

Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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 John Thomas.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Byers called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, August 19, 2019.
 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- III. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL** – Paula Bennett

The claims from August 20, 2019 through September 3, 2019, including payroll from August 23, 2019 were recommended for approval without exception.

 - Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.
- IV. **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

ORDINANCE 2019-25-CM. Tippecanoe Development II requested a rezoning (Z-2773) from NB, GB, I1 and R1 to R3 for 60.73 acres located at the southeast corner of Veterans Memorial Parkway and Concord Road for potentially 22 sixteen-unit multi-family buildings and 75 duplexes.

 - Commissioner Murtaugh moved to consider ORDINANCE 2019-25-CM, second by Commissioner Brown.

Dan Teder spoke for the property owner and distributed a concept layout of potential building and roads and stated that the APC staff as well as the Plan Commission recommended in favor of the rezoning. The development still needs to be subdivided through APC, approved by the Drainage Board and the Highway Department as well as coordinated with the City of Lafayette who owns Concord Road. The development anticipates 1 & 2 bedroom apartments (that will be built first) and 1, 2 & 3 bedroom duplexes, all would be rented at market rates. City water and sewer are available.

Public comment came from Gail Ayers, who lives in Stones Crossing, and was concerned about losing the rural nature of the area, increased traffic when it is already difficult to get out of her subdivision, crowded schools, low water pressure and the potential of widening Concord Road. County Engineer Kline concurred that the area is growing and stated that a traffic study will be required from the developer and that the Department has initiated a larger corridor analysis. Commissioner Brown stated that the Plan Commission 12 to 0 in favor of the rezoning because the development was appropriate for the site. The Commissioners' received several emails about the request expressing concern about traffic safety issues.

President Byers called for the vote:

 - Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Byers	Yes
Commissioner Brown	Yes
Commissioner Murtaugh	Yes

Ordinance 2019-25-CM passed with a vote of 3-0.

V. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT** - Amanda Balsler presented and recommended:

ORDINANCE 2019-20-CM on second reading updating the Tuberculosis Skin Testing Fee.

- Commissioner Brown moved to consider the Ordinance, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

The Ordinance increases the fees to cover more expensive test kits when there is a shortage of the type of test kits the Health Department currently use.

President Byers called for the vote.

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Brown yes

Commissioner Murtaugh yes

Commissioner Byers yes

Ordinance 2019-20-CM passed 3-0 on second and final reading.

VI. **BUILDING COMMISSION** – Attorney Masson presented and recommended:

ORDINANCE 2019-26-CM on first reading of Conflicts of Interest provisions for the Building Permits Department.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to consider the Ordinance on first reading, second by Commissioner Brown.

Recent state statutes require adoption of a process for acting on a building permit when there is a conflict of interest. The Ordinance established a process to comply with the new law by cooperating with Lafayette and West Lafayette on a reciprocal interlocal agreement.

President Byers called for the vote on first reading:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Murtaugh Yes

Commissioner Byers Yes

Commissioner Brown Yes

Ordinance 2019-26-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to suspend the rules and hear the Ordinance now on second reading, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to hear the Ordinance on second reading, second by Commissioner Brown.

President Byers called for the vote on second reading:

- Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Commissioner Byers Yes

Commissioner Brown Yes

Commissioner Murtaugh Yes

Ordinance 2019-26-CM passed 3-0 on second and final reading.

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

Permission to Accept Grants funds:

A. From the Indiana State Department of Health to the County Health Department's Hospital Preparedness Program & Public Health Emergency Preparedness division. The \$25,000 grant will be used for payroll and the purchase of equipment in 2020.

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

B. From the Indiana Supreme Court to the Circuit Court for Judge Persin's Veteran's Court. The \$5,500 covers continuation of chemical testing, participant treatment, housing, incentives, transportation as well as training and administrative needs.

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

VIII. **RESOLUTION 2019-24-CM**, Doug Masson presented and recommended:

In July the Commissioners approved extending an offer for \$41,240 to Concord Partners South LLC for land adjacent to the County Garage. They accepted the offer and this Resolution authorizes the execution of real estate purchase documents and an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to cover closing costs.

- Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the Resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Resolution passed.

IX. FAIRGROUNDS RENOVATION PROJECT

Change order for \$18,362 to Fairfield Contractors for additional site work and reseeding.

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

X. APPLICATION TO VILLA

- Commissioner Brown moved to approve James Paul Clemons' application to the Villa, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

XI. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – None

XII. REPORTS ON FILE

- Tippecanoe Arts Federation
- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Susan Doster encouraged the Commissioners to do what they could to not disenfranchise 20,000 Purdue students who will find it more difficult to vote in the next elections because of a recent change in policy by the Election Board.

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

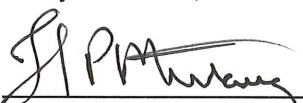
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ATTEST:



Robert A Plantenga, Auditor 9/16/2019

Minutes prepared by John Thomas, Recording Secretary