

PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
January 4, 2016

The Porter County Council met on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mr. Whitten called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Council Member Whitten, Council Member Conover, Council Member Biggs, Council Member Graham, Council Member Jessen, Council Member Poparad and Council Member Rivas. Also present was Council Attorney Scott McClure, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Election of Officers

Mr. Whitten, Alright we are all here and accounted for. The first thing on the agenda is the election of officers, what's your pleasure?

Mr. Poparad, I nominated Dan as President and Karen as vice.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Any other nominations? All in favor signify by saying I? Opposed?

Mr. Poparad moved to nominate Dan Whitten as President of the County Council for calendar year 2016 and Karen Conover as Vice President. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you very much guys I really appreciate it.

Attorney Contract

Mr. Whitten, Attorney Contract, Scott?

Atty. McClure, Same terms as last year.

Ms. Graham, Motion to approve

Ms. Conover, Second

Mr. Poparad, I we going to discuss this at all?

Ms. Conover, Should we?

Mr. Whitten, Well, I don't know if it is premature for us to discuss it? Do you want to Scott?

Attorney Scott McClure, Not particularly

Mr. Whitten, Here is the thing, I mean it's no particular secret that Scott's applied for the County Attorney Job. I haven't gotten any verification as to whether or not he will be hired, so as soon as we hear (inaudible)

Mr. Biggs, (inaudible)

Attorney Scott McClure, Thanks Jim

Mr. Rivas, He wouldn't be the first one.

Mr. Whitten, In the event that he is not hired then I feel very strongly that Scott needs to be our Council Attorney because quite frankly he is fantastic and we have a lot of work that needs to be done. In the event however that the

Commissioners do hire Scott to be the County Attorney my recommendation to this board would be we would seek independent council and I would ask at that point that we send out maybe some sort of for lack of a better term a RFP or something and see who comes back with interest in being our attorney. We don't have to do it the next day but I would try to do it in the not so distant future. Good news is I also happen to be an attorney, a municipal attorney as it turns out.

Mr. Rivas, So if you apply for the job will you resign?

Mr. Whitten, Immediately. So we have an attorney but I would like to do it within a month if we could do that. But why don't we cross that bridge when we get to it. But, in speaking with Scott my understanding of the contract is that there will be of course we have a termination clause as do you and I would anticipate that if in the event you were hired as the County Attorney you would be resigning from the County Council attorney spot is that correct?

Attorney Scott McClure, Yes

Mr. Whitten, and so we can just revisit with...

Ms. Graham, He doesn't want to lose any paychecks

Mr. Poparad, I think that if this does keep going and he is the lucky recipient or unlucky that we keep him around for this Foundation thing and run this to ground.

Mr. Whitten, Well here's the good news, I mean quite honestly and I am just going to say it. The work that Scott and I have been doing and we can get into this later on we can have a discussion about the Foundation Board. But a lot of what Scott's been doing honestly the County Attorney could probably be doing. I mean he has done a lot of leg work for us and we've done a lot of stuff. But there have been some things that he has done in behalf of the Commissioners too from their perspective. So I think if Scott were like retiring from the practice of law I would be very concerned that we would need someone to fill his shoes getting the Foundation thing done. But the fact that he is still going to be involved is a Godsend quite frankly.

Mr. Poparad, So we won't lose any time.

Mr. Whitten, We won't lose any time. Is that correct Scott?

Attorney Scott McClure? That is correct.

Mr. Whitten, Ok so we have got his contract. Do we have a motion on this one already?

Ms. Conover, Yes and a second.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah we're going to retain him for twenty percent less than last year. Isn't that what you said?

Mr. Rivas, Is that a reduction?

Mr. Whitten, Don't get Rivas started on a cut in pay. All in favor of this contract signify by saying I? Opposed? My condolences Mr. McClure you're still on the team. But please if you either way, would you let us know?

Attorney Scott McClure, I will

Mr. Whitten, And then will go from there.

Ms. Graham moved to approve the Attorney Contract for Scott McClure. Ms. Conover seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Surveyor Contract

Mr. Whitten, Surveyor's Contract

Mr. Poparad, I will make the motion to retain Kevin the same rate.

Ms. Graham, Second

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second Kevin is there anything you want to say?

Kevin Breitzke, No it's actually not a contract but a service agreement. That I will not practice (inaudible) I thought it was the right thing to do

Mr. Biggs, You kind of through me off there, what are we paying him for?

Kevin Breitzke, It costs me money to do that but it's the right thing to do.

Mr. Biggs, I agree

Mr. Whitten, Ok so, what's your pleasure with the Surveyor's service agreement?

Mr. Poparad, I made the motion.

Ms. Conover, And it was seconded.

Mr. Whitten, It's not a contract kids, we got to amend the motion.

Mr. Poparad, Awe...potato, potahto

Mr. Whitten, Tomato, tomahto let's call the whole thing off. Ok will just call what that is.

Ms. Graham, I amend the motion

Mr. Whitten, Motion is to approve and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying I? Opposed? The I's have it.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Juvenile Probation

Mr. Whitten, Juvenile Probation, we just have a couple of things to take care of here. We have a transfer \$18,000 from 1110 Salaries to 1120 Hourly. A 144 \$50,797 to \$32,148 and Part Time hourly \$0 to 18,000. Reducing Salary of retiring veteran probation officer and replacing with first year salary position transfer savings to fund part time employee in Home Detention and Day/Evening Reporting.

Ms. Conover, Move

Mr. Poparad, Second

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second. I assume on it all?

Ms. Conover, Yes

Mr. Poparad, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Any discussion on this? Hearing none roll call please

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Conover	-	Yes	Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Biggs	-	Yes	Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes	Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes			

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7-0

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Mr. Poparad, I'm sorry I did have a question that just occurred to me. Are you expanding...are we just the \$18,000 into your part time? Are you going to hire more people or is the same amount of people going to work more hours?

Juvenile Representative, We are actually going to hire a part time individual to help shore up some staffing shortages.

Mr. Poparad, I'd like an email on who that is and their hours because in two years this will become a full time position. Nothing against you.

Juvenile Representative, That's not our intention (inaudible) I understand what you are saying.

Mr. Poparad, I know, they always start as part time and then two budgets later it's a full time spot.

Mr. Whitten, I sorry what was your question Bob? I didn't (inaudible)

Mr. Poparad, Well they're going to hire a part timer which in two years he'll be sitting here or is replacement will be asking us to make it a full time position. That's ok, that's alright.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, thanks

Juvenile Representative, Thank you

Mr. Poparad, History repeats itself around here.

Mr. Whitten, It does tend to do that

Citizen Appointments

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Mr. Whitten, Citizen appointments, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission our current as you know is Rudy Sutton he has indicated an interest in not being on that Board, go figure. So we've got some suggestions, not suggestions but applicants that have been received in our office, what is your pleasure with this one?

Ms. Graham moved to nominate Greg Simms to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Conover seconded.

Ms. Graham, I

Ms. Conover, Go ahead

Ms. Graham, I make a motion that we nominate Greg Simms

Ms. Conover, Second

Mr. Whitten, Any other nominations? I have the motions, ok all in favor of Gregg Simms for the Alcoholic Beverage Commission signify by saying I? Opposed? The I have it

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, And Joy as we do these I want a letter to go out tomorrow or a phone call followed up with a letter to let them know they have been chosen.

