

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2001**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, August 6, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd and Vice President John L. Knochel; Chief Deputy Auditor Janet K. Hill, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney Thomas H. Busch, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Commissioner KD Benson was absent.)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2001 Special Meeting, as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Weston, Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Claims as submitted for the periods ending July 20, 2001, July 27, 2001, August 3, 2001, and August 6, 2001, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Executive Director Mark Albers

RFPs

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have been issued for two projects:

- Construction/Engineering Services for the McCarty Lane Bridge, approaches, and road
- Engineering/Professional Services for Bridge U209 located on Lilly Rd. They are pursuing federal funding for this project.

SALT QUOTES

Advertisement has been place for 2002 Salt quotes.

AWARD SIGN QUOTE

- Upon Mr. Alber's recommendation, Commissioner Knochel moved to award the Sign Quote to Hall Signs Inc. in the amount of \$7,648.72, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**STREET ACCEPTANCE: Carriage Estates SD Ph II, Part I
SUB-DIVISION STREET MAINTENANCE BOND: #5855774, A & K Construction, Inc.**

Mr. Albers presented the following streets located within Section 1 of Carrington Estates Subdivision Phase II, Part I for acceptance into the County Highway System:

Bowfield Way	145.02'
Stratus Drive	937.77'
Stratus Court	732.02'
Cumulus Drive	803.52'
Cirrus Court	108.53'
Bluster Drive	102.50'

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets in Section 1 of Carrington Estates Subdivision Phase II, Part I into the County Highway System, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.
- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the 3 year Sub-Division Street Maintenance Bond, #5855774, from A & K Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$27,600 for maintaining the streets in Farmington SD parts C, D, E, & F located at CR 400 and 300 N, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**STREET ACCEPTANCE: Farmington SD, Phases 1C, 1D, 1E, & 1F
MAINTENANCE BOND: #3443205, Fairfield Contractors, Inc.**

Mr. Albers presented the following streets located within Farmington SD, Phases 1C, 1D, 1E, and 1F for acceptance into the County Highway System:

Bunchberry Court, Ph 1C	531.36'
Flowering Crab Drive West, Ph 1D	189.06'
Flowering Crab Drive East, Ph 1D	191.91'
Farmington Drive North, Ph 1E	380.27'
Flowering Crab Drive East, Ph 1E	141.97'
Flowering Crab Drive East, Ph 1F	1002.19'

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets located in Farmington SD Phases 1C, 1D, 1E, and 1F into the County Highway System and the 3 year Maintenance Bond for Earthwork, Erosion Control, Streets and Storm Sewer, #3443205, from Fairfield Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$45,597.00 for Section One Carrington Estates Subdivision Phase Two, Part One located at Bowfield Way Street in Wabash Township, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

GRANT OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT: Sunrise Christian Reformed Church, Inc.

Key #144-02300-0022: A part of the NE ¼ of Sec. 20, Twp. 22, N, R 4 W, Wea Twp. from Sunrise Christian Reformed Church, Inc. by Robert Zomermaand.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Grant of Drainage Easement for Sunrise Christian Reformed Church, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

GRANTS OF RIGHT OF WAY: By Parcelization

- Key #110-01900-0113:** CR 575 E; A part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 19, Twp. 21 N, R 3 W from Roger L. & Della M. Kochert.
- Key #124-01800-0062:** CR 75 E; Part of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, Twp. 24 N, R 4 W, Tipp. Twp. from Virgil L. Shultz.
- Key#144-03200-0112**
- Key #144-03200-0123:** CR 100 E; A part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 29, Twp. 22 N, R 4 W, Wea Twp. from John H. Matthys.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Grants of Right-of-Way by parcelization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE BOND: #27SB103665146BCM, Kettelhut Construction, Inc.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept 3 year Construction Maintenance Bond #27SB103665146BCM in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Kettelhut Construction, Inc. for work on the right-of-way of Wea Ridge Middle School located at 4410 S CR 150 E, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS: #400SG3064, Milestone Contractors, L.P.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Performance and Payment Bonds #400SG3064 for Milestone Contractors, L.P. in the amount of \$398,026.65 each for resurface work on CR 700 S from US 52 to CR 350 E, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE: Level 3 Communications, LLC

