

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Reorganization Meeting
January 24, 2017**

The Porter County Council met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 5:00 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 Dan Whitten, Council Member Karen Conover, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Jeff Larson, Council Member Andy Bozak, Council Member Jeremy Rivas and Council Member Mike Jessen. Also present was Council Attorney Harold Harper, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you very much, I would first of all like to welcome our newest members. Mr. Larson and Mr. Bozak welcome to the team, it's going to be a wonder four (4) years of indentured servitude, thank you for committing your lives to it. Our first thing on the agenda is the first reading, so let's have that.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Notice to taxpayers of Porter County...

Mr. Whitten, Not the first reading for our regular meeting.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, Do we have any first reading for our reorganization meeting, she has got it on the agenda.

Mr. Rivas, No.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, No, this is for the regular meeting.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, thank you.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Do you want to wait until...

Mr. Whitten, We will wait till the 5:30 meeting because that needs to be done at the advertised time.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, Ok one thing we do before we get to the election of officers, every year I like to kind of start the year or finish the year with kind of a little state of the County update and I think I'll do that right now actually. I am going to digress a little bit for the benefit of our new members who haven't been with us through the budget session. Although I am sure you guys have picked it up through the minutes and watching some of the meetings, but I want to kind of give everybody a feel.

Just so you guys know as we move through the year, we are going to encounter varying different kinds of budgets. Some will be General Fund budgets...and if I'm...I don't mean to talk down to you, I just want to kind of bring you up here. Some will be tax levy generated that come from property tax. Some budgets are stand alone budgets, their revenue is self generated. A good example would be maybe Tourism, that's outside the General Fund Levy. Other budgets have their own tax rate. And then there are certain budgets that we get a buck to a Levy to fund those budgets. That might be something like Opportunity Enterprises or Porter Stark. So if we were to decrease those budgets they would simply decrease our Tax Levy. So it wouldn't really save us any money in our Budgets, it might save the Tax Payers a little money but, it wouldn't do any good to saving us money to spend at the County level.

So as we kind of move through the year you are going to see a lot of talk about how is left in this particular fund or that fund. Or how does this affect the General Fund and

depending on what kind of budget we are dealing with those answers might be very different.

So things that we are going to have coming down the river here that we want to deal with in our upcoming year. Some things are going to be a pleasure to deal with and some things are going to be a little more difficult to deal with from a budgetary perspective. I met with the Auditor for the end of the year and we had a General Fund carryover of \$3.4 million dollars, which on paper sounds like a wonderful carryover and it is because there have been years in this County where our carryover has been less than \$100,000. So that was cutting it a little bit close.

Things that we probably need to be thinking about as we realize that we are starting the year in pretty good shape solvency wise. One is that we had a incredibly good insurance year, we budgeted about \$8.8 million dollars for 2016 and our insurance came in at about \$7.1 million dollars. So we had a really good with the insurance and that helped us with the carryover. In a typical bad year and that runs in cycles, you can expect somewhere between ten to eleven million dollars in claims. So had we had a bad exposure, we would have had no carryover. The most because of our insurance and our stop loss policy, the most exposure we can have is thirteen million to our insurance. Something to kind of keep in mind, that would be a particular catastrophic year and we have not had one of those, but in a bad year I would be thinking ten to eleven million dollars.

Other things that we probably need to be aware of are that the CCD Fund was cut. We budgeted \$3.1 million dollars and it was cut to \$2.4 million dollars. Now out of that as the members here will recall, and certainly to bring you two new members into it, we typically paid our ambulance contract out of the Hospital Principal. But, as you are aware, we through the Foundation we moved the principal or most of it, into the Foundation for investment purposes...and I will get to that in a minute. So we needed someplace to pay the ambulance contract out of and if you take them all together, it's about one million dollars a year. So the proposal from the Commissioners to pay that out of CCD, since that was cut to \$2.4 million dollars...I did meet with the County Attorney and asked him how much of that cut are the Commissioner's thinking is ambulance? How much do we have left in that after cut money to pay our ambulance? And they said figure that you need to find about \$600,000 dollars. There is probably \$400,000 dollars left in CCD to address the ambulance contract.

