

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
*April 20, 2009*

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President David S. Byers, and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Commissioner Knochel called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

***PROCLAMATION***

**Proclaiming May 1, 2009 as Silver Star Banner Day in Tippecanoe County**

Jim Andrews reported Silver Star Banner Day is a day to honor the personal sacrifice of veteran's throughout the nation from all wars.

**Whereas**, the residents of the City of Lafayette, the City of West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County have always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces; and

**Whereas**, the Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the flood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag; and

**Whereas**, to date the Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of our community with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages; and

**Whereas**, the Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is to assure that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, they remember those who made sacrifices for our City, County, State and Nation, and

**Whereas**, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe, on behalf of the residents of our community wish to formally recognize the efforts of the Silver Star Families of America's assuring that the sacrifices of so many in our Armed Forces never to be forgotten.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we hereby proclaim our appreciation of the Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. We hereby declare May 1<sup>st</sup> "SILVER STAR BANNER DAY" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the County of Tippecanoe.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

Attorney Luhman stated this proclamation represents the spending of federal economic grants received in Tippecanoe County. The proclamation will affirm the commissioner's commitment to ensure all stimulus funds received are used to hire local workers and producers to impact the local economy.

## PROCLAMATION

### SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS TO TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

**Whereas**, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on residents of Tippecanoe County and the State of Indiana who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment, and

**Whereas**, American taxpayers provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services and

**Whereas**, federal economic recovery legislation has been proposed for the purpose of providing billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components, and

**Whereas**, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of jobs and to restore the economic vitality of our communities, and

**Whereas**, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling families and will help stabilize our greater economy, and

**Whereas**, any economic recovery plan spending should – to every extent possible – include a commitment to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana will work to maximize the creation of jobs and restore economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds to every extent possible on domestic projects and services that create jobs and help keep the residents of Tippecanoe County and the State of Indiana employed.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County is committed to the procurement of domestic products and services whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to Tippecanoe County, Indiana; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County is committed to the pursuit of procurement practices and procedures which will give local workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the domestic products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.

Duly adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

### ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve minutes from the March 10, April 1, 6, 2009 meetings, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

### ***PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for April 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, 2009 with no exceptions.

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

### ***TRASH TRANSFER STATION***

Attorney Luhman reported at the last Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting a representative of Southside Landfill, the contractor operating the trash transfer station, in an effort to expand their business offered to purchase the transfer station or trade real estate. The current contract allows for the commissioners at the end of the five-year contract to renew in increments of five years. The consensus of the board was to offer an extension to the current contract which expires December 31, 2010. The commissioners will seek guidance from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

### ***HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl***

Director Opal Kuhl recommended approval of Permanent and Temporary Grants of Right-of-Way for parcels located on South River Road.

Parcel 9 & 9A – James & Mary Gastineau  
 Parcel 23 & 23A – John W. & Jean Remo  
 Parcel 29 & 29A – Terry & Margo A. Elliott  
 Parcel 46 & 46A – Penny Whitlock Dettman  
 Parcel 60 & 60A – Eli Lilly & Co.  
 Parcel 22 & 22A – John W. & Jan Remo

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Permanent and Temporary Grants of Right-of-Way as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

### ***TREASURER – Bob Plantenga***

Treasurer Bob Plantenga recommended approval of a contract with Pitney Bowes in order to print tax bills in-house. In the past, the county has had the bills printed by an outside company. With a tax comparison statement being sent as well as the regular tax statement, there was a large increase in the cost. Treasurer Plantenga is proposing a lease of equipment and software. The system will allow multiple tax bills to be sent in one envelope to the same taxpayer and reduce the cost for the county. The lease will be for 48 months with an annual amount of \$16,045 which includes the annual maintenance. An early buy-out at 32 months is an option if new equipment is needed, or the county can purchase the original equipment at the end of four years for \$100. If the commissioners decide to lease the equipment, Treasurer Plantenga said there will be a 50%

savings from last year. Jim Scolski and Becky Shaw representing Pitney Bowes, stated the software is compatible with postage meter equipment if county should purchase in the future.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract with Pitney Bowes, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

***GRANTS – Tammy Patrick***

Tammy Patrick requested permission to apply for a grant from the Tobacco Free Partnership of Tippecanoe County. Juvenile Alternatives will partner with local schools to provide smoking cessation classes. Grant funds will be used to purchase supplies and materials for the program.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to apply for the smoking cessation grant, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

***TYLER TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACT***

Commissioner Knochel explained a contract for the 2011 General Reassessment was signed with Tyler Technologies. The contract was sent to DLGF and was approved.

- Commissioner Murtuagh moved to ratify the signing of the contract for the 2011 General Reassessment, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

If the general assembly approves the delay of general reassessment for one year, the contract has the option of cancelling with a 30 days notice.

***REAPPRAISAL UPDATE SERVICE FOR THE INSURANCE APPRAISALS OF 4 COUNTY PROPERTIES***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of the reappraisal update for county properties to include the county office building, courthouse, mechanical building, and the jail. The cost update is \$300 and is recommended by the county's insurance carrier.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the reappraisal update for insurance services, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

***APPLICATION TO THE VILLA***

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the application for Marian Joan Grabman to the Tippecanoe Villa, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

***UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS***

Commissioner Byers asked if there is a defibrillator for the county office building and courthouse. It was noted a defibrillator is located in the Commissioner's office.

***REPORTS ON FILE***

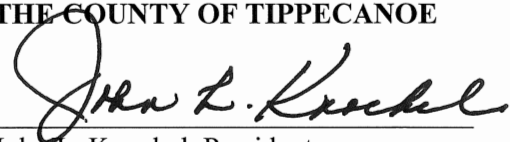
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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

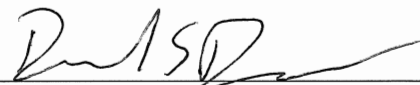
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- Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

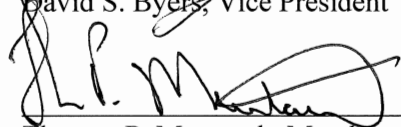
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**ATTEST:**

  
Jennifer Weston, Auditor