

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2007

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson and Member Ruth E. Shedd. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange. Absent was Commissioner John L. Knochel.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve minutes from the March 5, 2007 meeting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval for accounts payable vouchers for March 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 19 without exception.

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

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Highway Director Opal Kuhl presented an agreement for approval with USI Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Coordination for Bridge #64 & #65. She noted that these bridges are west of Eli Lilly & Co.

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

A street acceptance was also presented for Winding Creek, Section Four, Augusta Boulevard, Augusta Lane, Turnberry Court and Colonial Court for 2849.41 feet of street. The street acceptance is accompanied with a 3 year construction maintenance bond for \$37,400 from Milestone Contractors, L.P.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the street acceptance for Winding Creek, Section 4 and the accompanying maintenance bond for \$37,400, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Director Kuhl presented a street acceptance for Blackthorne Planned Development, Section One, Phase 2, Peridia Drive and Selwyn Drive for 497.37 feet of street with an accompanying maintenance bond from Atlas Excavating, Inc. for \$9,735.01.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the street acceptance for Blackthorne Planned Development, Section One with the accompanying maintenance bond for \$9,735.01, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Director Kuhl asked for approval for a Continuation Certificate from Tri-County Telephone Company dba TDS Telecom in the amount of \$5,000 to continue with work in the right-of-way.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Continuation Certificate for Tri-County Telephone for work in the right-of-way, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Bid Opening for Bridge #2 Project, located on South County Line Road

County Attorney Dave Luhman noted that one bid was received from Jack Isom Company, Inc. in the amount of \$253,911.84. Attorney Luhman requested that this bid be taken under advisement.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to take the bid for Bridge #2 under advisement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ASSESSORS – Samantha Steele

Commissioner Benson noted that County Assessor Samantha Steele has received additional appropriations from the County Council to award a contract for Annual Trending Services.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept the bid from GnA for Annual Trending Services and requested that the president sign the contract, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CLERK – Linda Phillips

Clerk Linda Phillips requested approval for an agreement between Tippecanoe County and Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. to recover fees owed to the county for child support payment processing.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the agreement between Tippecanoe County and Capital Recovery Systems, Inc., second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CONSENT TO ENCROACH

Highway Director Opal Kuhl presented a consent to encroach from Melvin K. and Connie Elliott located at 7616 Walnut Street, West Point, IN. Director Kuhl added that the Assistant Highway Director Mike Spencer had visited the location and had no objections to the request.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the consent to encroach for 7616 Walnut Street, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT 3 – Kathy Timberlake

Kathy Timberlake from Superior Court 3 requested approval from the Commissioners to endorse the Byrnes Grant. Ms. Timberlake added that Superior Court 3 has received funds from the Byrne's Grant for the last three years.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the award of the Byrnes grant, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey

Youth Services Director Rebecca Humphrey presented information regarding alternatives to detention and out-of-home placements. She mentioned that an increase in community-based diversion and intervention programs is essential and children should move through the continuum of care based upon their level of risk and needs. Director Humphrey noted that our community has a strong base of programs for at-risk youth for prevention. She added that Juvenile Alternatives in Tippecanoe County is structured to keep non-violent offenders from incarceration and saves taxpayers money by offering truancy mediation programs. The youth in these programs are diverted and complete successful home detention programs. Director Humphrey mentioned that six programs have been cut in Juvenile Alternative in the last two years due to funding and currently they have two existing programs. She noted that 1000 youth were served through Juvenile Alternatives in 2005 and 2006 and less than 450 will be served in 2007 without additional programming. Director Humphrey stated that quality prevention programs are needed in order to hold youth accountable for their actions and the county should adopt a best practices program as it moves forward with a detention center. In closing she added that the community needs more collaboration, gender specific programming, program sustainability, program accountability, and the ability to process outcome evaluations that determines success rates.

Director Humphrey also requested permission to apply for a state incentive grant from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. She noted that this grant is due March 29, 2007 and added she will be working with the Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Tippecanoe County to help prevent underage drinking. Director Humphrey stated that this grant is for two years; the first year will be planning community needs and the second year will be program implementation.

- Commissioner Shedd move to approve the application for this grant and agreed that Tippecanoe County will serve as the fiscal agent and authorized the president to endorse the agreement, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR CASA – Coleen Hamrick

CASA Director Coleen Hamrick requested approval for a Sponsorship Agreement for CASA's Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation Event. She noted that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and each year CASA sponsors the event on the courthouse square.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the CASA sponsorship agreement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-10-CM

County Attorney Dave Luhman noted that Norfolk Southern Corporation has asked to purchase .07 acres of land from the county located Southwest of the Subaru Isuzu Plant. He added that Norfolk Southern intends to build additional railroad in this area and is offering the county \$5,000 for the property. Attorney Luhman noted that the sale will be published in the newspaper for 10 days to allow the public the opportunity to make an offer if interested in the property.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Resolution 2007-10-CM to Sell Real Property to Abutting Landowner, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benson noted that 450 S may be added to the TIF plan. Attorney Luhman mentioned that the road should be added to the Southeast Industrial TIF district and the county should amend the county redevelopment project that joins the county with the City of Lafayette.

DeAnna Sieber from Tippecanoe Villa noted that the State Board of Accounts has requested that the Villa write-off numerous accounts that are uncollectible. She added that every attempt has been made to collect on these accounts and noted that some accounts are over 17 years old. Attorney Luhman stated that a resolution should be prepared and heard at the next commissioner's meeting.

REPORTS ON FILE

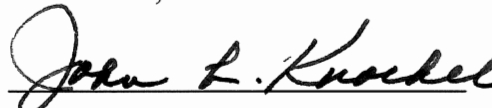
Reports on file include the Veteran's Office and the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn.

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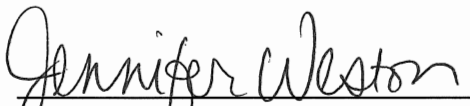
KD Benson, President



John L. Knochel, Vice President



Ruth E. Shedd, Member

ATTEST:


Jennifer Weston, Auditor