

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18, 2021

10:00 am

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

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

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

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Murtaugh called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, October 4, 2021.
 - Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

The claims from October 6, 2021, through October 18, 2021, were recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- IV. **PRESENTATION OF PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

The payroll from October 15, 2021, was recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
- V. **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
 - **Contract with Frontier has been removed from today's agenda. It should return at a future meeting.**
- VI. **GRANTS** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

Permission to Accept Grant Funds:

 - A. For Community Corrections, from the Indiana Supreme Court and Justice Partners Addictions Response, in the amount of \$60,000 for the 2022 Sequential Intercept Model Grant award.

Director Jason Huber advised that this is the 3rd year Community Corrections will be receiving this Grant. It supplements the pre-trial program, offering counseling services.

 - Commissioner Byers moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
 - B. For TEMA, from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$40,000 for the EMPG Competitive Grant to cover a Remote Camera Surveillance Trailer to be used at large public gatherings, festivals, and athletic events.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

VII. TIPPECANOE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICES: Doug Masson presented and recommended:

The ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding, with Gravity Diagnostics, for the use of facilities to provide Covid-19 Testing.

Attorney Masson advised that Gravity Diagnostics is performing COVID testing services, and the County is allowing them to use a corner of the gym at the former YMCA. This will be next to the location where the Health Department is providing COVID-19 vaccinations. There is no cost associated with the agreement. However, the County felt it best to have an agreement in place should there be any issues with their operations. Attorney Masson advised President Murtaugh that he could sign it considering the circumstances and ask for ratification at today's meeting.

- Commissioner Brown moved to ratify the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

VIII. CHANGE ORDERS**Tippecanoe County Central Offices**

1. Change order #9 with Shepler Construction Company in the amount of \$3,558.50, to suspend and drop ceilings as instructed during fire inspection.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
2. Change order #10 with Shepler Construction Company, in the amount of \$ 587, to add additional interior signage.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.
3. Change order #7 with Mulhaupt's Inc., in the amount of \$1,088, to provide and install storeroom locksets.
 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change order as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

IX. REPORTS ON FILE

- Tippecanoe County Central Mail and Duplicating
- Tippecanoe County Treasurer
- Tippecanoe County Coroner

X. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – None**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

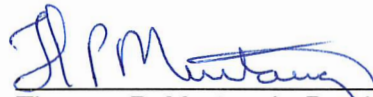
Mary Hall, West Lafayette Resident, requested that the Commissioners reconsider the time limit on how long the Nativity scene can be displayed on the Courthouse grounds each day. She advises that having to set it up and take it down each night is too hard at her age.

Commissioner Murtaugh advised that there has been a policy in place regarding displays since 2017. He feels that the policy has held up well and that it would be a mistake to vary from it. He is not in favor of changing that policy right now.

Commissioner Brown asked if the issue was just having the display attended, or the set-up and tear down requirements? Mrs. Hall advised that it was the set-up and tear down requirements that were difficult to adhere to. Commissioner Brown stated that he would like to meet with Mrs. Hall after the Commissioner meeting to further discuss the difficulties she is dealing with regarding the requirements.

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

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE



Thomas P. Murtaugh, President



David S. Byers, Vice-President



Tracy Brown, Member

ATTEST:



Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 11/01/2021

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Wafford, Recording Secretary