Ms. Blakely, Ok

Mr. Whitten, Ok that's that one.

PTABOA

Mr. Whitten, PTABOA, a couple of applicants we received. We received Scott Williams and Michael Adams

Ms. Graham moved to nominate Scott Williams to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Conover and Ms. Graham seconded.

Mr. Rivas, I motion that we approve Scott Williams
Ms. Conover, Second

Ms. Graham, Second

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Now Scott there's no prohibition for this applicant or this position also having an elected position there is no dual offices prohibition because Scott Williams is on the City Council now.

Attorney Scott McClure, Correct

Mr. Biggs, There's no problem with that?

Attorney Scott McClure, No

Mr. Biggs, Because we have another one of those here too.

Attorney Scott McClure, Which one is that?

Mr. Biggs, Buck Kittredge Chesterton EDU. He's on the Town Council.

Ms. Graham, That might be different.

Attorney Scott McClure, PTABOA specifically has some limitations on whether or not you're or what type of office you are holding in a municipal, local providence, Township and County

Mr. Whitten, So there are certain positions that are prohibited for Elected Officials?

Attorney Scott Williams, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Mr. Biggs, But these aren't one of them

Attorney Scott McClure, Correct, PTABOA is fine with Scott Williams

Mr. Whitten, Ok, all in favor of Scott Williams signify by saying I? Opposed? The I's have it.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote

Park Board

Mr. Whitten, I don't know if you guys have had an occasion to speak with our current appointment which is Craig Kenworthy

Ms. Graham, Yes

Mr. Biggs, Yeah, I have.

Mr. Whitten, And by the way this position has to be... our Democratic position isn't up. This has got to be a Republican, so we only have a few of those. I did speak with Craig I think he is doing a pretty good job it seems like.

Ms. Graham, I make the motion

Mr. Biggs, And I, you know Dave Yeager is a class act. I spoke to Dave and Dave said that if it was Craig Kenworthy he would understand why we reappointed him. According to Dave, Craig was really doing a good job.

Ms. Graham, Quite truthfully we have several good applicants on all of these boards and I think that Craig has done a great job on it.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah and as we kind of go through these, I mean in my mind if we have somebody that's on and wants to be reappointed. My first thing is what are they doing and are they doing good work and then have they done something so egregious that we would want to remove them. That's kind of my feeling and by no stretch has Craig done anything wrong. Alright we've got a motion and a second for Craig Kenworthy any others? All in favor of Craig Kenworthy signifying by saying I? Opposed? The I's have it.

Ms. Graham moved to nominate Craig Kenworthy to the Park Board term to expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Biggs seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote

Tourism Board

Mr. Whitten, I think we have a split decision on this one.

Mr. Rivas, Tourism

Mr. Whitten, I think so, Mitch Peters is our current appointment and Mitch has expressed an interest in being reappointed as you all know.

Ms. Graham, I like to make the motion that you consider Andrew Verheaghe he is the owner of Red Cup café in Chesterton.

Mr. Biggs, I'll second that

Mr. Whitten, Alright

Mr. Biggs, I like Mitch but I think it's healthy particularly with this board that those get changed out every couple of years.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, any others?

Ms. Conover, I'd like to nominate Mitch Peters, as you had indicated just a few minutes ago Mr. Chairman that he has not done anything egregious. He is the President of the Tourism Board, he attends all the meetings and goes above and beyond.

Mr. Whitten, Any second?

Mr. Poparad, I second Mitch

Mr. Jessen, Second

Mr. Whitten, Well we have a motion and two seconds. Ok, then anybody else? Alright hearing none then we have to just go down the line. Let's get a roll call

Ms. Graham, To say who we vote for right?

Mr. Whitten, Yes

Ms. Conover made a motion to nominated Mitch Peters to the CRV (Tourism)Board term to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Poparad and Mr. Jessen

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Biggs	-	Andrew Verheaghe
Ms. Graham	-	Andrew Verheaghe
Mr. Jessen	-	Mitch Peters
Mr. Poparad	-	Mitch Peters
Mr. Rivas	-	Mitch Peters
Mr. Whitten	-	Mitch Peters
Ms. Conover	-	Mitch Peters

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Mitch Peters 5-2

Chesterton EDC

Mr. Whitten, Chesterton EDC

Mr. Biggs moved to nominate Lloyd Kittredge to Chesterton EDC term to expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Jessen seconded.

Mr. Biggs, I motion to approve Buck Kittredge

Mr. Jessen, Second

Mr. Whitten, Now is there any recommendation on this one?

Ms. Blakely, The recommend him also

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Mr. Poparad, Is that the one where, I mean he is on the Council isn't he?

Ms. Graham, Yes he is

Mr. Poparad, Is that a dual (inaudible) Scott?

Mr. Biggs, That's what we just asked.

Mr. Poparad, Oh

Mr. Whitten, On this one Scott the EDC or the EDU

Mr. Poparad, It's a town and not a City

Attorney, Yeah, I think it's. I don't believe there is a problem with the EDU part. The dual office holder part would be whether or not this was a

Mr. Whitten, A lucrative position or

Attorney Scott McClure, A lucrative position and off the top of my head I don't know (inaudible) Chesterton.

Mr. Biggs, I don't believe it is

Ms. Graham, Is it paid, does he get paid doing that?

Mr. Poparad, If he gets a stipend

Ms. Graham, Does he get a stipend to be on that?

Mr. Biggs, Well if he gets a stipend he cannot sit on it.

Mr. Whitten, That's right

Attorney Scott McClure, I agree

Mr. Poparad, Should we go ahead with him since they wanted him and let them sort it out?

Attorney Scott McClure, Yes

Mr. Poparad, If it's a mess, it's a mess.

Attorney Scott McClure, Yes

Ms. Graham, At their request.

Mr. Biggs, I don't believe they do get a stipend.

Mr. Poparad, Some do, some don't.

Mr. Biggs, Yeah

Mr. Whitten, All in favor in of Buck Kittredge signify by saying I? Opposed?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Portage EDC

Mr. Whitten, Portage EDC. Only one Mike Sarver my old High School chum.

Mr. Rivas moved to nominate Mike Sarver to the Portage Economic Development Commission. term to expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Poparad seconded.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve

Mr. Poparad, I'll Second

Mr. Whitten, Great pitcher in school. Any other nominations? No other applicants as it turns out unless you just want to make someone up. All in favor of Mike Sarver signify by saying I? Opposed? Sarver's in.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Valparaiso EDC

Mr. Whitten, Valparaiso EDC.

Ms. Conover moved to nominate Patrick McGinley to the Valparaiso Economic Development Commission, term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Graham seconded.

Ms. Conover, I nominate Patrick McGinley and he did come recommended by Mayor Costas.

Ms. Graham, Second

Mr. Whitten, Ok we have a motion and a second for Patrick McGinley. Anybody else? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying I? Opposed?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Poparad, Is this a one year appointment?

Mr. Whitten, Is it Scott? Is it one year?

Attorney Scott McClure, All the EDU are one year (inaudible).

Mr. Poparad, One year, ok. Sorry I didn't mean to interrupt you Dan

RDC Board

Mr. Whitten, How about our RDC Board appointment? Before we get to that one by default the President of the Board of the Council sits on that. I have in the past proxied that and appointed Jeremy Rivas I will do that again now. So Jeremy will be my appointment to that Board. Congratulations Jeremy, go and do some great work.

Mr. Rivas, Alright it's a great Board.

Mr. Whitten, I'm sure

Mr. Rivas, A lot going on.

Mr. Biggs, Let's step it up.

Mr. Rivas, A lot going on

Mr. Whitten, Let's get something done.

Ms. Graham, I like to....are you open for

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, this is one we are going to appoint. Right now we have Jim on there.

Ms. Graham, I'd like to appoint or recommend Don Ensign

Mr. Poparad, I'll second that.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second for Don Ensign any others?

Mr. Biggs, I would like to motion to appoint or reappoint Jim Pollarek for the same reasons that we agreed to reappoint the two other Board members. Jim's attended all the meetings, he's...I not aware of any egregious...he's done a good job and has a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Ms. Graham, I would just like to say Don's recommendations he actually was the one that developed the Economic Redevelopment Commission for Hebron he also served eleven years on the NIRPC Board.

Mr. Whitten, Well there is a motion for Jim, I guess we don't need a second for a nomination, but does anybody wish to second that?

Mr. Jessen, I second that, yeah.

Mr. Whitten, So we have got Jim and Don and I...this is a tough one because I like them both very much.

Mr. Biggs, Well and I do too. Knowing what I know about Mr. Ensign but, for the same reasons we raised on the other ones. I think that we should offers James or Jim the same opportunity.

Mr. Jessen, There is certainly no reason not to.

Mr. Biggs, No

Mr. Whitten, Jeremy what do you think?

Ms. Graham, Well that's why we are going to vote on it

Mr. Whitten, Wait, I want to hear Jeremy what do you think?

Mr. Rivas, I have a lot of respect for Jim also, it's definitely is a tough decision Don brings a wealth of knowledge too as Sylvia stated. I'd rather not decide on this one.

Mr. Whitten , Alright well,,,

Mr. Rivas, Motion to table the decision till next meeting for further investigation.

Mr. Whitten, Well we've got...ironically that motion would trump. Let's have a roll call.

Ms. Graham made a motion to nominated Don Ensign to the RDC Board term to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Poparad.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Don Ensign
Mr. Jessen	-	Jim Pollarek
Mr. Poparad	-	Don Ensign

Mr. Rivas, Scott, how come my motion to table takes precedence over...

Mr. Whitten, It does

Mr. Poparad, It never got seconded

Mr. Whitten, There is only two my man.

Mr. Rivas, This is a...how long to I got ten O'clock?

Mr. Whitten, Now, we're not going till you get your vote we are not going past.

Mr. Poparad, Tick toc, tic toc

Mr. Rivas, What's the vote at right now?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Sylvia Graham voted for Don Ensign, Mike Jessen voted for Jim Pollarek, Bob Poparad voted for Don Ensign

Ms. Graham, So two to one

Mr. Whitten, Biggs has telegraphed his

Mr. Biggs, Two to two

Mr. Jessen, Maybe I am missing something is there some specific reason to not reappoint Jim Pollarek that hasn't been mentioned? I mean other than...

Mr. Biggs, That's exactly what I said, sounded like there are very strong feelings as to why we should reappoint somebody that's been doing their job, I don't know why it wouldn't apply to this appointment.

Mr. Whitten, Jeremy you've hear the particular details of both applicants

Mr. Rivas, And they're both very strong and they're both from South County too.

Ms. Conover, It's a tough decision.

Mr. Rivas, It is really a tough decision

Mr. Biggs, The only thing I will say about that is this. If Don sat there right now I'd vote to reappoint him if that makes any difference.

Ms. Graham, Well I think it was also mentioned that it's always good to have new blood.

Mr. Biggs, There's that to consider too. But we can say that for all of these appointment too.

Mr. Whitten, Jeremy?

Mr. Rivas, Ohhh, yeah we could of said that and turned around and vote for Mitch on the Tourism Board. I know there is a gentlemen in the crowd that came here today.

Ms. Graham, That's right, thank you

Mr. Rivas, Marcus that wanted on the Tourism board, new blood, young...

Ms. Conover, Park board

Mr. Rivas, Tourism right?

Marcus Rogala, Both

Mr. Rivas, Both

Ms. Conover, Oh both

Mr. Rivas, Uhm, You know

Mr. Whitten, It only stings for a little while Jeremy, just give us a name

Mr. Biggs, Of course that's probably on less Christmas card next year.

Ms. Conover, Either way Jeremy

Mr. Rivas, Would that be from you or... you guys know

Mr. Biggs, Two

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, this is tough, I spilt blood on this for a long, long time.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, alright General Longstreet let's get to the vote.

Mr. Rivas, Blood was split on it, you know with one of these men that's no longer with us.

Mr. Whitten, He ain't dead man just...

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, Don Ensign

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Wait, Don Ensign

Mr. Whitten, Ohhh,

Mr. Rivas, You should have seconded my motion to table it and then we could have worked something out.

Mr. Whitten, What do you got to work out, six months for each. Uhm, what's the count?

Attorney Scott McClure, Three to one

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Don Ensign Three votes and one vote favoring Jim Pollarek so far.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have any idea who what Karen's going to do?

Auditor, Vicki Urbanik, It's up to her

Mr. Rivas, Karen who you voting for?

Ms. Conover, I'll tell you when my turn is here and I won't be drawing out this meeting

Mr. Biggs, Thank you.

Mr. Whitten, I know, I know, I have to tell you something I really, really like Jim.

Ms. Conover, I really like both of them. They are both quality people.

Ms. Graham, You are correct

Ms. Conover, And their service goes above and beyond.

Mr. Whitten, Ahh, Don

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Don Ensign

Mr. Whitten, Yeah

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Council member Conover

Ms. Conover, I'm last?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, No second to last, Council member Biggs is last.

Ms. Conover, Oh ok, going with the same thought process and some of our reappointments of current board members and again it's a tough decision because they're both gentlemen and they're both very dedicated to whatever they do in their service I'll go with Jim Pollarek.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And Councilmember Biggs?

Mr. Biggs, Jim Pollarek.

Summary of Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Don Ensign
Mr. Jessen	-	Jim Pollarek
Mr. Poparad	-	Don Ensign
Mr. Rivas	-	Don Ensign
Mr. Whitten	-	Don Ensign
Ms. Conover	-	Jim Pollarek
Mr. Biggs	-	Jim Pollarek

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 4 to 3 Don Ensign

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Council appointments

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Mr. Whitten, Community Corrections Advisory Board, who's on that now?

Mr. Jessen I am

Mr. Whitten, You are?

Mr. Jessen, Yep

Mr. Whitten, Anybody else want to kick him off?

Ms. Conover, Nope

Mr. Whitten, It's a much coveted position.

Mr. Biggs, It's Michael and myself

Mr. Whitten, You guys both want to stay on there?

Mr. Jessen, You are on the Community Corrections Board?

Mr. Biggs, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Alright, anybody else want to? Who currently is on NIRPC? Alright so right now can I get some thoughts or motion or nomination for Community Corrections? Right now it's just Jim and Mike.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make a motion to retain them, absolutely.

Mr. Conover, Absolutely

Mr. Whitten, Motion and I will second that. All in favor say I? Opposed?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Poparad moved to appoint Jim Biggs and Mike Jessen to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Whitten.

NIRPC

Mr. Whitten, NIRPC, right now it is Jeremy

Mr. Rivas, It is but, my phone was blowing up Sylvia was really adamant about NIRPC, I believe.

Ms. Graham, I said I would consider it and I would do it.

Mr. Whitten, Jeremy, you have left this midway of the sentence.

Mr. Rivas, Oh yeah, Sylvia motion to approve Sylvia

Mr. Poparad, I'll second that.

Mr. Rivas moved to appoint Sylvia Graham to NIRPC Board, term to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Poparad.

Mr. Whitten, Anybody else or any thoughts? Alright, all in favor of Sylvia signify by saying I?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, Congratulations Sylvia.

NICTD

Mr. Whitten, NICTD. Right now is Biggs.

Mr. Poparad, I will nominate Biggs.

Ms. Conover, Second

Mr. Biggs, Thank you Bob

Mr. Poparad moved to appoint Jim Biggs to NICTD Board, term to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Conover.

Mr. Whitten, I kind of wanted that

Mr. Poparad, To late, you voted for Ensign

Mr. Biggs, You snooze you lose.

Mr. Whitten, Ah, all in favor of Jim signify by saying I? Opposed?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Plan Commission

Mr. Whitten, Plan Commission, that right now is Bob he is doing a great job for us.

Ms. Graham, I make the nomination

Ms. Conover, Second the motion

Ms. Graham moved to appoint Bob Poparad to the Plan Commission, term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Conover seconded.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and second for Bob. Anybody else? All signify by saying I? Opposed?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Poparad, Thank you

Recycling & Waste District

Mr. Whitten, Recycling & Waste District who is it?

Ms. Conover, Me

Mr. Poparad, Karen

Ms. Graham, I nominate Karen.

Mr. Rivas, Second

Ms. Graham moved to appoint Karen Conover to the Recycling & Waste District Board, term to expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Rivas seconded.

Mr. Whitten, Does anybody else want that?. All in favor of Karen in favor signify by saying I? Opposed?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Conover, Thank you.

EMA

Mr. Whitten, EMA, there's two of us who is it?

Ms. Graham, Myself

Mr. Whitten, And who else?

Ms. Conover, You

Mr. Whitten, Me?

Ms. Conover, Yeah, you.

Mr. Whitten, Oh, does anybody else want that? I put in so much work I am just burned out on this board.

Mr. Poparad, You went to a lot of meetings.

Mr. Whitten, Somebody else needs to carry the water on this board for a while.

Ms. Conover, But, Jeremy doesn't have anything.

Mr. Whitten, Let's put Jeremy on there.

Ms. Conover, Because we took you off of this one.

Mr. Rivas, What are you looking at?

Mr. Poparad, You are going to enema I mean EMA

Mr. Rivas, I was not paying attention.

Ms. Conover, EMA

Mr. Whitten, I don't want to be on there.

Mr. Biggs, I sit that

Mr. Whitten, Jim says he will sit on there.

Mr. Poparad, That will fit in Jim's wheelhouse absolutely.

Mr. Whitten, So we have Jim and who else?

Mr. Poparad, Jeremy

Ms. Graham, Myself

Mr. Poparad, Oh Sylvia

Ms. Graham, I thought we were just going to

Mr. Biggs, Is Jeremy going to be sitting there?

Mr. Whitten, Well we are just going to do the appointments will get to the other liaisons in a minute.

Ms. Graham, Ok

Mr. Biggs, I am mad at Jeremy right now I can't sit with him.

Mr. Whitten, So Jim and

Mr. Rivas, I am trying to find a place for Marcus

Mr. Whitten, How about for EMA it's Jim and Sylvia did you want it? Jeremy did you want it with Jim?

Mr. Rivas, I don't want it

Mr. Whitten, Sylvia did you want to be on EMA?

Ms. Graham, Yes, I want it.

Mr. Whitten, So it's Jim and Sylvia all in favor signify by saying I? Opposed? Congratulations.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Jim Biggs, and Sylvia Graham to the Emergency Management Agency, term to expire December 31, 2016

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Porter County Council on Aging

Mr. Whitten, Porter County Council on Aging. I usually make some snide comment about age.

Ms. Graham, Yes you do.

Mr. Whitten, Right now it's Sylvia she is doing a great job for us on that board anybody else want it? Can I get a nomination for Sylvia?

Ms. Conover, Yes, so moved

Mr. Whitten, So moved

Mr. Jessen, Second

Ms. Conover moved to appoint Sylvia Graham to the Council On Aging Agency Board, term to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Jessen

Mr. Whitten, All in favor for Sylvia signify by saying I? Opposed? Congratulations.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

Mr. Whitten, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, who's on that now?

Mr. Poparad, It's Mike

Mr. Whitten, Do you want to stay on there?

Mr. Jessen, I do

Mr. Biggs moved to appoint Mike Jessen to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Conover seconded.

Mr. Biggs, Motion to approve Mike Jessen

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion to approve Mike

Ms. Conover, Second

Mr. Whitten, And a second. Anybody else? All in favor of Mike signify by saying I? Opposed? Mike has it.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, liaisons anybody want to change everybody ok with what they got?

Ms. Graham, Yep

Attorney Scott McClure, Did we do the Museum Board?

Ms. Conover, No, we didn't

Mr. Jessen, We missed that

Mr. Whitten, It wasn't on mine.

Attorney Scott McClure, Jail Museum Advisory Board

Mr. Whitten, I don't have that on mine.

Attorney Scott McClure, Right now it's currently Karen.

Ms. Graham, Jail Museum

Mr. Bigg, Advisory Board, I'd like to sit there with Karen.

Mr. Whitten, Who's on there right now?

Ms. Conover, I am

Ms. Blakey, Isn't it on there?

Mr. Whitten, Oh, I am looking at our agenda that you sent me. Ok, so right now do we have two on there or just one?

Ms. Conover, Just one

Mr. Whitten, And right now it's Karen.

Ms. Conover, Me, yes.

Mr. Whitten, Did you want to stay on there?

Ms. Conover, I'd love too

Ms. Graham, I make a motion that we put Karen back.

Ms. Conover, Well is there somebody else that wants to do it too?

Ms. Graham, Yeah, two can do it.

Mr. Whitten, Can we have two on there?

Ms. Conover, Sure why not

Mr. Whitten, Is this a liaison or actual board member?

Mr. Poparad, This is an actually advisory board.

Attorney Scott McClure, This is actually an advisory board.

Mr. Whitten, Alright fine. Karen and you said you wanted it Jim? Karen and Jim we ok with that?

Mr. Poparad, I am

Ms. Graham, Yeah

Mr. Biggs, That's a two year appointment.

Mr. Whitten, It's serious business Jim it's a big commitment.

Mr. Biggs, No, no, no I just thought we appointed that last year.

Ms. Conover, We did

Ms. Graham, It's a yearly

Mr. Biggs, Then we don't have to do it till next year

Mr. Poparad, That's why it's not on the appointment list

Mr. Whitten, Well it on this other thing someone just gave me. I have two conflicting

Mr. Biggs, Yeah it's on mine.

Mr. Poparad, Appointments or Liaisons?

Mr. Biggs, Appointments

Mr. Poparad, I don't have it mine

Ms. Graham, I don't have it on mine.

Attorney Scott McClure, It's not on the agenda it on our current list of assigned appointments

Mr. Whitten, It's on this other thing that we had.

Ms. Graham, Oh

Mr. Whitten, Congratulation Karen your still on there. Jim if you like to go over there and hang-out by all means.

Mr. Biggs, Alright

Mr. Whitten, Anybody got a problem with that?

Ms. Conover, Nope

Mr. Whitten, E-911 Policy Board, looks like it's still me.

Mr. Rivas, Are we going to go through these all?

Mr. Poparad, No

Mr. Whitten, Alright we have already gone through the list of appointments. Do we do the RDA again? Is that up?

Mr. Biggs, We didn't do the RDA

Mr. Rivas, Didn't we do that last year.

Mr. Whitten, It say four years with a question mark behind the 12-31-12.
What's going on with the RDA board?

Mr. Poparad, Here's the agenda

Mr. Whitten, That's a joint appointment with the Commissioners by the way

Ms. Conover, Yes it is.

Mr. Biggs, Right and it would be up this year.

Mr. Rivas, Somebody filled the remainder of Jeff' term.

Mr. Biggs, I don't think anybody did it.

Ms. Conover, I don't think they did

Mr. Poparad, No, they put somebody on there, I seen somebody

Mr. Jessen, Chris Campbell, I think

Mr. Biggs, Oh yeah

Ms. Conover, Oh ok, they did

Mr. Whitten, Did we do that?

Ms. Graham, Did the Council do that?

Mr. Biggs, No we didn't do that.

Mr. Whitten, Well then we do it...it's a joint appointment between the
Commissioners and the Council.

Ms. Graham, Maybe they didn't ask us

Mr. Jessen, I think we did vote on that actually

Mr. Biggs, Well, I don't remember this

Ms. Graham, I don't

Ms. Conover, I remember discussion.

Mr. Biggs, Maybe your right I don't remember that. Just for the record just in
case I motion to appoint Chris Campbell to the RDA

Mr. Whitten, Second, fine

Ms. Conover, Ok

Mr. Whitten, But we don't know if it is up yet.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, let's find out

Ms. Graham, Why don't we table it.

Mr. Biggs, I know that it is up.

Mr. Whitten, Well she has given us this and it's four year.

Mr. Biggs, Jeff took his appointment in 2011

Mr. Rivas, Can we have Scott look into this

Mr. Whitten, Get back to us Scott on this, unless you are working for the other side.

Attorney Scott McClure, It's a joint appointment anyway.

Mr. Jessen, Right

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, you are playing for both teams now aren't you.

Attorney Scott McClure, No, I am just pointing out it is a joint appointment.

Mr. Poparad, Scott is going to turn into a switch hitter.

Council liaison appointments

Mr. Whitten, Let's get to the, let's just cut to the chase here and get to our Council Liaison appointments.

Mr. Poparad, I make a motion to retain the appointments and liaisons as they are unless somebody wants to get on one or off one.

Mr. Whitten, I don't...

Ms. Conover, Second it

Adult Probation

Council Liaisons are Jim Biggs and Karen Conover

Airport

Council Liaisons are Bob Poparad and Mike Jessen

Animal Shelter

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Karen Conover

Antabuse

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

Assessor

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeremy Rivas

Auditor

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeremy Rivas

All Courts and Clerk

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jim Biggs

Commissioners

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

Tourism

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Mike Jessen and Sylvia Graham

Coroner

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

Drainage Board

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen

E-911

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Mike Jessen

Election Board

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

EMA

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Sylvia Graham

Environmental

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Sylvia Graham

Expo Center

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Jim Biggs

Extension Office

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jim Biggs

Family Youth & Services Bureau

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Jeremy Rivas

Health Department

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Sylvia Graham

Highway

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jim Biggs

ITS

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

IV-D Court

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jim Biggs

Jail/Sheriff & Sheriff's Garage

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Dan Whitten and Mike Jessen

Juvenile Detention and Juvenile Probation

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Jim Biggs

Memorial Opera House

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Mike Jessen

Museum

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jim Biggs

Opportunity Enterprises

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeremy Rivas

Parks

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Mike Jessen and Sylvia Graham

Plan Commission/Building Department

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Bob Poparad

Portage Township Assessor

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeremy Rivas

Porter Starke

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Sylvia Graham

Prosecutor

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jim Biggs

Public Defender

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Jim Biggs

Recorder

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

Soil and Water

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen

Surveyor

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Sylvia Graham

Treasurer

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Dan Whitten

Veterans

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Mike Jessen

Voters Registration

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

Weight and Measures

Council Liaisons are Jim Biggs and Sylvia Graham

Mr. Whitten, Does anyone have any proclivity to move or shift? All in favor of maintaining the same Council Liaison appointments signify by saying I? Opposed

Mr. Poparad, made the motion to retain the appointments and liaisons as they are and Ms. Conover, Second it

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, Now Joy, I want you to send out a letter to all these places and tell them who their liaison is.

Ms. Blakely, Ok

Mr. Biggs, You may want to tell the Council too.

Mr. Poparad, Who their liaisons too.

Mr. Whitten, At the same time I want you to tell the Council who they are liaison too.

Mr. Rivas, We still have an active Human Resource?

Ms. Blakely, I will give you a list

Mr. Rivas, Do we have an active Human Resource liaison?

Mr. Whitten, Do you feel it is a benefit to have our HR committee?

Mr. Jessen, Who is our committee?

Mr. Whitten, You are on it.

Ms. Graham, Human Resource, Mike and I are on that

Mr. Whitten, That's correct.

Mr. Jessen, Are you asking as

Mr. Whitten, Do you think it's important to

Mr. Jessen, Oh, absolutely

Mr. Whitten then why don't we turn it into liaisons and just have you two continue to do it.

Ms. Graham, Very good

Mr. Whitten, How is that

Ms. Graham, Yeah

Mr. Jessen, That's kind of what we do right now.

Ms. Conover, And just to add the caveat and Mike you brought it up during the budgeting. I think we need to start having some continuity in our various departments and comparable positions we're all over the board on some of this and maybe we should start in that direction. Pam has had the chance to get to know the players and get her feet wet and get moving on some things.

Mr. Jessen, No doubt

Ms. Graham, There is one other comment I'd like to make

Mr. Whitten, Yes

Ms. Graham, Do we have a...or are we included or is there an appointment at all to be putting someone on or ask to put someone on this new Water Management?

Mr. Poparad, Storm Water Board?

Ms. Graham, Storm Water Board.

Ms. Conover, Liaison to the Storm Water Board, yeah.

Ms. Graham, I feel like we should

Mr. Whitten, Do we have an appointment to that?

Ms. Graham, But I feel if we should ask

Mr. Poparad, At least the Advisory board

Attorney Scott McClure, The Storm Water Board itself is the three Commissioners and the Surveyor. The Advisory Board that's being put together currently has an appointment from the Council.

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Attorney Scott McClure, That hasn't been passed by ordinance yet and when it would the seven member Advisory Board will have one Council Member.

Ms. Graham, Ok

Ms. Conover, Ok

Mr. Rivas, What would be the function of the Advisory Board?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah what....

Attorney Scott McClure, The Advisory Board, the idea that the Advisory Board would basically be doing all the heavy lifting for that Board. They would be taking the Intuitional knowledge that they have from other Boards and putting it on there to the Storm Water Management.

Mr. Rivas, So that would be the Council Appointment or Citizen Appointment.

Mr. Whitten, We have one appointment to it....

Mr. Rivas, Citizen or

Mr. Whitten, Oh I see what you are saying it is one of us or a citizen.

Attorney Scott McClure, One of you.

Ms. Conover, Ok

Mr. Poparad, Sounds good.

Ms. Conover, We haven't

Ms. Graham, We haven't pick one out yet

Ms. Conover, Yeah

Mr. Jessen, It hasn't been determined yet.

Mr. Biggs, The only thing I will say about that is I think it would be healthy if it is someone that lives in the unincorporated area.

Mr. Poparad, Well I will go the exact opposite, it might be better if we don't.

Mr. Biggs, I kind of thought you would Bob

Mr. Poparad, (Inaudible) Don't get me wrong. When you don't live in that area it makes it a little cleaner for that person.

Mr. Biggs, What's that I'm sorry

Mr. Poparad, When they don't live in that area it makes it a little cleaner to make that decision.

Ms. Graham, Yeah, but I think that the people...the money that has been collected and that it's all be from unincorporated Porter County. I think it would be better to have an unincorporated representative.

Mr. Poparad, (Inaudible) Council Member not (inaudible)

Mr. Biggs, Or at the very least At-Large

Mr. Poparad, I don't know about that I think it just needs to be a Council Member.

Mr. Biggs, It might not be you or me.

Attorney Scott McClure, The last wording right now has it being a Council Member.

Mr. Poparad, A Council Member

Attorney Scott McClure, A Council Member appointed by the Council

Mr. Poparad, Right not a Citizen Appointee

Mr. Whitten, When that passes will visit back through an make the Appointment then?

Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, Mike looks good in waders

Mr. Jessen, I've put on a pair of waders before or two, or three.

Ms. Graham, I have a couple pair.

Mr. Poparad, Sylvia got, we know Sylvia's got waders.

Mr. Biggs, She has to have them sitting next to you Bob

Mr. Poparad, It's early in the year.

Attorney Scott McClure, That's a zinger.

Mr. Whitten, As you are aware from our last meeting there was a telephonic and the follow-up texts that I gave you all. There was a telephonic meeting we had with the Consultants we had for the Foundation. They included Jeff Good, Myself, Mike, Bob and Scott, we didn't have the Treasurer in that one but I anticipate having her in the next one. To kind of get some of the groundwork settled, quite candidly I thought we...the Consultants were not quite as far along as I had hoped or expected or expected them to be. However, the message was clearly once again given to them that we need to get this thing moving faster. It's not like and I don't want to mislead into telling you or making you believe that they have done nothing because they haven't they have done some things and they had basic philosophical questions about our expectations on returns. We discussed some of the limitations specifically as it relates to the Fifty-five percent equity limitation by statute and things of that nature. We do have another one that we are going to have on the 7th of this week. I would like to have a joint meeting of the Council and the Commissioners to bring everybody up to speed with the Consultants there so I am trying to do the meetings justice to give you the fine points but you might have specific questions. Because I think a couple of you reached out and said you had specific questions that you wanted to address to the Consultants and what have you. So, I thought the best way to do that would be to have a joint meeting and get him here. Along that line, Scott I know that you had a

conversation with them today do you want to or is there any new developments that we should be made aware of.

Attorney Scott McClure, No we were just discussing a little bit as we talk about as we get into the conference a little bit more specifics concerning the Fifty-five percent equity and some of those discussions and some of the custodial discussions we had. I expect or to add to what you were saying we have got a meeting scheduled for the 7th and then I believe every...

Mr. Whitten, Week

Attorney Scott McClure, Week thereafter for the next two weeks so three weeks in a row with those teleconferences. And then I think you were asking for a Joint meeting toward the end of January?

Mr. Whitten, Well, I was wanting to have toward the end of January, but I want us all to be here and I think Bob you're not going to be here is that correct? So I was thinking maybe the first week of February?

Attorney Scott McClure, At that point there is going to be a lot of information brought to that joint meeting. Just so everyone understands that it will be very important that everyone be here for that.

Mr. Whitten, Does anybody have any and I know we going to have to reach out to the Commissioners with the same question, but off of the top of your head do you know of any specific conflicts that you have in the first week of February?

Ms. Conover, No

Ms. Graham, No, I'm available

Mr. Biggs, Not right now, no

Mr. Whitten, Ok, I think it is important that we be there. You know honestly part of my thinking or at least part of the discussion that up in that telephonic which was a ninety minute ordeal. I mean, they were asking questions about how we wanted the funds managed. I mean from the most base level our expectations, we want five percent or better on our money on average. That's what we want, that's what comes into the General Fund and that's our target. That's a nice amount of money a year being interpolated into the General Fund that's good. So we kind of got past that again and then it came into the conversations about how...how do we want these funds managed. Do we want a large percentage in Money Markets? Do we want specific Manager Addressed Funds? Do we want to be having on going input on we don't like this investment, we don't like that investment, why don't you move this over there and this over there because you know the Money Market stuff your buying into the Group. The manager of the Money Market isn't going to call up anybody on this board and say how do think our Money Market is doing? Do you think we should make some changes? We are at the mercy of that Money Market administrator and they're making decisions in the market based upon risk and benefit. I don't anticipate us at least in the down stroke spending a tremendous amount of daily time determining whether or not the performance of the particular investments, you know how their doing...reacting on a daily basis. I don't think any of us are really going to do that on the other hand I don't want to dump everything in Money Markets I don't think. For one thing it might run afoul of the Fifty-five percent equities limitation depending on what the particular Money Market is investing in. So those are things that we can kind of start thinking about as we move into this joint meeting and it may change this is going to be a work in progress. I mean we may get into this and we are going to relying on these consultants and we may want to revisit back into an Advisory Board that maybe is looking at those investments in terms of performance and say you might want to shore up this or move a little there. We certainly have a obligation to our Constituency not to be just rolling the bones like in Vegas, put it all on black the high risk stuff. But on the other hand if we put it all on low risk low return we're going to be no better off than we were when we started so I think that we have some thought in the middle there. But those are things that we can kind of work through as we move forward. But that was a lot of the discussion honestly in that phone

conversation and Mike and Bob and Scott if you have something more that triggers your memory from that conversation please jump in.

Attorney Scott McClure, I think the only thing that I would add to bring a little bit of light of what the Consultants had been working on is that there had been quite a bit of work done between Dan and I and the Treasurer were on a teleconference we did get all of our current statements where all of the Hospital principal money is currently at, where it's invested at

Mr. Whitten, The liquidity

Attorney Scott McClure, (Inaudible), Horizons, the liquidity, we have previously gotten all of that information to them and they had digested that and put it into a spreadsheet for us. So there had been...they had spent a lot of time figuring out where are we right now, so therefore how much do we really have to move around with. So that was obviously was somewhat of an undertaking and that got done. So that was part of what had happened to that point was getting our arms around...

Mr. Whitten, Where are money is

Attorney Scott McClure, Where are money is now and all the Horizons are for those things

Mr. Whitten, Well in honestly they gave us some thought for a timeline that are too far out. And Bob I believe at one point

Mr. Poparad, The eloquent one

Mr. Whitten, The less than eloquent one said...pulled a Donald Trump and said what we were all thinking and kind of laid that out in that shorten the timeline substantially and very quickly if I am not misstating the facts Bob.

Attorney Scott McClure, And not to get to drilled down into the details but one of the big areas of topic was...Dan was using the term Money Market so I will use the term Mutual Funds.

Mr. Whitten, Right

Attorney Scott McClure, But whether or not the Mutual Funds are going to have...if we were going to be having a specific manager run Mutual Fund specifically for us and the pro's and cons of that. The different kind of Custodians we have for that or whether we would be investing in regular Mutual Funds so there was quite a bit of drill down information that we got into so that we were able to deal with some of those questions and I think between the questions that we answered, the input they got from us the no questioned direction that this needed to go. Not just as fast as possible, but as fast possible within reason that we were able to move that timeline quite a bit so I don't want to leave the impression that...

Mr. Whitten, Well and Yeah something to also think about here is there is that Fifty-five percent equity limit but there is a corrective period of time so let's say that we just really got out there and we pushed up to the Fifty-five percent limit and then we were invested in a Mutual Fund that did...changed their amounts of equity investing that pushed us over the Fifty-five percent. We have a corrective, it's not like the world will collapses the next day we have an opportunity to correct to get down below that Fifty-five percent. What is it twenty-one days Scott?

Attorney Scott McClure, One hundred and Twenty days

Mr. Whitten, One hundred and Twenty days

Mr. Poparad, To rebalance.

Ms. Conover, Ok

Ms. Graham, That is better.

Mr. Whitten, So we have time as long as we're watching that to push it back in the right arena.

Attorney Scott McClure, And our Consultant would be doing that, would be watching that to make sure we're close not close so, again there was a lot of...I think by the some of our answers or the majority of answers to their questions from the sub-committee that really helped them focus us down to brass tacks so to speak.

Mr. Whitten, Bob you have something?

Mr. Poparad, Yeah I just want to add that if anybody has a question or comment to get it to Scott maybe...

Mr. Whitten, Yeah

Mr. Poparad, for Wednesday, because these are going to keep going so. Because when we have the joint meeting in February, I think we want to have this thing really making it around second base headed to third...

Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, by the time they come here.

Mr. Whitten, Right

Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, Before we finalize everything, so if you got any question or comments get it Scott somehow and

Mr. Whitten, And honestly guys if I...I mean I anticipate being involved in all these telephonic conferences with them. But if Scott and I our talking to them the day before the telephonic conference and I don't think there is much I need to know from the conference I am perfectly willing to let one of you sit in my spot for the teleconference if you have question you want to address to them. To the Consultants, I am ok with that.

Mr. Biggs, There has been so much talk over the last few months about we need to do this yesterday...or we need to do this yesterday or we need to move quickly...I just caution those that are involved is that if it takes a little bit longer than what we would like it (inaudible) so be it so we don't make a very expensive mistake.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, we are talking about a lot of money here and we want to do it right. You are absolutely right Jim, well said. I think we need to....it's a balancing act here, I think we want to keep it moving and we want to keep it moving in the right direction here. We don't want to be so rash that we make a misstep. So I think that you're absolutely correct in that. Ahh...go ahead, I sorry.

Mr. Rivas, You talk about a joint meeting which is basically the same thing. But at what point and time shouldn't the Board kind of the Foundation meet itself. When you say a Joint meeting why don't you mean the Foundation in the sense so we can...

Mr. Whitten, That's correct, I mean Scott, what do you think about that. At what point are we going to take this this joint Commissioner/Council and transform it into the Foundation Board?

Attorney Scott McClure, Why don't we do this next Foundation meeting.

Mr. Whitten, And we need to have, we need to be talking about the three non-voting members of this Board right? The Financial folks.

Attorney Scott McClure, Yes

Mr. Whitten, So what's the...

Mr. Poparad, Do we pick them?

Mr. Whitten, What's the process that we want to take for that?

Ms. Conover, Who are they?

Mr. Whitten, Do we want to get some RFP's out there and have some discussion of that at our Joint meeting?

Ms. Graham, We already have

Attorney Scott McClure, We can.

Mr. Whitten, Why don't we do that, because that is the piece of the puzzle that we're going to need to get to.

Mr. Poparad, I thought we already did the RFP's

Attorney Scott McClure, We have.

Ms. Graham, We have

Mr. Poparad, Yeah, we have.

Attorney Scott McClure, We have three currently.

Mr. Whitten, We selected three?

Ms. Graham, You did?

Mr. Jessen, No we didn't. You may be referring to the long list of the big ones.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah

Mr. Whitten, We have a long list for the Advisory Board.

Ms. Graham, We have ten

Mr. Whitten, But we need to get down to the three Foundation non-voting members.

Attorney Scott McClure, I misunderstood

Ms. Conover, Can we look to the list of the people that were doing this

Mr. Whitten, Well here is my question, yes we can and that was the idea. When we created the Advisory Board for the Foundation it was one of two things. One is if the statue didn't get passed we would go that way and if it got passed we could pool from them for our non-voting members. However do you think...I think it would be not a bad idea, maybe it's what the harm if we send out a RFP to get any other applicants that may be out there. Do you have a problem with that or do you...I don't want to create a delay in that but on the other hand this is a very important position.

Ms. Conover, I don't have a problem with that but these people were serving and then the law passed and...

Mr. Whitten, Right

Ms. Graham, I would like to know Scott you say that we have three who are they?

Attorney Scott McClure, I had...I was talking about the Advisory Board.

Mr. Whitten, Well and here is the thing I don't know that every person that's on that Advisory Board passes mustard for the requirements for the non-voting members of the Foundation.

Attorney Scott McClure, Correct

Mr. Whitten, There is that

Attorney Scott McClure, The three non-voting members are from local depositories.

Mr. Poparad, Right, local banks

Attorney Scott McClure, There is also some limitations on what they can...there

Ms. Graham, But there backgrounds

Attorney Scott McClure, No...If we were to have some business with there is some limitations on

Ms. Graham, Oh

Ms. Conover, Oh

Ms. Graham, Ok

Mr. Poparad, I thought there couldn't be any.

Attorney Scott McClure, No there can be with our advisory...between, if we had a Advisory Board a non-voting member from pick a local bank.

