

# Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2022

10:00 am

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building  
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Commissioners present President David S. Byers, Vice President Tracy A. Brown and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh.

Also present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Wafford. Absent: Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, March 21, 2022.
  - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Tracy Brown presented and recommended:  
The claims from March 24, 2022, through April 4, 2022, were recommended for approval without exception.
  - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- IV. **PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL** – Tracy Brown presented and recommended:  
The payroll from April 1, 2022 was recommended for approval without exception.
  - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- V. **HIGHWAY** – Stewart Kline presented and recommended:
  - A. **The Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement Grant for Parcel 16 and 16A removed from agenda and will be on next meeting for approval.**
  - B. The Award of the 2022 Calcium Chloride Dust Control Proposal to Central Paving. The amount of this contract is \$1.27 a gallon.
    - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the proposal as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
  - C. Unofficial Local Detour with INDOT, for SR 28 closure. These will be the last two phases of that project. The agreement is between Tippecanoe County and INDOT, for INDOT to reimburse for damages for use of Section 1 on county roads 575 E, 1200 S, 850 E, and Section 2 on county roads 700 E, 1000 S, and US 52.
    - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
  - D. Unofficial Local Detour with INDOT, for SR 38 closure. These will be the last two phases of that project. The agreement is between Tippecanoe County and INDOT, for INDOT to reimburse for damages for use of county road 900 E.
    - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**VI. PUBLIC DEFENDER** – Amy Hutchison presented and recommended:

The elimination of (2) Regular Part-Time Attorneys, and the creation of (1) Full-Time Attorney for the Conflict Division. Amy states that she is having issues with keeping Part Time Attorney's, and this change will help increase Attorney longevity.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the elimination of (2) Regular Part-Time Attorney positions and create (1) Full-Time Attorney position as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**VII. PROSECUTOR** – Patrick Harrington presented and recommended:

## A. The elimination of (1) High-Tech Crime Unit Digital Forensic Analyst (PAT IV).

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the elimination of the HTCUC Digital Forensic Analyst position as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

## B. The creation of (1) High-Tech Crime Unit Digital Forensic Analyst Electronic Detection K9 Handler (PAT V) position.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the creation of the HTCUC Digital Forensic Analyst Electronic Detection K9 Handler as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

**VIII. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** – Shirley Mennen presented and recommended:

## A. The creation of (2) Intake Officer (POLE II) positions.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve creating (2) Intake Officer (POLE II) positions as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

## B. The elimination of (2) Case Manager (POLE II) positions, once the Intake Officer positions above are filled.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve eliminating (2) Case Manager (POLE II) positions, once Intake Officer positions are filled as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**IX. YOUTH SERVICES** – Rebecca Humphrey presented and recommended:

## A. The Youth Services department noted that there is more need than capacity available for mental health services in the community. The department sought a grant to take the services into the community, instead of having individuals wait on a list for supportive services. The department received performance money through the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Those funds are going to be used to work with five specific communities in Tippecanoe County. In these communities, the Youth Services Department will hold community meetings and events, teach skill building, identify issues, and put supportive services in place. Director Humphrey is requesting the approval of contracts to help complete that mission. The Contracts are for Community Outreach meetings through June 30, 2022, with the following individuals: Jesse Moore, Devon Moore, Miriah Anderson, Misty Robinson, Sanford Swanson, Laurie Rinehart, Donte Wilburn, and Maddie Riordan.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

## B. Two contracts with Ross Guiney for community engagement and community policing, through the Back-on-Track Program and Community Engagement Facilitator.

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

X. **GRANTS** – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:

**Permission to Accept Grant Funds:**

For Health Department from the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), in the amount of \$1,000, for the completion of the Local Health Department Outreach Division (LHDOD) annual survey. These funds are to be used for salary.

- Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

XI. **VILLA** – Tracy Brown presented and recommended:

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the application to the Villa for Sally Albertson, Mark A. Payne, Steven Redington, Joanna Prather, and Pamela Sheets as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

XII. **REPORTS ON FILE**

- Tippecanoe County Weights and Measures
- Tippecanoe County Building Commission

XIII. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS** – None

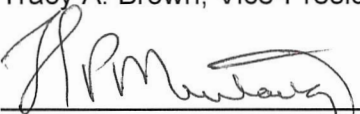
XIV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn. President Byers adjourned the meeting.

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ATTEST:

  
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Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 04/18/2022

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary