

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2001

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners held a special meeting at 11:00 A.M. and their regular meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 19, 2001 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member KD Benson; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney Thomas H. Busch, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Shedd called the meeting to order.

DISCUSSION: Office Space at County Extension Office

County Extension Agent Scott Rumble explained that USDA representatives are present to discuss the possibility of co-locating their offices at the County Extension Building to gain needed office space. Those present were:

- John Anthrop, USDA Rural Development
- Mark Eastman, Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS)
- Kathy Dale, Chairperson of Soil & Water Conservation District
- Sandy Weaver, USDA Farm Service Agency

Mr. Rumble said zoning was approved to allow an additional building on the site at a future date when the County-owned Extension Office was built. The building sits on approximately seven (7) acres and a test plot located south of the building occupies approximately five (5) acres. Although these USDA agencies currently rent office space elsewhere, Mr. Rumble said a lot of people would like to see them co-locate at the Extension Office.

Mrs. Dale said NCRS currently lets Soil & Water use office space for their basic needs, but they rent storage space. Due to increasing responsibilities, she said Soil & Water needs more space to accommodate additional staff. In her opinion, it would be a better use of resources if all agencies were located together.

Mr. Eastman said NCRS will be moving to a larger location because additional staff is needed due to an expanding workload in Tippecanoe County. He thinks it would be more beneficial if they could locate with other USDA agencies.

Ms Weaver said they need approximately 300 square feet of additional space for a total 4500 square feet net usable space. In her opinion, it would be a good idea to be co-located at the Extension Office is possible.

Commissioner Knochel wondered if it would be possible to add an upper floor to the Extension Building. Mr. Rumble responded they had not discussed that option but thought it would be worth exploring with the architect, Stuart Kline. Although additional office space is not an immediate need for these agencies, they would like the Commissioners to give the idea consideration. Commissioner Knochel noted that the proposed Home Ec Building Project at the Fairgrounds, currently in the Capital Projects Plan, would have to be moved back if this request moves forward.

President Shedd received a negative response when she asked if there are available funds from any of the agencies for a feasibility study.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take this under advisement for a short period of time, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RECESSED: 11:25 A.M.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to recess until 5:00 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RECONVENED: 5:00 P.M.

President Shedd reconvened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the November 5, 2001 minutes as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Weston, Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Claims as submitted for the periods ending November 9, 2001, November 16, 2001, and November 19, 2001, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Executive Director Mark Albers

AGREEMENTS: DLZ

Mr. Albers presented Agreements with DLZ for Professional Engineering Services for bridge replacement. The fees are \$40,580.00 for Bridge #20, CR 350 E over East Branch of Wea Creek, and \$35,330.00 for Bridge #91, CR 925 W over Little Pine Creek.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Agreements with DLZ for Professional Engineering Services for replacement of Bridges #20 and #91, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #1: Kirkpatrick Bridge #60

Change Order #1 from Jack Isom Construction Inc. for an additional \$8,400.00 is because it was necessary to install a temporary tile runaround to maintain positive drainage that resulted from difficulties in acquiring right-of-way for Kirkpatrick Bridge #60.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change Order #1 from Jack Isom Construction, Inc. for an additional \$8,400.00, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #1: 2001 Pavement Marking Project

Change Order #1 from Falconite Inc. dba Mike Madrid Co. is a reduction of \$83.76 due to a decrease in the edge line from 5" to 4" on CR 500 N.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change order #1 from Falconite Inc. for a reduced amount of \$83.76, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

GRANTS OF RIGHT OF WAY

Key #124-04700-0066: That part of the E ½ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 12, Twp. 24 N, R 5 W, 40' R-O-W on CR 100 W from Ernest M. Agee.

Key #118-04400-0283: A part of the fractional Sec. 22, Twp. 22 N, R 3 W, 2nd P.M. in Sheffield Twp., 40' R-O-W, on Wyandotte Rd. from Francis L. & Carolyn G. Kochert.

Key #138-01400-0036: Part of the NE ¼ of Sec. 21, Twp. 24 N, R 3 W, Washington Twp., 40' R-O-W, on CR 775 E from Kristina R. Collier.

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

CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE BOND: Boart Longyear Company

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #929225086 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Boart Longyear Company for monitoring the well located in the right-of-way on 9th Street, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE BOND: Dirtworks Excavating

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #MJSA000173MN in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Dirtworks Excavating for a road cut in the right-of-way at 3553 Bethel Dr, Brindon Apartments, Phase II, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

ADVERTISED FOR BIDS: Annual Materials & Supplies

Annual Bids for Aggregates, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel, and Rental Equipment will be opened at 10:00 A.M., Monday, December 3, 2001 as advertised in the Journal & Courier and Lafayette Leader on November 9, 2001 and November 16, 2001.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

- ♦ Zurich American Ins Co, American International Specialty Lines Insur Co for Boart Longyear Company
- ♦ United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Company for Jeffrey A, Samuel J & Dale R Brown
- ♦ Acuity Insurance Company for Lawn & Shrub Inc
- ♦ United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Company for Carl Sigman dba Sigman Excavating
- ♦ Monroe Guaranty, Cincinnati Insurance Co for J & J Crane Rental Inc
- ♦ Indiana Insurance Company for Karoo Construction, Inc.
- ♦ Cincinnati Insurance Co, Cincinnati Casualty Company for American Paving & Asphalt Inc.
- ♦ Star Insurance Company, American Home Insurance Company for White Brothers Trucking Co.
- ♦ Cincinnati Insurance Co, Cincinnati Casualty Company for Bob Newlin Homes Inc
- ♦ Crum & Forster Insurance Cos for Jack Isom Construction Co., Inc
- ♦ United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Company for William Misch dba Misch Custom Homes

REVISED COMPUTER USAGE & SECURITY POLICY: MITS Executive Director Diane Hawkins

Mrs. Hawkins requested approval of the revised Policy that was approved by the MITS Board at their October meeting. It will eventually become a part of the Personnel Policy.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the revised Computer Usage & Security Policy, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Fishel Contract

Greater Lafayette Progress President Mike Brooks and Wintec Corp. President Steve Belter asked the Commissioners to share the cost of a contract between the Community Development Corp. and Fishel to conduct a study of the County's telecommunications. The County's share of the \$65,000 contract is \$7,500. Having already entered into the contract, the City of Lafayette's share is \$32,500, the City of West Lafayette's share is \$15,000, and Purdue University's share is \$10,000. Fishel will inventory existing high tech infrastructure, fiber optics, and its uses in the County. They will interview the County to determine its needs and offer suggestions on how to improve fiber communications in the entire county, especially the small towns. It is Mr. Belter's opinion that improving our fiber optic capabilities will help maintain our quality of life by retaining and attracting new business.

APPOINTMENTS: Vision 2020

- Commissioner Benson moved to appoint Bill Haan, a citizen, and Kathy Vernon, County Councilman, to the Vision 2020's Governmental Committee, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

REQUEST: Lafayette Adult Reading Academy

The Reading Academy is requesting an extension of their December 31, 2001 deadline to move out of the 629 Building until January 7, 2002. This will give them a week between sessions to move their equipment and supplies. They also requested permission to post an employee there on January 7th to direct attendees to the new location.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to extend the tenancy of the Reading Academy by one (1) week until January 7, 2002, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT


None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

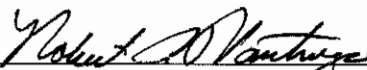
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