

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2011

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Commissioner John L. Knochel. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Kay Muse.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 regular meeting, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, and 18, 2011 as submitted without exception.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

INDOT LPA Agreement for North 9th Street and Burnett Road

Director Kuhl presented an agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the County of Tippecanoe for the sight distance improvement on North 9th Street and Burnett Road. This is an inter-local agreement and states the rights' and duties' of both parties. Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding will pay \$845,658 towards the cost of the project and is 90% of the total cost.

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

Change Order No.3 from Jack Isom Construction Company for the Lindberg Bridge Project

Director Kuhl presented Change Order No. 3 for the Lindberg Bridge Project from Jack Isom Construction Company for approval. It is for the cost of changing concrete encasements of Piles to Stem Walls for Pier Designs. The original amount of the contract is \$4,285, 931.70; this change order is in the additional amount of \$153,364.18.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Change Order No. 3 as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Parcelization Grant of Right-of-Way 925 South and 125 West

Director Kuhl presented a Parcelization Grant of Right-of-Way located on 925 South and 125 West for approval.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Grant of Right-of-Way as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Continuation Certificate from Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc.

Director Kuhl presented a Continuation Certificate from Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000. It allows them to work in the right-of-way.

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

Change Order No.1 from Schneider Corporation for County Road 50 South Project

Director Kuhl presented Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$7,680 from the Schneider Corporation for the CR 50 South Project. It is for additional services pertaining to a control structure, storm water calculations, and the Storm Water Prevention Plan. The original contract was for \$32,340. This addition brings the total to \$40,020.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Change Order No. 1 as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – Sallie Fahey

Galloway Subdivision – Recommendation for Use of Urban Right-of-Way Standards

Director Fahey stated that this is a request for a recommendation of the use of urban right-of-way standards in the Galloway Subdivision. It is located at the intersection of SR 28 and US 231 within the town of Romney. The property owner is subdividing the property in hope that “Dollar General” will occupy the undeveloped south lot. Rural right-of-way would make the lot too small for “Dollar General” to occupy. A section of the subdivision ordinance states that the County Commissioners, on the advice of the County Highway Engineer, can require the smaller urban right-of-way. Since the roads affected are state roads, INDOT was asked for their input. They have submitted a letter stating that they do not need rural cross section widths at that intersection. Director Fahey asked the Commissioners to recommend to the Planning Commission to allow the smaller urban cross section.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to recommend the use Urban Right-of-Way Standards to the Area Plan Commission as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

MTS – Dave Sturgeon

ISDN PRI Agreement with Frontier Communications

Director Sturgeon presented an agreement with Frontier Communications for approval. It is for Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) services. ISDN is a set of communications standards for the digital transmission of voice, video, data, and other network services. The other ISDN access available is the Primary Rate Interface (PRI). Service will be provided at two locations, the County Building and the Jail. This service agreement will save the County approximately \$1,000 per month.

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

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson**Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant – Sheriff's Department**

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson requested permission to accept a \$34,556.83 grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for the Sheriff's Department. It will be used to purchase equipment for the Bomb Squad.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to accept the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

WIC Conference Contracts

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson requested approval of the following contracts for the upcoming WIC conference being held locally.

Contracts are as follows:

Conference	Purdue University Conference Division	\$36,750.42
Speaker	Breedon Contract	\$2,720 plus expenses
Speaker	Mayfield Contract	\$2,000
Speaker	Walker Contract	\$ 1,600 plus expenses

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the four contracts for the WIC conference as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Terminate Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Project Administrator Contract

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson asked permission to terminate the contract for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Project Administrator. Due to changes in the scope of the grant project, the state is assuming some of the duties; this contract is no longer needed.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to terminate the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Project Administrator contract by mutual consent, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Juvenile Alternative Contract

Grant Administrator Laurie Wilson requested approval of a contract between Brenda Humphrey and Juvenile Alternatives for the Restorative Justice Project. It is funded through a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. The contract is in the amount of \$40,000. Ms. Wilson added that Brenda Humphrey is no relation to Director Rebecca Humphrey.