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Continuation Certificate for Bond #20S103189746BCM in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Level 3 Communications, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

- ♦ Auto Owners Insurance Co, Northland Ins Co, Accident Fund (AR) for J F Young Inc, Superior Transit
- ♦ Cincinnati Insurance, Cincinnati Casualty Company for Denmark Homes, Inc
- ♦ Maryland Casualty Company, Cincinnati Insurance, ESI/Employer's Security Ins Co for Downham Custom Homes, Etal
- ♦ E Erie Insurance Exchange for Design Builders Inc
- ♦ Travelers Insurance Company for Indiana American Water Company
- ♦ Indiana Insurance Company for Fairfield Contractors, Inc.
- ♦ Auto-Owners Insurance Company for Tom Raper, Inc
- ♦ Cincinnati Insurance, Cincinnati Casualty Company for R L Evans Custom Homes Inc
- ♦ Cincinnati Insurance, ESI/Employer's Security Ins Co for Cronin Landscape, Inc
- ♦ St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co, Zurich American Ins. Company, National Union Fire Ins Co PA for Milestone Contractors, L.P.
- ♦ American States for Creative Homes, Inc.
- ♦ Indiana Insurance Company for Steve Kaiser Plumbing & Heating, Steve Kaiser, DBA
- ♦ Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies for Morgan Drive Away Inc.; TDI Inc.; Transamerica Carriers Ins.; Transit Homes; Morgan First Class Transport
- ♦ United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Fidelity & Guaranty Ins. Co. for Century Tel, Inc. and all Subsidiaries
- ♦ Hartford Fire Ins Co, Twin City Fire Insurance Co. for Insight Communications, Midwest LLC
- ♦ United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Company for Brickner Construction Company
- ♦ Monroe Guaranty Insurance Co., Cincinnati Insurance for Koerner Enterprises A Partnership

PROSECUTOR: Jerry Bean

NEW POSITION REQUESTS FOR 2002: 4D Child Support Caseworkers (6), Investigator/Drugs, and Deputy Prosecutor/Felony Intake

Child Support Caseworkers

Mr. Bean pointed out that salaries for the six (6) additional Child Support Caseworkers for 4D will be reimbursed by the State at the rate of 66%. He said he can find office space on the fifth floor of the Courthouse for these employees.

- o Mr. Bean said additional Caseworkers are needed because Paternity and Support Establishment are weighted heavily for receipt of Incentive Funds. Currently Tippecanoe County is receiving no Incentive money because of low performance.
- o A major part of the caseload is processing new Medicaid cases. With an estimated 11,000 open cases plus the estimated 2,000 Medicaid cases, each Caseworker currently on staff has a caseload of 3,150. Six (6) new Caseworkers will reduce that load to 1,260 cases.
- o Penalties can result at the State and Federal levels if mandated timeframes are not met.

Comparisons with counties of similar size:

Elkhart	8 Caseworkers	20,000 caseload
Hamilton	4 Caseworkers	7,000 caseload
Madison	8 Caseworkers	15,000 caseload
Monroe	8 Caseworkers	6,500 caseload
Porter	8 Caseworkers	10,000 caseload
Tippecanoe	5 Caseworkers	11,000 caseload
Vanderburgh	14 Caseworkers	22,000 caseload

Investigator/Drugs

Mr. Bean said they need another Drug Investigator to assist Jim Doyle who writes cases, working closely with the DTF (Drug Task Force), and conducts Polygraph Tests. Conducting a Polygraph Test (4 to 5 hrs/test) once every two weeks takes time away from Mr. Doyle's investigative duties. Mr. Bean noted they have a 100 case backlog at DTF. The new Investigator, who will be located in the Prosecutor's Office, will help with trial preparations, assist with depositions, and help acquire a certified hard copy of records from other states for habitual offenders. Mr. Bean estimated 225 drug cases were filed in 2000 and approximately 200 cases are pending.