Mr. Whitten, Horizon

Attorney Scott McClure, Horizon, if we then as part of our overall portfolio did business with Horizon

Ms. Graham, Right

Attorney Scott McClure, The statue doesn't allow the Advisory Board Member to receive any commission, extra pay or excreta from Horizon because of that by State statue. So the original concern was some of those people may not want to be are non-advisors

Mr. Whitten, I think it appropriate to send out our RFP. Or put out a RFP and see if we get with the specific

Attorney Scott McClure, Ok

Mr. Whitten, With the specifics in it what the limitations are and this is what the requirements are don't you think.

Attorney Scott McClure, Sure

Mr. Whitten, Bob?

Mr. Jessen, And of those that have already applied to the other (inaudible) do we invite them as well, (inaudible) If they qualify

Ms. Graham, Do they go right into the (inaudible)?

Attorney Scott McClure, To start off the have to be an employee of a local depository

Mr. Rivas, Yeah, if they qualify

Mr. Poparad, That's if they want to

Mr. Whitten, Right, yeah and I'm not sure a lot of them where to be honest with you. So, I think we just...and that's a good thought I don't want us to get, I don't want us to have this conversation the first week of February...

Ms. Graham, Right

Mr. Whitten, and then send out an RFP

Ms. Graham, Exactly

Mr. Whitten, It doesn't really hurt to start doing it right now and getting some

Attorney Scott McClure, No problem

Mr. Whitten, And then we can discuss at that meeting set-up some interviewing or sub-committee or all of us or whatever we want to do. Or stick with the small committee we've had to do the initial interview with these folks. But whatever gets it done to get it...

Mr. Jessen, The sooner we find those three the better. Because they are going to provide the expertise that we do not have. And they need...

Mr. Poparad, The guidance, when you mentioned local depository that's a big term.

Ms. Graham, What does that mean?

Mr. Poparad, What does that mean? I mean Bank of American has a branch in Valpo does that make them a local depository?

Mr. Jessen, Yeah

Attorney Scott McClure, Yes

Mr. Poparad, Until they close the branch.

Attorney Scott McClure, That's right.

Mr. Poparad, Then what?

Attorney Scott McClure, Then they are not a local depository.

Mr. Poparad, Then the guy has to come off.

Attorney Scott McClure, Yep

Mr. Poparad, Ok

Mr. Biggs, How about like a Trust Company?

Ms. Graham, Have you ever heard of a Bank closing?

Mr. Whitten, How about if you are like Poparad and you have so much money it's kind of like a depository.

Attorney Scott McClure, The State has a list of local depositories, that language local depositories is also controlling by definition of where we can deposit our money governmentally like from the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Whitten, Oh

Mr. Poparad, It's already defined then?

Attorney Scott McClure, What's that?

Mr. Poparad, It's already defined then?

Attorney Scott McClure, It's already defined then.

Mr. Poparad, Oh, ok.

Attorney Scott McClure, So in other words when we went originally out Michelle gave me the list of what the State Treasurer says our local depositories of Porter County.

Mr. Poparad, Franklin House isn't one of them.

Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, Ok

Mr. Whitten, It is not one of them as it turns out, no.

Mr. Poparad, (Inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, Alright, so Scott will you

Attorney Scott McClure, I will do a letter to them requesting any of them and I believe I have done this once but I will do it again.

Mr. Whitten, Right

Attorney Scott McClure, To all the local depositories saying if you have somebody that you would like to serve on this send it to us. Then we can address this at our Joint meeting.

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Mr. Jessen, The sooner the better.

Mr. Whitten, I agree.

Attorney Scott McClure, Ok

Mr. Poparad, Yeah, they can steer us in the right direction real quick with these financial people.

Mr. Whitten, Well and I think yeah, you guys are right that is obviously...we need that kind of background now.

Mr. Poparad, They use big words, you know

Mr. Whitten, They do use big words, they get paid by the letter. That's a lawyer...

Mr. Poparad, That's a lawyer thing.

Mr. Whitten, Ah, ok anything else? Scott...

Mr. Poparad, Are we have another meeting this month?

Mr. Whitten, Unless we have something that needs to be address.

Attorney Scott McClure, Unfortunately we had a handful of issues that didn't necessarily rise to the level of putting them on the reorganization meeting. But there was, remember the last couple of meetings we had some meetings with a few places

and they were to do with much like but not exactly like the one we dealt with today like Probation but along those lines.

Mr. Whitten, Bob when are you leaving?

Mr. Poparad, I'll be gone

Mr. Whitten, You'll be gone.

Mr. Poparad, I am sure going to miss the fun.

Mr. Whitten, Well let's look at those, we have a meeting...our normal meeting is the 26th if we don't have anything that can't wait till February. Because we are going to come right back in the first week of February...

Mr. Poparad, So why don't we combine them for the first week of February?

Mr. Whitten, We could.

Ms. Graham, Are you going to have that Joint meeting? The Commissioner's aren't going to be hanging around.

Mr. Poparad, No the Commissioners don't have to hang around for our meeting.

Attorney Scott McClure, At that point I think it's something we can deal with.

Mr. Whitten, So let's at this point, if there's something that we need to address here in the near future we can have a 15 minute meeting before our Joint meeting the first week of February and deal with it. Yes Jim?

Mr. Biggs, Yes, I was looking at...

Attorney Scott McClure, Rivas was getting the stink eye

Mr. Rivas, I got the stink eye.

Mr. Whitten, Scott do you have anything else for us?

Attorney Scott McClure, (inaudible)

Ms. Graham, You mentioned something about having a short synopsis of every

Mr. Rivas, Short nap?

Ms. Graham, Short synopsis of the meeting, like a little secretarial report or something you guys had a conversation

Mr. Poparad, Yeah I believe that Dan was going to type up some sort of summary.

Mr. Rivas, Scott didn't you have some bullet points from every little phone conversation for us?

Attorney Scott McClure, In anticipation of what you said tomorrow the group will be getting a list of basically what agenda is for the teleconference.

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Attorney Scott McClure, I will forward that on to everyone so you will know what we are talking about and then after that we will fill in the blanks...

Mr. Rivas, Ok

Attorney Scott McClure, of what that discussion was.

Mr. Rivas, That would be great.

Mr. Poparad, All of this me, Mike, Dan and Scott a lot of this is philosophy we have to reach a direction, conclusions

Mr. Whitten, Right

Mr. Poparad, I mean it's like what do we want...it's vague and they're waiting for us to tell them what we want.

Mr. Whitten, You see all of the stuff they are asking we've discussed. I mean I don't typically speak for the group ever. However, I think that when they ask what's your target I think that 5 percent or better is something we've talked about a lot, so that an easy one for me to tell them.

Ms. Conover, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Obviously we don't want to dump everything (inaudible)

Attorney Scott McClure, Do we want to have one joint meeting just to discuss Custodial agreements?

Mr. Whitten, No

Attorney Scott McClure, The answer was no. It could have been yes, but the answer was no.

Mr. Poparad, I mean we did a half hour on 5 percent didn't we?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah

Mr. Poparad, I mean seriously, you know they really get....they are like a lawyer the get paid by the word.

Mr. Whitten, Well yeah, will send out the agenda and then will fill in the blanks as to what was discussed on each agenda. Alright?

Mr. Poparad, I think we should talk about something for another two minutes to make it an even hour. Or I can make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Whitten, I'll take your motion. Is there a second?

Ms. Graham, Second

Mr. Whitten, All in favor? I's have it

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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