kuhl requested authorization to advertise for low mileage, used tandem dump trucks to replace older trucks in the Highway Department's fleet.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for low mileage, used tandem dump trucks, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**Street Acceptance: Lindberg Village PD, Ph 1
Maintenance Bond #5019647: R. W. Davis Contracting, Inc.**

| <u>Street Name</u> | <u>Length Ft.</u> | <u>Road Width</u> | <u>R/W Width</u> | <u>Surface</u> | <u>Type</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| Fleming Drive | 853.01 | 30' | 50' | Concrete | Curb & Gutter |
| Maxwell Drive | 244.23 | 30' | 50' | Concrete | Curb & Gutter |
| Goddard Court | 515.01 | 30' | 50' | Concrete | Curb & Gutter |
| Total | 1,612.25 = 0.305 Miles | | Total Lots: 70 (341-365, 393-400, 426-462) | | |

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept the streets in Lindberg Village PD, Ph 1 and Maintenance Bond #5019647 in the amount of \$22,878 for R. W. Davis Contracting, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Construction Maintenance Bond #INC41230: Fox Contractors Corp.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept Three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #INC41230 in the amount of \$5,000 for Fox Contractors Corp. for work on the right-of-way of 600 N and 50 W in West Lafayette, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Continuation Certificate: Maintenance Bond #27S103350590BCM-07: Indiana Gas Company d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept the Continuation Certificate for Maintenance Bond #27S103350590BCM-07 in the amount of \$5,000 for Indiana Gas Company d/b/a/ Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Bid Opening: Lauramie Creek Bank Stabilization Project

Attorney Luhman opened and read the following bids:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Bid Bond</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Milestone Contractors | yes | \$427,747.00 | \$111,456.00 |
| Jack Isom Construction | yes | \$849,640.00 | \$142,803.00 |
| Yardberry Landscape/Excavating | yes | \$637,124.50 | \$118,422.00 |
| Dwenger Excavating | yes | \$436,764.74 | \$ 93,738.00 |

- Upon Attorney Luhman’s recommendation, Commissioner Shedd moved to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Quit Claim Deeds: 350 S R-O-W: Tippecanoe County to City of Lafayette

These three (3) Quit Claim Deeds convey from Tippecanoe County to the City of Lafayette the 350 S right-of-way which has been annexed by the City.

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| Key #160-16502-1434 | Part of the NE ¼ of Sec 8, Twp 22 R 4 W of the second principal meridian in Wea Twp from Tippecanoe County. |
| Key #160-16502-0060 | Part of the NE ¼ of Sec 8, Twp 22, R 4 W of the Second principal meridian in Wea Twp from Tippecanoe County. |
| Key #162-16602-0401 Key #162-16602-0412 Key #162-16602-0423 | Part of the W ½ of Sec 8, Twp 22 N, R 4 W of the second principal meridian in Wea Twp from Tippecanoe County. |

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept the Quit Claim Deeds to the City of Lafayette for right-of-way located on 350 S, seconded by Commissioner Benson.

Attorney Luhman clarified that this right-of-way on 350 S is located south of Southern Meadows, Southern View, and Brookview Subdivisions.

- The motion carried.

CASA: United Way Grant Application: Director Colleen Hamrick

Mrs. Hamrick requested permission to apply for a United Way grant to pay salaries and benefits for two (2) full time Supervisor positions for 2007. With an increasing number of CASA volunteers, there is a need for two Supervisors. Mrs. Hamrick has two part-time positions, currently funded with other grants, that she would like to make full time.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to authorize CASA to move forward with the United Way Grant Application, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CARY HOME: Memorandum of Understanding: Historic Prophetstown

Commissioner Benson explained this Memorandum of Understanding will formalize the agreement between Cary Home and Historic Prophetstown for involvement of boys at Cary Home in the Horse Program at Prophetstown two days per month.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Historic Prophetstown and Cary Home, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

