

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 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, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Samantha Perez.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, November 7, 2022.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh 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 November 8, 2022, through November 21, 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** – Paula Bennett presented and recommended:

The payroll from November 10, 2022, was recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- V. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** – Jason Huber presented and recommended:

A. Converting 4 part time positions to 2 full time positions, Jason stated this change is due to not being able to fill current part time openings. These salaries would come from the User fee account which would range from \$125,000-\$154,000 a year based on insurance the potential employees would select. Commissioner Murtaugh asked how long the positions have been vacant and Jason stated around 6 months. At 4 positions it would allow each 12-hour shift filled. President Byers asked if any of the part time positions are filled, and Jason stated they are all vacant.

 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to create one full time position out of two part time positions, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- VI. **GM DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES, LLC** – Commissioner Murtaugh presented and recommended:

A. The November disbursement request for the project at Community Corrections and the new Jail building in the amount of \$599,620.45 to Hagerman INC.

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

VII. FIXED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND STOP LOSS OPTIONS / ANTHEM – Commissioner Murtaugh presented and recommended:

A. This is the final step of the 2023 Anthem renewal. The fixed administration costs have dropped significantly due to a credit from the pharmacy rebate.

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

VIII. MOU/Contracts

A. Contract with Purdue University, for Tippecanoe County to provide financial support for 4H Youth development, leadership and community development, agriculture and natural resources, and Health and Human Sciences. President Byers asked Dee Nicely, 4H Educator, if the Community Development position is needed, and Dee stated the leadership team is looking to update the position or rewrite the job description, but that task has not been completed yet. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if the contract should be tabled until an updated job description and a decision from the leadership team is made. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if the education positions are negotiated per county and President Byers stated it is a set number per county. Commissioner Murtaugh added it is based on population. Dee stated currently one position is unfilled.

- Commissioner Murtaugh decided to not act on this contract until further discussion. The Board agrees.

IX. GRANTS – Sharon Hutchison presented and recommended:

Permission to Apply for Grants:

A. For the Sheriff's Department, from the Indiana Body Camera Grant program, to reimburse purchase of body worn cameras in 2023. This would cover 50% of the cameras purchased from capital outlay in Cum Cap funds. The remaining funds will be the match from the county.

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

B. For the Coroner, from CDC, NNPHI, and in collaboration with IACME, and NAME, in the amount of \$20,000, expanded infrastructure support for coroner. Commissioner Murtaugh asked what is included in infrastructure support. Sharon stated it covers laptops, computers, high quality cameras, investigative autopsy photos, internet costs, printers, scanners, and updating case management systems.

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

C. For CASA, CASA 4 Kids Foundation Continuation Grant, in the amount of \$55,000, to support the Part Time Staff Advocate/ Outreach Coordinator Position.

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

Permission to Accept Grant Funds:

A. For Youth Services, JDAI Bonus Grant, in the amount of \$49,615.36, for school justice partnership training and resources. Amendment contract already signed by the Auditor 5/31/2022.

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

X. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

- David Brown, Area IV Transportation Manager, gave a quarterly update on how the Aging and Community Action program. They have been working to get the word out about the non-emergency medical transportation provided to seniors and residents with special needs. They also created a community resource guide that includes transportation and information on 20 plus other programs offered, Mr. Brown also stated that ridership has tripled from quarter one to quarter three in rural Tippecanoe County. The agency has also sourced another grant to secure a new minivan for a total of three vans that are wheelchair accessible and more fuel efficient. The project to reach Benton County is currently tabled but David will provide an update as it moves along.

XI. REPORTS ON FILE


- Treasurer's Office October 2022 Report
- Central Mail, Accounts Payable, and Duplications October 2022 Report
- Clerk's Office October 2022 Report
- Area IV Public Transportation 2022 Quarterly Report

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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

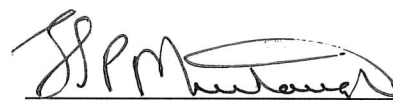
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ATTEST:



Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 12/05/2022

Minutes prepared by Samantha Perez, Recording Secretary