

## **TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: APRIL 22, 2024**

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Sessions on Monday, April 22, 2024, 9:00 am. Those in attendance were Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline, and County Attorney, Mark Regnier.

The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by pastor Steve Brown from Normanda Christian Church. Commissioner Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to amend the agenda to at TMSA and Zack Sands under new business. Motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Meeting Minutes below were tabled due to the Commissioners not having reviewed. No motion was made.

Regular Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024

Joint Meeting of the RDC – February 21, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes of 3-25-24

Regular Meeting Minutes of 4-8-24

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

The Payroll and Operating Claims were presented as follows:

**Payroll Claims:** The Commissioners' Payroll claims in the amount of \$233,681.58, for payment on April 26, 2024, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

**Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating claims for payment on April 22, 2024, in the amount of \$152,443.66, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

**Early Docket(s):** Early Docket #1 for payment on April 17, 2024, in the amount of \$37,997.50, was submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

## **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

### **County Highway Engineer**

Highway Engineer, Phil Beer presented the Engineer Report with discussion as follows:

Phil Beer presented information on the Landfill. He explained that the Council did allow for advertisement of the funds for the CCMG Matching Grant in the sum of \$325,975.00. The project will start on the first week of May. The CCMG 2023-01, Old SR 28, was They are finishing stone on 300 W and have completed the approaches. He addressed the new CCMG Matching Grant Project 2024-02 which will be submitted later this year. Phil stated that there will be a BOT meeting at the Fairgrounds Community Building where the Master Plan for the Fairgrounds projects will be discussed. This meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center, and is open to the public.

The Planning Department will not be moved to the third floor until later in the year.

Phil commented that there is an old structure on Old Meridian that needs replaced and will be paid from Cum Bridge Fund. Funds are available in the fund.

### **Tipton County Highway**

Highway Superintendent, Bret Morris presented the Highway Report with discussion as follows:

Bret Morris made a motion to advertise for Bids on liquid asphalt materials. The advertisement will be posted on April 24, 2024, and May 8, 2024. The bids will be submitted to the Highway Department and opened by the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting on May 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. A motion to allow the advertisement for bids for liquid asphalt and advertised on April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and for bids to be opened on May 20, 2024, at the next regular Board of Commissioners Meeting was made by Commissioner, Nancy Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mark Baird – Lilly Endowment Housing**

February 2022, the Board of Commissioners identified housing as a need in the Countywide Vision Plan. Mr. Baird is proposing that the county move forward with housing in Tipton County. **FILL IN HIS SPEECH DISCUSSION.** He is making a request that the Board of Commissioners sign a letter of support and concept document showing the support of the Board of Commissioners. He believes Abbie Smith sent a sample letter to the Board for review. Commissioner Cline asked for clarification. Mark Baird stated that there are up to \$5,000,000. Awards to small counties like Tipton County. The concept paper will layout the need in Tipton County. The details of this grant is yet to be determined as they are in the beginning stages of the conceptual plan. Mark Baird asked for the support of the Commissioners in signing the conceptual letter. The letter was not sent to the Auditor to include in the packets for the Commissioners. Mark Baird will need to provide this document to the Commissioners.

Mark Baird returned with the letter regarding the TCF's Concept Paper which is regarding a track of land located on Fairgrounds Road between Oasis Church and Doctor's Park. This area is approximately +/- 3.5 acres of land. Commissioner Cline asked for this track of land to be identified for clarity for public record and be added into the TCF's Conceptual Letter. The letter presented is solely for the purpose of the Foundation obtaining the support of presenting a conceptual letter/plan for the endowment proposed. A motion to approve the conceptual letter/plan with an amendment including the explicit parcel number

and identifying the 3.5 acres clearly was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

Mark Baird amended the letter regarding TCF's Concept and presented to the Board of Commissioners for signature this date.

**Cassidy Hunter – Communications Manager / Propel US 31 Study**

Ms. Hunter presented the US 31 Propel Study to the Board of Commissioners. They are beginning the level II process, alternative screenings for improvements. There are a total of three levels. The purpose of the level II process analysis is to identify fourteen potential solutions as primary and complimentary concepts. Primary intersections are where US 31 intersects with other major roadways, access points for school buses, agricultural equipment, etc. The level two screening will create the building blocks for the level II screening. The plan was discussed via an overview of the improvements identified. She further discussed the five major concepts including, Access Management; Unsignalized Intersection Improvements; Crossroad Overpasses/Underpasses; Covert to Interchange; Free-Flow Facilities (Full and partial Access Control). The US 31 South study area had 18 primary intersections noted. CR 400 S. was added as an intersection due to the crossover of Pike Elementary School. The review should include a list of alternatives to move forward to level III. The US 31 Propel study and upcoming events and locations, can be found at: [propelus31.com](http://propelus31.com)