Felony Intake Deputy

Mr. Bean said the Felony Intake Deputy has an approximate backlog of 150 cases that don't include drug or sexual assault. Of the approximate 500 major felony police reports from five (5) police agencies filed each year, he estimated 350 are cases are filed. He needs another Deputy to assist with:

- o Case backlog
- o Forfeitures (money goes to DTF)
- o Filing cases

Part-time Deputy/Sex Crimes

Mr. Bean requested the creation of a part-time Sex Crimes Deputy position because there is an estimated backlog of 50 cases, and the former full time Deputy has requested to work only part-time. Creation of this position will allow this employee to continue working with Sex Crimes and give Mr. Bean the opportunity to fill the vacant full time Deputy position. Mr. Bean said sex offenses involving children take twice as long to investigate, prepare, and try. Approximately 50 cases are filed annually but he estimated this number to be only 1/3 of actual sex offenses. He attributed this low number to the secrecy surrounding sex offenses, the lack of physical evidence, and untimely reporting. Mr. Bean said funding is available for the remainder of the year due to the vacant Deputy position, and he has applied for a annual grant from Purdue University for 2002 funding.

Drug Secretary (not new position)

Mr. Bean is only requesting a change in funding source for this current full time position. He is asking for the Secretary, presently paid from the Drug Task Force Fund and the Criminal Justice Institute Drug Grant, to be paid from the General Fund. He said funds are low in the DTF Fund and there has been a deficit in the Drug Grant for some time. The Drug Secretary principal duty is to type transcripts of tapes from drug buys.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take the Prosecutor's requests under advisement until Commissioner Benson has the opportunity to review them, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AFLAC PRE-TAX PLAN

Commissioners' Assistant Weston explained that this Plan will allow employees' parking fees as a pre-tax payroll deduction. She said approximately 150 employees signed up for this option.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve and adopt the AFLAC Pre-tax Plan for employees' parking fees, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2001-34-CM: Transportation Benefits Plan

The Resolution was not read.

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RESOLUTION 2001-34-CM

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS PLAN

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following described Resolution was officially and legally adopted at the duly authorized official meeting of the body with legal authority (hereafter "Authority") to pass said Resolution. Said meeting was held on the date set forth below.

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to adopt a transportation benefit plan within the context of Section 132 of the Internal Revenue Code for the benefit of the employer's eligible employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby adopts the Transportation Benefits Plan (consisting of the transportation benefit plan document and the Adoption Agreement) for the Employer named herein below effective as of the date specified in the Adoption Agreement.

RESOLVE FURTHER, that any officer of the employer may, without a further resolution, execute the Adoption Agreement and any related documents or amendments which may be necessary or appropriate to adopt the plan or maintain its compliance with applicable federal, state and local law.

Name: Tippecanoe County

Body With Legal Authority of Employer To Pass Resolution: Board of Commissioners
(Examples - Board of Directors, Board of Commissioners, etc.)

Date of Official Meeting of Authority
at which Resolution was Legally Passed: August 6, 2001

Signature of Person with Authority to certify that
Resolution was legally passed

Corporate Secretary

Print name and Title of Person above

Date: _____

(unquote)

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2001-34-CM, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Common Wage Board

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Tom Nidiffer, Tom Murtaugh, and Margy Deverall to the Common Wage Board for the McCarty Lane Bridge and approaches to CR 500 E and CR 550 E, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

JAIL EXPANSION UPDATE

Attorney Busch reported the receipt of the signed Lease Agreement between the Governmental Building Corporation and the Commissioners for the Jail pursuant to authorizations previously given.

President Shedd announced the Commissioners will receive bids for the Jail Expansion at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 9, 2001.

REPORTS

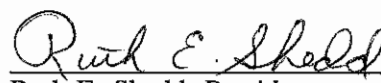
Reports from Mail & Duplicating, Legal Aid, and Veterans Affairs are on file in the Commissioners' Office for review.

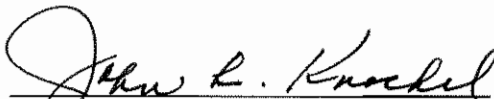
ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Janet K. Hill, Chief Deputy Auditor

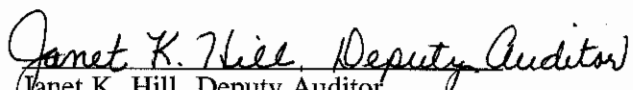
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