

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 21, 2008**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. 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. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the July 7, 2008 regular meeting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

***ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers from July 10, 11, and 17, 2008 as submitted.

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

***HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl***

Street Acceptance was recommended for Stones Crossing Commercial Subdivision, Section One, Promenade Parkway - 461.07 feet with the 3-Year Subdivision Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Atlas Excavating, Inc.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the street in the county system with the accompanying Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$6,000, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Street Acceptance was recommended for Concord Plaza, Phase Two and Stones Crossing Commercial Subdivision, Section 2, Promenade Parkway - 1, 837.28 feet and the 3 Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$53,286.00 from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. dba Store 3851.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets in the county system with the accompanying Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$53,286.00, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Street Acceptance was recommended for Faith Baptist Subdivision, Phase One Mercy Way - 636.57 feet and the 3-Year Subdivision Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$20,062.00 from Faith Baptist Church of Lafayette, Inc.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the streets in the county system with the accompanying Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$20,062.00, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Performance Bond was recommended for approval in the amount of \$1,157,406.96 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for 2008 Tippecanoe County Bridge Rehabilitation Contract.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,157,406.96 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Payment Bond was recommended for approval in the amount of \$1,157,406.96 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for 2008 Tippecanoe County Bridge Rehabilitation Contract.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Payment Bond in the amount of \$1,157,406.96 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Payment Bond was recommended for approval in the amount of \$1,612,590.68 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for 2008 Tippecanoe County Culvert Replacement Project.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Payment Bond in the amount of \$1,612,590.68 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc., second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Performance Bond was recommended for approval in the amount of \$1,612,590.68 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc. for 2008 Tippecanoe County Culvert Replacement Project.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,612,590.68 from Wirtz & Yates, Inc., second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### ***BUILDING COMMISSION – Ken Brown***

Building Inspector Ken Brown provided information regarding an unsafe structure located on 5717 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. A permit was obtained July 14, 2008 for demolition of the home; Inspector Brown reported one wall has been demolished, thus creating a potentially dangerous structure. He confirmed the perimeter of the structure is not fenced and is concerned individuals from the Wabash River Heritage Trail may trespass.

A public hearing for demolishing the property will be scheduled for August 18, 2008 at the Commissioner's regular meeting. The Building Commissioner will send a letter to the owner notifying them of the public hearing; if the structure is not demolished before that time, any party with an interest in said real estate will be heard at the meeting.

#### ***GRANTS – Laurie Wilson***

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson recommended approval of the Sub-Recipient Agreement for Creating Lasting Family Connections Program with the Community & Family Resource Center (CFRC). The agreement outlines the responsibilities of the County and of the CFRC in the program.

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

Jenni Murtaugh from the Community & Family Resource Center recommended approval for an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) grant. The funds will provide delinquency prevention curriculum called Creating Lasting Family Connections. The grant is for \$77,906 over 12 months from ICJI.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant approval to apply for the grant for Superior Court III and CFRC, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Kathy Timberlake requested approval to apply for a grant to fund the Near Serious or Habitual Offender (SHO) Supervision Project for Superior Court 3 in the amount of \$47,927.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to grant approval to apply for the grant as requested, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### ***BOARD OF ELECTION & REGISTRATION – Debbie Ingersoll***

Republican Chair Debbie Ingersoll recommended approval for the General Election Vote Center List. The list is unchanged from the Primary Election.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the General Election Vote Center List, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### ***RESOLUTION 2008-29-CM; CERTIFYING QUESTION TO ELECTION BOARD REGARDING FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR FOR NOVEMBER REFERENDUM***

Attorney Dave Luhman presented Resolution 2008-29-CM; Certifying Question to Election Board regarding Fairfield Township Assessor Retention for November Referendum. The resolution approves the question regarding retention of the assessor for the fall ballot with the question being “Should the assessing duties of the elected township assessor in the township be transferred to the county assessor?”

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-29-CM, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### ***CONSIDERATION OF 4-DAY WORKWEEK***

Human Resource Coordinator Shirley Mennen reported she has received additional feedback from county employees and department heads with mixed reviews regarding the 4-day workweek. She noted at least seven confirmed other counties in the state are considering the 4-day workweek.

Commissioner Knochel stated he is in favor of the idea and recommended continuing to explore the possibilities. Commissioner Shedd reported a portion of county departments are unable to work the 4-day workweek due to varying schedules and services they provide to the community.

Paul Wright, West Point, commented on the 4-day workweek and stated each department should have the ability to decide on their office schedule. He doesn't believe with all the different services offered by the county, that all offices will be able to change to the proposed schedule.

***APPOINTMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION***

Attorney Luhman reported the commissioners are responsible for appointing three voting members to the Redevelopment Commission and one non-voting member from the school board. The commissioners appointed James Andrew and Jeff Kessler to the Redevelopment Commission at their last meeting. The county council has appointed Bart Burrell and Andrew Gutwein to the commission.

- Commissioner Benson moved to appoint John Knochel to the Redevelopment Commission, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.
- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2008-30-CM; Appointments to the Redevelopment Commission, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS***

Ambulances

Allen Borck with Tippecanoe Emergency Ambulance Service (TEAS) recommended approval of the ambulance bid from Lifestar/Braun Rescue. He stated the contract from Lifestar provides an option of purchasing up to five additional ambulances from the company at the bid price. With the current shortage of ambulances, Mr. Borck suggested the commissioners consider a lease/purchase for additional ambulances with the \$150,000 allocation per year.

Attorney Luhman suggested seeking an RFP for financing of the ambulances for lease/purchase from area lenders and submit an appropriation submitted to council to purchase one new ambulance. The commissioners asked the Treasurer to obtain financing quotes.

***REPORTS ON FILE***

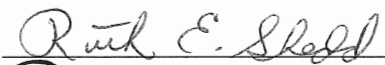
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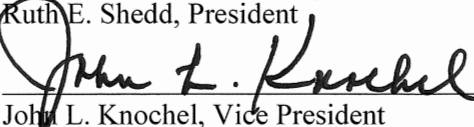
***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Paul Wright, West Point – stated he is concerned about the amount of money spent by the county and how it affects the amount of taxes he pays. Mr. Wright doesn't believe the public has enough information on the Juvenile Justice Center.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

  
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Ruth E. Shedd, President

  
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John L. Knochel, Vice President

  
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KD Benson, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jennifer Weston, Auditor