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

BOARD OF ELECTION & REGISTRATION – Heather Maddox & Jared Bond**Workforce & Economic Development Services Agreement for Election Workers**

Commissioner Murtaugh said this agreement with Ivy Tech is for cost of training election workers.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-08-CM**voestalopine Rotec, Inc. – Approving Application for Property Tax Deductions**

Andrew Ball, president of voestalopine Rotec, Inc. presented an application for tax abatement for voestalopine Rotec, Inc. In addition, he thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. Mr. Ball went on to say that in the past eleven years the company has seen the best of times and the worst of times. Recently voestalopine Rotec, Inc. has expanded product lines and increased employment from 58 to 84 with more additions expected. New product lines require more space and additional equipment; this abatement would include \$1,000,000 in real property and \$1,500,000 in machinery and equipment. Expansion primarily relates to safety products such as air bags and seat belts. voestalopine Rotec, Inc. is in the top three companies that manufacture these products. Attorney Luhman said that abatements require approval of both the Commissioners and the County Council. Commissioner Murtaugh thanked Mr. Ball for choosing to locate their business in Tippecanoe County.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2011-08-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-CM**Establishing the Intent to Conduct a Commissioner's Sale**

Attorney Dave Luhman said that Resolution 2011-11-CM would establish the Commissioner's intent to conduct a Commissioner's Sale of Tax Certificates for properties that are severely delinquent in payment of property taxes. Properties previously offered for sale at the County Tax Sale required a minimum bid of delinquent taxes and costs associated with the sale. Any properties that did not receive bids can be offered for sale at a Commissioner's Sale without the minimum bid restrictions. A list of those properties will be available on the County web site upon the scheduling of the Commissioner's Tax Sale.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Resolution 2011-11-CM as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to appoint Mr. Jean Hall to the Common Wage Board for the State of Indiana projects at the Indiana Veteran's Home and the INDOT Research Center, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

REPORTS ON FILE

Clerk

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Byers said that the Clay Bowl Giving Project, which supports the YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program, would be held on Thursday, April 21, at the YWCA, 605 N. Sixth St., Lafayette. Anyone who buys lunch or dinner will receive a clay bowl that has been donated by local potters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

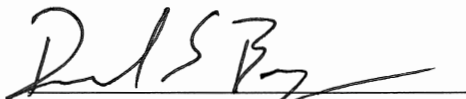
Karen Griggs, West Lafayette – said that she has concerns about the County's ground water. She feels that Wildcat Creek Solid Waste District needs a building to house and process different hazardous waste products for proper disposal. Ms. Griggs asked the Commissioners to approve the costs of a modest building for the collection and disposal of hazardous waste. She added that she is very concerned with the effects hazardous waste can have on ground water. Commissioner Murtaugh said that Wildcat Creek

Solid Waste District has funds available for a building. However early estimates came in at approximately \$400,000, which is in excess of their capability. They are in the process of scaling the project down so a more affordable building can be considered.

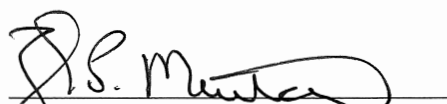
Paul Wright, West Point – thanked Ms. Griggs for her comments about hazardous waste and the effects on ground water. He voiced concern about the annual expense of maintaining the facility. Commissioner Byers said that Wildcat Creek Solid Waste District would be responsible for maintaining the facility with funds from their budget. Mr. Wright stated that although those funds came from Wildcat Creek Solid Waste District's Budget they are still a portion of the property tax. Commissioner Byers said that was correct however, funding does not come from the General Fund.

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn.

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David S. Byers, President

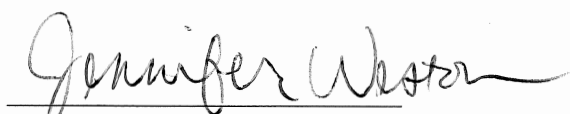


Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President



John L. Knochel, Member

ATTEST:



Jennifer Weston, Auditor 5-2-2011