Another thing, we would need to think about is that we have to find money for the sheriff's pension and that's a little over one million dollars. Now we have talked with the sheriff with doing things like looking at different vesting schedule and things of that nature to try to get that number down. Right now I think they vest at seven years and I wanted to see from the actuarial what it would be to us if they vested at ten (10) or (15) years, because that would reward our officers that stay, because we would have more money to give them raises and benefits.

As we sit here today we had hospital interest, we did budget against that about \$2.4 million dollars. So in our ongoing hospital interest revenue we've allocated \$2.4 million dollars of that. About \$1.3 million dollars of that is insurance and that is banking on another good year. About \$50,000 dollars was Opportunity Enterprises, another \$600,000 dollars was Family and Youth Services Bureau and about \$450,000 dollars was the Council on Aging. So we have already going in if we have a good year, we are already leveraging against our Hospital Interest about \$2.4 million dollars.

Other things that we need to think about is the 800 megahertz system, as you are probably are aware from the Commissioner's and reading in the newspaper or attending the meetings that they have entered an agreement to start the infrastructure side of the 800 megahertz system and that's about \$4.5 million dollars. We can pay that as it stands right now over a three year period interest free. So figure however that shakes out per year and that does not include the radio side of that. So as you move into that discussion further into the year, we will have a better idea of what that number is going to be. So things that might free up a little bit of money, is the Jail Security. We are spending a little bit south of \$400,000 a year to pay off that Jail Security indebtedness. That will be done at the end...well, let's just say at the beginning of 2018, I'm sorry 2019. Our first payment on the 800 megahertz is

January 2018. So we have about a year of overlap between those two. But then the Jail Security will be done so we will have a little extra money to be able to deal with that in year two of the 800 megahertz system.

As you are aware we have been pretty conservative over the last few years. The County tax rate has gone down the last three years. Or at least the County's portion of the tax rate has gone down in the last few years minimum. And that's because we have come into the year understanding that as we embark into the upcoming year, I think it's a pretty good idea to assume that we need and talking with the Insurance Consultants, we need about two million and maybe three million in reserve funds for our insurance. So that's why we have been trying to build up that reserve... I am going to digress for a minute, in talking with our Insurance Consultants, I've asked how of the balance billing disputed amount that the County might be having in existing claims for our employees and family and that number has yet to be determined. So that is out there as well. But, back to what I was saying was, if we go into this year with the assumption that we don't want to leverage the Hospital Interest money any more to fund operations. We have to be very conservative or continue being fiscally conservative. Any appropriations that we make or any middle of the year unbudgeted for expenditures that we make are going to tack into that Hospital Interest. And we want to try to avoid that, I think.

We have other projects that have already started, the Animal Shelter as you know through all of this year and reducing the tax rate we were able to give County Employees a raise. We were able to fund a bigger Animal Shelter and build the Animal Shelter. As you know the Commissioners have voted to get a Consultant to do some bids on the renovation of the front of this building. They have estimated a million dollars but that is just an estimate. I don't know what that will end up being, but we have to figure out if they can continue to go forward with that, which it needs to. We are going to have to find money for that. We have got the Expo Center renovations which we need to do and there is a South County Park that's in the works. Other things that we would like to see get done and that's all assuming that we have a good insurance year.

So I would challenge the Board to continue with the fiscal conservancy. I would also challenge the board to try to deal with any budgetary increases, such as wages and things of that nature...additional personnel during the budget time that is the best time to deal with it. That is the time that we have our best idea of how to prioritize the money that we have at our disposal.

The last thing I want to say is the Foundation, so we have completed 2016 with our investments as you are probably aware. The first five percent of earnings on our monies invested through the Foundation come back to our benefit for the County Funds. So we can bring that in and so what we need to do. Anything above five percent goes back into the principal. To build up the principal, to build up the principal a little bit and the idea of that of course is that we have good years and bad years and in the good years we build up our principal in the four percent or five percent is a bigger number. In the State Statue there wasn't a date certain as to when we allocate that or when do we decide if we hit our five percent. So in our Bylaws and Investment Policy we contemplated December 31st and we have had a very good investment year. We have some money sitting in cash in our investment portfolios. I would ask that we have or contemplate having a Foundation meeting in February for a couple of reasons. One is I would like for us to...as a ten member voting board and three non-voting members and our Treasurer as well. I would like to have us all sort of Strategize on how we want the cash earnings to come into the county. We can have some discussions about what we want to do with that money. The thought is...I don't want to budget on the come, I don't want to bet on what next year's investments are going to be. The idea is we have money come in and we know what we have to spend and we spend that appropriately throughout the year and hopefully have another good year. So that ladies and gentlemen is the state of the County. We are solvent, we are in really good shape, but we need to stay conservative and we need to hang on to our spending when we only need to spend. And I am a democrat it's hard to believe that isn't that Andy?

Election of Officers

Mr. Whitten, And with that the election of Officers, I will take nominations for Chairman. I nominate Mike Jessen.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We don't need a second, any other nominations? All in favor of Mike Jessen signify by saying Aye? Mike you have the chair.

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Mike Jessen as President of the County Council for calendar year 2017 and Ms. Conover seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Jessen, I can direct it from this angel for now, can't I?

Mr. Whitten, This is the seat man.

(Laughter)

Mr. Jessen, Ok, thank you very much Dan and I appreciate everyone's vote of confidence. And I appreciate Dan, the leadership you provided over my two years and beyond. I've learned a lot and will continue to lean on you as I navigate through this office, so I appreciate all your guidance and mentorship up to now.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you Mike, I am happy to help and will continue to do so.

Mr. Jessen, And at this time I'd would like to ask for nominations for Vice-President of the Council.

Ms. Conover, I nominate Dan Whitten.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, There was a nomination on the floor and a second, whether or not it is required to nominate Dan Whitten as Vice President of the County Council, any discussion?

Ms. Conover, Could I just add a line not necessarily a discussion. I wanted to echo what you had to say Mike and Dan I guess it might be a DC tradition for the president to fly out on a helicopter.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, I got Air Force One and my family waiting in the lobby.

Ms. Conover, Well, the County Couldn't afford it so here is your own private helicopter.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Oh, that is priceless.

Ms. Conover, It's black and it's slick.

Mr. Rivas, Executive order.

Mr. Whitten, Oh, I am going to pardon a couple of people over in the Jail if you guys don't mind.

Ms. Conover, Thank you for your leadership and thank you Mike for taking the gavel.

Mr. Jessen, Oh, absolutely. All those in favor of Dan Whitten being the Vice President of the Porter County Council signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Dan is the Vice President, congratulations.

Ms. Conover moved to nominate Dan Whitten as Vice President of the County Council for calendar year 2017. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you and thanks guys.

Mr. Jessen, And I believe do we have a secretary?

Mr. Whitten, I don't think so.

Ms. Conover, Vicki

Mr. Jessen, Is that not part of the program?

Mr. Whitten, Vicki is the Auditor by statute, she gets to be our clerk.

Mr. Jessen, Congratulations Vicki.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Thank you.

Attorney Contract

Mr. Jessen, Next on the agenda we have the Attorney's contract up for review, do I have a motion?

Ms. Conover, So moved.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, We have a motion on the floor that has been seconded to have Harold Harper serve as our County Council Attorney, any discussion?

Mr. Whitten, Harold I assume the contract is the same as before right?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, It is the same as it has been the last two to five years with the same terms.

Mr. Whitten, Very good, thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Any additional questions? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries, congratulations Harold.

Ms. Conover moved to approve the Attorney Contract for Harold Harper. Mr. Bozak and Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Thank you.

Surveyor Agreement

Mr. Jessen, Next on the list we have the Surveyor's Agreement.

Mr. Bozak, I make the motion to accept. Oh, he is coming up to present?

Mr. Whitten, He doesn't have to but...

Mr. Bozak, My mistake.

Mr. Jessen, Well we can have that for discussion.

Mr. Whitten, I second the motion.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor and a second to retain Kevin Breitzke's surveyor's agreement, any discussion? Any questions for Kevin? Any comments from Kevin?

Mr. Rivas, No.

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, I just came up to be on TV.

(Laughter)

Ms. Conover, You left Kevin speechless?

Mr. Jessen, All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries congratulations Kevin.

Mr. Bozak moved to approve the Service Agreement for the Surveyor Kevin Breitzke. Mr. Whitten seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Thank you.

Citizen Appointments

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Mr. Jessen, Next on the Agenda we have Citizen Appointments for a couple of board that are currently open and pending for review. And the first one I have on my list is for the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. And everyone has received the names and applications so I would like to entertain a motion.

Ms. Conover, I'd like to nominate Tom Swihart.

Mr. Jessen, Is there a second?

Mr. Larson, I'll second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor and a second to nominate Tom Swihart as the representative for the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries.

Ms. Conover moved to nominate Tom Swihart to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, term to expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Larson seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Jessen, Next on the list we have the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Rivas, I nominate Mike Young he is the current appointment.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor and a second to reappoint Mike Young to that particular position, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries.

Mr. Rivas moved to nominate Mike Young to the Board of Zoning Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Conover seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

PTABOA

Mr. Jessen, Next as part of the Reorganization is PTABOA appointment.

Mr. Rivas, I nominate Scott Williams by default.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Rivas, He is the only one that wants it.

Mr. Whitten, That speaks volumes.

Mr. Jessen, There is a motion on the floor and a second to nominate Scott Williams for the PTABOA representative for the County Council. All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries.

Mr. Rivas moved to nominate Scott Williams to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Graham and Mr. Larson seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Chesterton EDC

Mr. Jessen, Next we have a couple of appointments from the different EDC Boards from the different communities. First of all from the Town of Chesterton.

Mr. Larson, I nominate Buck Kittredge.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor and a second to reappoint Buck Kittredge to the Chesterton EDC Board, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries for Mr. Kittredge.

Mr. Larson moved to nominate Lloyd Kittredge to Chesterton EDC term to expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Conover seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Portage EDC and Valparaiso EDC

Mr. Jessen, Next we have a the same Board for the City of Portage.

Mr. Whitten, Mr. Chairman I'd like to nominate Mike Sarver for Portage EDC and I also like to nominate Patrick McGinley for the Valparaiso EDC since they are the only ones that applied.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor to reappoint Michael Sarver and Patrick McGinley for Portage and Valparaiso EDC respectively. Noting that they are also the recommendations from the city municipalities, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motions carry, so congratulations to all those citizen appointments.

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Mike Sarver to the Portage Economic Development Commission, term to expire December 31, 2017 and Patrick McGinley to the Valparaiso Economic Development Commission, term to expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Bozak and Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Council Appointments

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Mr. Jessen, Ok next we move on to the Council appointments. To the different various Boards that we participate in and the first one on my list is Community Corrections Advisory Board, which I would like to say who is currently on the Board and then clarify who wants to be on the Board going forward. Currently it is Jim Biggs which obviously is no longer. I am currently on the Board as well as Scott McClure which he is part of the County Commissioners and I would assume that he is not part of our appointment. So I guess I would like to and I don't know if this requires nominations and voting for each position?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah.

Mr. Jessen, So I open up the floor for Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Mr. Bozak, I nominate Jeff Larson for the Board.

Mr. Jessen, Is there a second?

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor that has a second to nominate Jeff Larson as our representative as Community Corrections Advisory Board, any discussion?

Mr. Whitten, So right now we have two we have Biggs and McClure so maybe we should have Larson and Harold, right?

Mr. Jessen, I think that would make good sense.

Mr. Whitten, So that's my nomination.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, So the nomination in addition to Jeff is to have Harold Harper serve in that capacity as well as Jeff Larson, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those Opposed? Motion carries.

Mr. Bozak moved to appoint Jeff Larson and Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Jeff Larson and Harold Harper to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Graham.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

NIRPC

Mr. Jessen, We have a position to fill for our representative on NIRPC, open up the floor for nominations?

Mr. Rivas, Who is on there now?

Mr. Whitten, Who is currently on there?

Mr. Jessen, Currently it's Sylvia.

Mr. Whitten, I'd like to nominate Sylvia.

Ms. Graham, No...

Mr. Whitten, If she wants it.

Mr. Rivas, Do you enjoy those meeting Sylvia?

Ms. Graham, Oh yeah...

Mr. Rivas, Sounds like a good nomination Dan.

Ms. Conover, Is that too much?

Ms. Graham, No. If nobody wants it, I just thought maybe a newer person maybe would want to.

Mr. Jessen, Would you like for me to ask if there would be anyone else that would be interested in that particular role?

Mr. Larson, I definitely would.

Ms. Conover, Ok.

Ms. Graham, You got it.

Mr. Jessen, Alright.

Mr. Whitten, I nominate Jeff Larson.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Jessen, We have a nomination for Jeff Larson that has been seconded to be the NIRPC representative. All those in favor of Jeff serving in that capacity signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Jeff Larson will be our representative.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Jeff Larson to NIPRC Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. Seconded by Ms Conover.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

NICTD

Mr. Jessen, Next we have the NICTD Board, and previously Jim Biggs was our representative and so we need a new representative. I would like to open up the floor for that particular role.

Ms. Conover, I'd like to nominate Andy Bozak.

Ms. Graham, Second

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor and a second to nominate Andy Bozak to be our representative for NICTD, any discussion?

Mr. Whitten, I just like to ask whoever serves on that to maintain some information to us. I know that they are talking about doing some revenue gathering through their transportation district and I think that we need to have a fairly strong voice on that one way or the other.

Ms. Conover, Right.

Mr. Jessen, Any other discussion? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Congratulations Andy.

Ms. Conover moved to appoint Andy Bozak to NICTD Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Graham and Mr. Larson.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Plan Commission

Mr. Jessen, Next we have our representative to the Plan Commission.

Mr. Rivas, Who is that?

Mr. Jessen, It has been Bob Poparad.

Mr. Bozak, I nominate Mr. Jessen.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Do you want to be on that Mike?

Mr. Jessen, I would accept that nomination. There is a motion and a second for me to be appointed on the Planning Commission. Is there any additional discussion? All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries.

Mr. Bozak moved to appoint Mike Jessen to the Plan Commission, term to expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Conover seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Recycling & Waste District

Mr. Jessen, Next we have the Recycling and Waste District representative.

Ms. Graham, I nominate Karen Conover.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Jessen, There is a motion on the floor and a Second for Karen Conover to be the Recycling & Waste District for the Council, all those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries.

Ms. Graham moved to appoint Karen Conover to the Recycling & Waste District Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Larson seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Conover, Thank you.

EMA

Mr. Jessen, Next we have the EMA appointments which we as a Council have two. Currently Sylvia is one of our appointments along with Jim Biggs, who obviously will no longer will be...

Ms. Graham, I would like that.

Mr. Bozak, I nominate Sylvia Graham as one of them.

Ms. Conover, Is there anyone else that is interested if Sylvia is willing to serve, anybody else?

Mr. Larson, I will.

Ms. Conover, I'd to also nominate Jeff Larson.

Mr. Jessen, Combined nominations for Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson to be on the EMA Board representing the Council. All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed? Motion carries.

Mr. Bozak moved to appoint Sylvia Graham to the Emergency Management Agency and Karen Conover moved to appoint Jeff Larson, term to expire December 31, 2017.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Porter County Council on Aging

Mr. Jessen, Porter County Council on Aging. Currently Ms. Graham is representing us.

Ms. Conover, I'd like to nominate Sylvia

Mr. Jessen, There is a nomination on the floor and a second to nominate Sylvia Graham to that position that she has been on. Any discussion, all those in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Motion carries

Ms. Conover moved to appoint Sylvia Graham to the Council On Aging Agency Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Jessen

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

Mr. Jessen, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, currently I am serving on that board and I am asking to be relieved of those duties. So that spot is open to whoever might be interested in it.

Mr. Larson, I'd like to nominate Andy for that Board.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion to approve and a second to nominate Andy Bozak to the Juvenile Justice Advisor Board. Any discussion, all those in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Motion carries

Mr. Larson moved to appoint Andy Bozak to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Jail Museum Advisory Board

Mr. Jessen, Next we have the Jail Museum Advisory Board.

Mr. Whitten, That would be great if we still had a Jail Museum Advisory Board.

Mr. Jessen, It's now defunct?

Mr. Whitten, They did away with it.

Mr. Jessen, How long has that been gone?

Mr. Whitten, Awhile, I mean we can send a couple people to hang out with each other I guess.

(Laughter)

Mr. Jessen, How about we cross them off of the list for now and future lists.

Ms. Conover, I think Kevin knows all of our phone numbers and we know his cell, we have good communication.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, That makes that one easy, that's one no longer and we won't have that as part of our list.

Storm Water Advisory Board

Mr. Jessen, Next is the Storm Water Advisory Board, currently Jeremy serves in that capacity.

Mr. Whitten, I am going to nominate Jeremy.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Nomination on the floor and a second to have Jeremy retain that representation on the Storm Water Advisory Board. All those in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Motion carries

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Jeremy Rivas to the Storm Water Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

E-911 Policy Board

Mr. Jessen, We are moving on to E-911 Policy Board.

Mr. Larson, That's got to be Mike.

Mr. Whitten, That's not on mine.

Mr. Jessen, Are they on the agenda by chance?

Mr. Whitten, You are, that doesn't require action. You are our appointment to that. And you can delegate another person to that.

Mr. Jessen, I accept that appointment.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, I am afraid you have no choice.

Mr. Jessen, Whether it's on the agenda or not I wholeheartedly accept it.

Porter County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Jessen, The Porter County Redevelopment Commission, which I don't see on the agenda but I see on the sheet that I have.

Mr. Whitten, Again, it's you.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah.

Ms. Conover, Or your designee.

Mr. Whitten, Or your designee.

Mr. Jessen, Ok, I will wholeheartedly accept that as well, to be on the Porter County Redevelopment Commission.

Council Liaison Appointments

Mr. Jessen, Now we can move on to the County Liaison appointments is that correct?

Mr. Conover, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, That's correct.

Mr. Whitten, I think that maybe in order expedite and go through this quickly, obviously everyone on the board has served in these capacities if you were a liaison previously, we have two new member that have interest in certain positions and we have need for them to fill those liaison roles. What I would like to do I guess is to go down the list quickly and say who is on it and you can tell me who wants to be on it. Then we will move forward and I will assume that doesn't require any sort of vote just a consensus.

Mr. Whitten, That's right.

Mr. Jessen, Ok so the list that I have starts out with Adult Probation.

Adult Probation

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeff Larson

Airport

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

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

Circuit Court

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

General Courts

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 1

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 2

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 3

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 4

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 6

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Clerk

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Commissioners

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover, Jeremy Rivas and Jeff Larson

Tourism

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Coroner

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

E-911

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Election Board

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

EMA

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Environmental

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Dan Whitten

Expo Center

Council Liaisons are Jeff Larson and Andy Bozak

Extension Office

Council Liaison is Sylvia Graham

Facilities

Council Liaison is Jeff Larson

Family Youth & Services Bureau

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Mike Jessen

Health Department

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Sylvia Graham

Highway

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

HR

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen

ITS

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

IV-D Court

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Jail/Sheriff & Sheriff's Garage

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Juvenile Detention and Juvenile Probation

Council Liaison is Andy Bozak

Memorial Opera House

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Museum

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Sylvia Graham

Opportunity Enterprises

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Dan Whitten

Parks

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Mike Jessen, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Plan Commission/Building Department

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Portage Township Assessor

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Dan Whitten

Porter Starke

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Sylvia Graham

Print Shop

Council Liaison is Andy Bozak

Prosecutor

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Public Defender

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Jeff Larson

Recorder

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

Soil and Water

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen

Development and Storm Water Management

Council Liaison is Jeremy Rivas

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 Jeff Larson

Voters Registration

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

Weight and Measures

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Mr. Jessen, Ok and that is the list as I see it.

Mr. Larson, It's nice to be retired.

Mr. Jessen, Anything else on this agenda? So Joy you have all of those?

Ms. Blakely, Yes I do.

Mr. Whitten, So, do you want to adjourn and go to the next meeting?

Mr. Jessen, Yes, anything else on this particular agenda?

Mr. Whitten, We can go to the next one, we don't need an attorney's report.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Bozak, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor to adjourn we will reconvene in five minutes.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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Attest: _____
Vicki Urbanik, Auditor