**Cara Kellerman – ENCORE**

Cara Kellerman presented to the Board of Commissioners regarding an application with INDOT several years ago and were able to provide a new van and a new bus???? She further explained that INDOT 5311 is now open for counties to request grant funds to assist in the ENCORE Program. INDOT is moving to Regional Area Funding. Cara on behalf of ENCORE, would like to partner with Carroll County in order to obtain a sub-recipient award. In order to request a sub-recipient award through Carroll County, they will be required to have a signed Resolution #2024-03, by the Tipton County Auditor, Melissa Pickering and the Board of Commissioners, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline and Dennis Henderson. The funding will cover the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The Board of Commissioners are in favor of support for Cara and ENCORE with this funding through Carroll County and INDOT 5311 Grant. There is a match requirement that will be met by ENCORE at this time and Cara believes ENCORE can meet this match. There is no obligation for funding by the Commissioners required to fund this program. A motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Tipton County and Carroll County, was made by Commissioner Powell, and seconded by Commissioner Cline. The motion carried. A motion to approve Resolution Number 2024-03 and approve Dennis Henderson to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Cline. The motion carried.

**Patti Elisario – Food Truck Events/TMSA:**

Ms. Elisario made a request of the Board of Commissioners to utilize the Courthouse restrooms, courthouse lawn, and the east and west parking lots for the Main Street Food Truck Events. The dates are as follows:

May 17, 2024

June 21, 2024

July 19, 2024

The motion to approve the use of the county facilities as stated above was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Cline. The motion carried.

### **Zack Sand – Sand Strategies - Broadband**

Zack presented to the Board of Commissioners the considerations of awards for Broadband and identifying the greatest need for services in Tipton County. The provider often requests investment of 10-25% in permitting fees. He discussed the cost to implement Broadband and tools that can be utilized to spur investment. They will be working with the highway department going forward with the plan for broadband. Many of these programs will be in lieu of a 80/20% match. They will know more by June 5, 2024, in regard to direct fibre build, fixed wireless and high cost areas (a fixed wire solution may be an option for the high cost area). They will know more about what is eligible and what areas may not be included in the fibre optics/broadband plan.

Commissioner Powell asked for clarification on the Broadband “B” Challenge. The FCC website allows the public to challenge their location and opt in or request for Broadband in their area. The rural areas are a challenge to installation of fibre. Commissioner Powell asked about the deadlines for funding and delegation. Zack stated that the ARP Funds may be utilized for the Broadband match. The plan requires two years to be spent for Broadband. Zack stated that he gave Attorney, Mark Regnier a contract regarding Broadband. A copy was not submitted to the Auditor for record. Commissioner Cline asked if communities typically fund broadband or if a private investment company generally funds broadband. Zack stated that the “B” Program will be a grant and require a 20-25% match to obtain the grant for Broadband. NLC round four in another county has invested several million; however, is a much larger county. Zack will know more in June as to what funding will be expected.

According to Attorney, Mark Regnier, the Board of Commissioners will sign the Broadband Agreement as presented by Zack Sand from Sand Solutions.

### **Jason Henderson – Surveyor on Resolution 2024-04, Designating Certain Tangible Property as Surplus**

Tipton County Surveyor, Jason Henderson presented the Resolution 2024-04, for the Commissioner’s to approve the permission to allow him to dispose of certain tangible Surplus for Disposal, of which value is less than \$5,000., as determined by the County Attorney. Mark Regnier read the Resolution into the record. The Resolution 2024-04, follows:

## **RESOLUTION BOC 2024-04**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA DESIGNATING CERTAIN TANGIBLE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF DISPOSAL**

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code (“IC”) Section 5-22-22-1 and its subparts, provide for the disposition of tangible surplus property by the county executive (“Commissioners”) under certain conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners have determined that certain items of tangible personal property have no value, or a combined value of less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners have determined the property attached hereto on Exhibit A, (the “property”) is surplus property with an aggregate value of less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and,

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code Section (“IC”) 5-22-22-6 provides for sale or transfer of property with a value of less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and IC 5-22-22-8 provides that property is worthless if the costs of sale and transportation exceed the value of the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners have determined that the costs of advertising, sale, and transportation of the property, exceeds the value thereof, and it is therefore not financially practical to conduct an auction or public sale of said property, or to employ a licensed auctioneer to dispose of the same.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** That the property attached on Exhibit A is surplus property, having an aggregate value of less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and that Tipton County by its disposal agent, Rich Vautaw, is now authorized to dispose of and or transfer such property for little or no consideration to whomever the disposal agent determines can best use said property.

**Section 2.** This Resolution is effective upon its passage.

**BE IT SO RESOLVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL 2024.**

TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY:

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Dennis L. Henderson  
President

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Tracey Powell  
Vice President

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Nancy E. Cline  
Board Member

ATTEST:

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I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document, unless required by law. Mark R. Regnier.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-04, designating certain tangible surplus property be disposed of, was made by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no public comment, Commissioner Cline made a motion to close public comment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am, on a motion made by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Dennis Henderson, President

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Nancy Cline, Vice President

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Tracey Powell, Commissioner

Attest:

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Melissa Pickering, Tipton County Auditor and  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2024.