SECOND ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT: Court Services

Attorney Luhman explained that, when the five (5) year lease agreement with Eastside Square LLC for office space for Court Services ends June 30, 2006, Court Services wishes to extend the lease another five (5) years until June 30, 2011. The monthly rent for year six (6) will be the same as for year five (5), but there will be a cost of living adjustment based on the consumer price index for years 7 through 10.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Second Addendum to Lease Agreement between Court Services and Eastside Square LLC, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT: Common Wage Board

- Commissioner Shedd moved to appoint Alan Parker to the Common Wage Board for the City of West Lafayette’s Sagamore West Street Lighting Project, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

TIPPECANOE VILLA APPLICATIONS

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept applications to Tippecanoe Villa from Jeffrey V. Clevinger, Shirley M. Jarrett, and James Wayne Davis, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**2007 Salary Recommendation: Human Resources Director Frank Cederquist**

Mr. Cederquist presented cost projections for a 0% to 5% salary increase in half-step increments for 2007. A ½% increase for each increment after 0.5% will cost approximately \$100,000. A suggested alternative option is for the County to pick up the employees' PERF match that will give employees a 3% increase. Mr. Cederquist said the 3% doesn't have to be done all at one time but could be done in 1% increments. He noted that the employer's PERF contribution will increase from 5.5 to 6% for an increase of \$71,000 for 2007. Commissioner Shedd asked what will happen with non-PERF employees if this option is approved. He said they could be granted an increase. Possible affected non-PERF employees are Sheriff's Deputies, Regular Part-time, and Probation Officers, whose salaries are determined by the State Judicial Center.

Auditor Plantenga mentioned that \$640,000 will be generated for 2007 if the General Fund Levy increases 3.9%, the 6 year non-farm average. The decision will then be how much to allocate to salary increases.

President Knochel asked the Auditor if he needs a definite percentage today. Auditor Plantenga responded that a final recommendation will allow him to disperse 2007 Salary Statements to departments to move forward with the budget process. President Knochel then asked what will happen if there is insufficient funding for the recommended amount. Auditor Plantenga said the Council doesn't have to follow the Commissioners' recommendation and has approved less in previous years. However, Attorney Luhman agreed with Auditor Plantenga that the Council could approve more at Budget time if sufficient funding is available.

Commissioner Benson said she doesn't want to recommend a raise that will cost more than \$600,000 so she favored only a ½% or 1% increase. Auditor Plantenga interjected that the \$640,000 levy is approximately half of the County's overall revenue. Commissioner Shedd stated she doesn't favor the PERF option which she thinks will be a hassle, but favors giving the employees as much of a straight percentage increase as the County can afford.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to recommend a 1% increase for 2007, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

REPORTS

Reports from Weights & Measure, Health Department, and Circuit Court are on file in the Commissioners' Office for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OTHER BUSINESS**40 Year Anniversary**

President Knochel announced that Commissioner Shedd's tenure with the County began 40 years ago today. He said it is a pleasure to work with her and he frequently calls on her for advice.

Commissioner Shedd expressed her surprise at the recognition and acknowledged that she has spent a great part of her life working in Tippecanoe County Government. She said she has learned a lot and thinks it is amazing what you can do if you set your mind to it. She thanked everyone for their support.

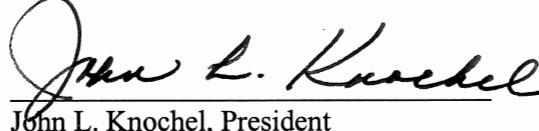
Commissioner Benson thanked Commissioner Shedd for the 40 years she has given to Tippecanoe County and echoed President Knochel's comment that she is an invaluable resource.

President Knochel then presented Commissioner Shedd with a vase of red roses that included four yellow roses, one for each 10 years of service.

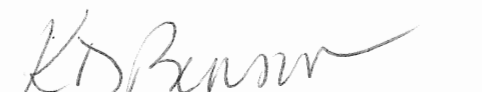
ADJOURNMENT

- Upon Commissioner Benson's motion, the meeting adjourned.

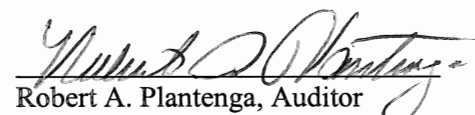
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**


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KD Benson, Member

ATTEST:


Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor