

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, January 31, 2017
10:00 A.M.**

(The entire meeting is available to watch on the Porter County website.)

The regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney, Jim Biggs, County Attorney Scott McClure; Administrative Assistant Rhonda Young and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle.

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, Good Morning, I would like to welcome everybody here to the Board of Commissioners' meeting. The last day of January 2017 and with that I will open the floor on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll – January 23rd, 2017

Approval of Claims – January 11th, January 20th and January 26th, 2017.

Treasurers - Monthly Report for November 30th and December 31st, 2016.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD

1. Kyle Bauske – Venue Rental – Non-Profit
2. Amanda Dietrich – Marketing Specialist Service Agreement
3. Cressy Consulting – Strategic Service Agreement
4. Chad Clifford / MegaBeatles – Artistic Service Agreement
5. Frank Allen – Artistic Service Agreement
6. Mike Bernstein – Artistic Service Agreement
7. Len Bessette – Artistic Service Agreement
8. Linnea Bessette – Artistic Service Agreement
9. Charles “Chuckles” Brady –Artistic Service Agreement
10. Abigail Campbell – Artistic Service Agreement
11. Dan Cummins – Artistic Service Agreement
12. Nick DeJarlais – Artistic Service Agreement
13. Kathleen Dominiak-Treasure – Artistic Service Agreement
14. Andrew Flasch –Artistic Service Agreement
15. Chris Haddad – Artistic Service Agreement
16. Deborah Haddad – Artistic Service Agreement
17. Angela Heid – Artistic Service Agreement
18. Rachel Lauer – Artistic Service Agreement
19. Kyle Liedtke – Artistic Service Agreement
20. Chris Linstrot – Artistic Service Agreement
21. Allison Lowe – Artistic Service Agreement
22. John MacNeil – Artistic Service Agreement
23. Jeff Otto – Artistic Service Agreement
24. Lewis Stahl – Artistic Service Agreement
25. Jake Tillman – Artistic Service Agreement
26. Jacob Warner – Artistic Service Agreement
27. Dutch Williams – Artistic Service Agreement

Com. Good, And for what upcoming show is this for?

Mr. MacDonald, The Producers, it will open February 17th.

Com. Good, Get your tickets now they're going fast.

Com. Blaney, That is a great show.

Com. Good, So we have all of those read into the record.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the individual agreements for the Memorial Opera House, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS

Appointments to the Shared Ethics Committee

Com. Blaney, We overlooked this last time when we made the appointment so I think we need to advertise that we need a citizen appointment and then one of us needs to be appointed.

Com. Good, Do we want make both of those at the same time?

Com. Blaney, Yes.

Com. Good, So we will be advertising. Anybody that knows of anybody that wants to be on the Shared Ethics Committee which Porter County is a part of we will be posting for that open board seat and we will be taking applications. At our next meeting we will be appointing those folks and moving forward.

Com. Blaney, And I would also like to thank Scott Young who started as our first citizen appointment and has been since until just recently here. He did a fantastic job and really helped us get the ball rolling on this.

Atty. Scott McClure, Rhame & Elwood – Legal Services Agreement

Com. Good, Do we have any questions from the Commissioners?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Legal Services Contract with Atty. Scott McClure, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, You're here for another year.

DLZ General Service Agreement

Com. Good, This is a service agreement that we will be entering into hopefully with DLZ. Porter County has enjoyed a long standing relationship with DLZ and this is a continuation of that. So with that I believe Atty. McClure has reviewed the contract.

Atty. McClure, I have.

Com. Good, Everything looks in order?

Atty. McClure, It does.

Com. Good, I am going to open up the floor to the other Commissioners. Any comments?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the DLZ General Services Agreement, Com. Good, seconded, motion carried. Com. Biggs, abstained.

Mike Jabo, DLZ – Application and Certificate for Payment #5 from Larson-Danielson for the Porter County Animal Shelter

Com. Good, Good Morning Gentleman.

Mr. Jabo, Good Morning. I have Stephen Kromkowski here. He is the one that prepared the application. He will entertain any questions you may have.

Mr. Kromkowski, The application is Application #5. It is a monthly application for the amount of \$404,836.08. We have confirmed the work that has been done out there and this does reflect the work that has been performed for about 65% total on the project and they are still on schedule. Do you have any questions?

Com. Biggs, It looks like a very solid building driving by it. Nice job.

Com. Good, Several of us a week or so ago.

Com. Blaney, I was there yesterday too.

Com. Good, We've been touring the building and it's moving rather rapidly. It appears that we're probably going to be open before what we thought we were going to be open. So we have been scrambling on the Animal Shelter side to try to catch up with this new building coming. All I can say is as a taxpayer Porter County I think everybody is going to be very pleased with this building and what it is all about. I know just from my standpoint walking through it, very excited. It's a new beginning and I just can't say enough. Now when you get to the point where you start seeing what it's going to look like this is where the excitement starts coming in, but there is still a lot of work left. It's going very well.

Com. Blaney, They are actually going to start the floors so it was very clean yesterday because they're getting ready to start putting the epoxy floors down. That will be a 2 week process that no one can really get in there.

Com. Good, All of the kennels were ordered. All of the different things that we had to work through have been ordered. So far we're still trending under budget and we're going to continue to hopefully trend under budget so everything is going swimmingly but we're at that last 60 days when a lot of the commotion and a lot of things will start popping their heads up. It's just very natural those things happen.

Com. Blaney, And thank you for catching the caulk color. It looks much better now.

Com. Good, Any other questions from the Commissioners?

Com. Biggs, Good job!

Com. Biggs, moved to approve Payment Application #5 from Larson-Danielson for the Animal Shelter, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, Thanks gentlemen!

A Resolution of the Porter County Commissioners Recognizing the Historical Value and Core Purposes of the Memorial Opera House

Com. Good, Scot could you come up and just sort of give everybody sort of a glimpse of what this is all about and the direction that you're marching towards here.

Mr. MacDonald, Certainly. We are marching towards a very solid direction focusing on the arts history and community with the Memorial Opera House. There are several grants out there that we are applying for funding for restoration of the Opera House. Again as you know we recently painted the building, thank you again for all of that. The auditorium looks fantastic, but with all of the grants that we're applying for some of them are County as well as the Memorial Opera House Foundation. The County ones we need to have something showing that these are our core values and since we're a department of the government we don't necessarily have that. So that is what we need the resolution for in order to show that and we're very very excited about all of the good things coming right now and in the future.

Com. Good, So this will keep us in compliance with any federal grant going forward.

Mr. MacDonald, Correct.

Com. Good, Any questions from the other board members?

Com. Biggs, Have we written those?

Mr. MacDonald, We have started to explore them. One of them is through the Indiana Historical Society. It is for \$50,000.00 and I believe that's due in March and Kate Sanders is who we are working with to write all of our grants. She is doing a fantastic job for us. We brought in almost \$126,000.00 in grant revenue for last year.

Com. Good, Great and we just approved her contract the last meeting. Any other questions? Do I have to this as a public meeting it's just a resolution?

Atty. McClure, No, it's just a resolution. We don't to read it, its part of the record.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Mr. MacDonald, Thank you!

Com. Good, Thanks Scot!

Consulting Proposal for Porter County – HR Unlimited Resources

Com. Good, Come on up. If you could state your name and the company you represent.

Ms. Bass, Hi I'm Suzy Bass and I am with HR Unlimited Resources and this is Gary Werlow he is also a consultant with HR Unlimited Resources. The proposal that we bring before you that we talked with you about at the conference when you came to our booth was to redo your employee handbook. The process of how we do the handbook is we take what handbooks that you might have and sometimes you have one or two or I think you may be working on one. We take those we go through those in detail and put those in a format that we feel is going to be easy for your employees to read. Then we go through and make sure that things that are by state law are in there. Then we make suggestions as to policies that you may not have in your current one. We'll go through and if we cannot understand that policy and we find that a lot of times that departments all using it differently because they interpret it differently. So we go through that and we'll meet either by teleconference which we had talked about or in person with whomever you designate to be your representative. Sometimes it's your department head, sometimes it's one or two but of course if we have a majority we have to do it as a public meeting. Then we'll just sit there and we'll go through the manual. We'll ask our questions, we'll offer suggestions on ways that you can save money and still offer the benefits and then we'll put it together in our draft. We'll send it back to you; give you a few weeks to go through it. Meet again with any further questions and then hopefully have a finished product by then. A lot of times when we're going through a manual there will be other things that come up that may stem from that. So if there is any other consulting that needs to be done we put that in as a separate. The cost of the

manual is \$6250.00. That covers everything, all of the hours. If it takes more hours than what we planned there is no more additional cost to you as the contract says. We have another proposal that if you need any additional consulting for whatever reasons that sometimes stem from the manual we put that in there and that is only if you all decide that you want that done.

Com. Good, Just at this point I would like to comment amongst the Commissioners here as we discuss this and move forward. The one thing that we're looking for is our employee manual hasn't been updated or really looked at for quite some time. One of the things when Pam Courtney came on board from our H.R. Department she started moving towards assembling a lot of the different things, details that we wanted to look at. So we have an old draft, we have a new draft that is not a public document yet. We're still working on it. It's a working document and those are the type of things that we wanted you folks to be able to take a look at. So everybody knows we will be benchmarking against other counties. We're not benchmarking against the business industry. We're benchmarking against other governments. So we just want to take a look at best practices out there. What are other counties doing? What fits here? What doesn't fit here? There is going to be anomalies in there we all understand that. I think the other thing that is very important at our last meeting we approved a contract for a company out of Indianapolis to start doing a much more open search for our health insurance for the counties too. I know that maybe caused some angst within some of the employees here in the County government. But it's something that we feel that we really need to do because it hasn't been vetted in quite a while and so we're going to do that. Our whole goal here is as we move towards the H.R. piece, we move towards the benefit piece we want to be able to come up with a comprehensive program for our employees. And I think the way things have been done here in the past it appears like we always do one thing but we don't address the other thing. So what we want to try to do here which is an H.R. best practice is to be able to deal with all of our rules, regulations, manuals, benefits everything in one package so we can actually weigh everything at one time rather than piece mailing and adding on. I think that is probably the reason we're in the situation that we are is because a lot of things have just been taken off, added on to, no one has ever come back and looked at the whole thing in a total picture. So that is our goal and that is what we discussed up here is how we want to approach this program. I just wanted to add that additional comment to the meeting so people understand sort of how we're going about this. Do we have any other comments?

Com. Biggs, I do really appreciate the thought of laying it out in such a way that best helps the employees understand it, because as you know that is half of the battle.

Ms. Bass, And we're very good about putting it in a language that everybody understands because if they don't understand it they're not going use it and if they don't use it and that's the other thing about going through the policies. We'll look at a policy, we have a policy that they do job evaluations and I'm like do you do them, no, than take it out. Or at least re-word it to where you may do it to where you if you choose to do, because if you don't use one policy the other ones aren't any good.

Com. Blaney, I think one of the things that we need to improve on is consistency too. So I liked that you touched on that.

Com. Good, Any other questions or comments from the Board?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve HR Unlimited Resources, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Bass, How will we get your manuals?

Com. Good, We will direct Pam Courtney who is in the audience.

Ms. Bass, I'll give her my card.

Com. Good, The information can exchange back and forth. I think Pam can probably handle most of your needs. If there is something else that needs to come from our office let us know Pam. Okay? Thank you.

P4 Global Consulting Agreement

Com. Good, The folks from P4 were unable to join us today. I can give you a very brief synopsis of what this agreement is, but this has to do with part of our HR consulting for 911 because there are some issues in the 911 Department that we have to sort of handle a little bit differently because of the uniqueness of the 911 Department. They are going to be looking at the same area but from a 911 perspective. There is a lot of different things that are a lot different over there in 911 than maybe are here for the regular employees. We wanted to make sure that we shored that piece of this up to as well. That is what that consulting agreement is for is as well. Any other questions from the Board?

Com. Biggs, Mr. Chairman you're right. The operations of 911 are unique in itself and that there is nothing similar outside of 911 that would allow us to utilize our HR Department in a way in which were going to utilizes P4 Global Consulting.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve P4 Global Consulting, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Animal Shelter Updates – *Unable to show Thumb drive. Tabled until February 21st Meeting.*

Com. Good, The Animal Shelter update that we had for you we were going to show you pictures but when we got here this morning to set it up our disk that we had was corrupted so the photos are no good. Hopefully at the next meeting we'll have some better more update to date pictures for you. We wanted to share in the progress, but a corrupted zip drive derailed us.

SHERIFF'S DEPT. – SHERIFF DAVE REYNOLDS

Award Jail Medical Proposal – Quality Correctional Care

Com. Good, I know the Sheriff's Department has done a pretty exhausted dive on this and I would like to open up the floor for you and tell us what it's all about.

Sheriff Reynolds, I first want to thank Edie and Scott your attorney. I think we learned a lot during this process on how you really should do it. We ended up where we needed to be. Like you said we went through both contracts and tried to put ourselves in your position as to what you would want. And as a result we sent you the comparative analysis as to what contract is going to be most responsive to our needs from an economical standpoint too. As you know that is a major operation in there, it is like having a hospital. It's 24/7. Where we've taken it is a lot better than where it was, but we think we could take it even farther. As a result without going through a lot of detail based on our due diligence and the comparative analysis that we did conduct we are recommending that we go to Quality Correctional Care. I can sight the reasons that we've sent to you, but if you want I can go over that too.

Com. Good, I know from my perspective the detail and information you sent me pretty much lays it out. I thought it was very straight forward as well too. It was easy to understand which this stuff isn't usually that easy to understand. I went down through it and I'm pretty satisfied I don't know about the rest of you.

Com. Biggs, As with anything of this size I'm alarmed by the cost. So much so that I asked Attorney McClure just exactly is our legal responsibility here.

Atty. McClure, its exhausted is what it is.

Com. Biggs, He made it clear we're under federal and state mandates. Nobody likes spending this amount of money, but we have too.

Com. Blaney, It will cost us a lot more now (Inaudible).

Com. Biggs, Yes, it will cost us a lot more if we didn't, but I do appreciate the work that the Sheriff's Department did in evaluating both contracts and coming to a conclusion that I think best fits our needs here.

Com. Good, I think as the Sheriff pointed out too it's a very significant amount of money. I mean we're talking in the \$1.5 million range here for this contract which is sort of where we've been sort of hovering around. Sheriff why don't you give us an overview as to some of the things you were looking for. I know I said I was satisfied but I'm thinking maybe I'm a little short sided for the record and like to hear your thoughts and how you came about all of this.

Sheriff Reynold, First of all Correct Care Solutions I think really took us probably where we needed to be back when you awarded that contract. Not to disparage Correct Care Solutions, but they had some shortcomings. A lot of it was they couldn't keep their staff and that was a problem for us. So we reached out to other counties to see what they were doing. Actually the former County Attorney Betty Knight who does a lot of your insurance and liability representation for the County, basically cold called me and said to look at this other company. She was representing a claim in another county. That got our attention. We knew we were getting close to this process about 5 or 6 months ago then we started contacting the other counties. We realized that most of the counties we were calling all were under Quality Correctional. So that kind of gave us an indication of where we might want to go. We talked to the Sheriffs, they were very positive on everything. You know when you're buying anything new they're going to tell you what you want to hear, but we have the opportunity to really see if everything they're saying are they actually doing it. Because of our due diligence with the other county we found out that they are. I think some of the good selling points is that they are only located in Indiana. So they are being responsive to what our needs are. 44 counties out of 92 and a lot of these are the larger counties compared to us. A lot of people look at us and say that we're not that large in Porter County, but we're the seventh largest county in the state. Our jail reflects that. The mere fact that the other company had one regional representative now you might ask why is that important? Well you know when we have issues we have to contact that person. They have 4 in the state and they also have several counties that are very close to us which regarding staffing issues when we have a staffing issue and you're going to have a staffing issue then they can pull from that. All of these regional representatives are also registered nurses. We went through psych meds, the HIV meds, the meds that cost us around \$90,000.00 a year. Those are things that we basically sat with them and tried to work that out and which we did. And we were happy with them. Everything that we asked them of what we wanted they complied with. To me that goes a long way too. The scrubbing of the bills was important. I've learned that in the last couple of years and even my first time around. I can't even imagine what we probably spent on prescription drugs by not scrubbing. The mere fact that we have to scrub is probably another argument for another day for another, I mean I don't understand that, but they bill you and then you find out what the real cost is and they do that. So that was a big plus. This is a lot of money and you know from the County's perspective and the taxpayer's perspective they want to know if they're getting the best bang for their buck. I think we are and the mere fact that you're sitting up there understanding the other side of the coin the liability part. That if we don't do it we could open up ourselves two or three times of what we are talking about here. Other than everything that I've put in here unless I'm missing something, I think those were the factors and variables that we took into consideration when we made our recommendation.

Com. Good, Thank you Sheriff.

Atty. McClure, The only thing I would have to add is that also in working through this with the Sheriff's Department Quality Correctional Care also is opened to and did revise the contract to include the same insurance coverage and indemnification for the

County that we had previously which I think helped quite a bit as far as our potential liability out there. So that is also included in this, so we're not losing that extra level of protection if we move from Correct Care Solutions to Quality Correctional Care.

Ms. Hahn, We do have the owner of the company here if you'd like us to introduce if you have any questions.

Com. Good, Thanks Edie. Any other questions from the Board? So in short you're basically saying you'd like to make a move because you are going to get better care and you're going to get better staffing and you're going to get support. It's pretty much apples to apples the dollar amount.

Com. Biggs, And better care as I'm receiving it is for the purpose of staying out of courtrooms.

Atty. McClure, Correct.

Ms. Hahn, We're also getting some more support, more nurses and also a budget for all the (Inaudible) and all that which we didn't have before.

Com. Good, Yes that \$10,000.00 right there just makes up the difference in the small amount and the difference in the quotes.

Sheriff Reynolds, There are several employees with the current company that we're very happy with and we made that very clear that we don't want them to be gone. A lot of them are sitting behind me. They're nervous and I told them not to be nervous because you can't price tag on a valued employee even though they're not my employee they come to work and represent our County very well.

Com. Good, That's important.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Quality Correctional Care, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Copier Consultants, Inc. – Sales, Service and Copier Maintenance Agreements

Ms. Hahn, This is a company we've had for years. I've tracked it back to 2008. So it's kind of a lease purchase type thing, but they're pretty well gone by the time the lease is up. A very price I've worked with them for a long time. They're service is excellent and our contracts up and we need to renew.

Com. Blaney, Why aren't you part of the program the rest of the County uses?

Ms. Hahn, Last year I did work with Sharon Lippens to look at what we get charged and what they get charged and we both came up with the fact that it was not worth switching and actually we did get a little bit of a better deal this time around.

Com. Good, Any other questions from the Board?

Com. Biggs, moved to approve Copier Consultants, Inc., Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Frontline Foundations, Inc. – Female Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment Program

Sheriff Reynolds, The best way to explain this last year we expanded our programs through a department corrections grant that affords us a lot of leeway as far our program is concerned. We brought in Frontline on a trial basis in the men's God Pod. Jay likes me to say it's the Life Principles Pod, but it's the God Pod. The responses that we got from interviewing the inmates have been beyond our expectations. They've been doing a real good job. It is a faith based program but it's been really well received. The last 4 or 5 months the females have been requesting a

similar program so we expanded this program. It was after we wrote the grant from the preceding year so it didn't cover it. We needed that money the \$4911.00 and we're taking it out of our user fee money with the understanding that it will get us to about July and then we've included this into our grant for this year so we're hoping to get that money. Basically we've expanded our programs involving the females.

Com. Good, Jay Birky oversees all of that Sheriff?

Sheriff Reynolds, Yes. We're paying Frontline it's a different program. It's a faith based program like I said. It's primarily focused on substance abuse and a lot of other things which is obviously a problem in our County.

Com. Blaney, Didn't you tell me before that 100% of the females in our Jail are drug related issues?

Sheriff Reynolds, When I was the Sheriff the first time in 1999 we had 11 females. I think today we're hovering between 70 and 75.

Com. Blaney, That's all drug related?

Sheriff Reynolds, So it's 100% drug related.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Frontline Foundations Inc., Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Colleen Daugherty, Support Analyst - Heroin Overdose Project Agreement.

Sheriff Reynolds, I think we talked about this before we went into an agreement with HIDA to hire an intel analyst on a temporary basis to see if it works. So far it's really working very well. When we have our court team our heroin overdose response team our primary goals without giving a lot of trade secrets is to ascertain certain items pursuant to search warrants. That information is downloaded. We needed an analyst to work with DEA to kind of connect the dots. We have a part-time person who works twelve hours a week. She is a law student and she has done a phenomenal job.

Ms. Hahn, This was approved last December. We couldn't get her up and running fast enough. So all we are doing on this contract is extending it from the time she started to the original twelve weeks. HIDAD is redoing their contract also. That's all it is.

Com. Good, You're just pushing it forward.

Ms. Hahn, Yes, we're just pushing it forward since we didn't start and then if it works out we'll come back after the contract is done.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Colleen Daugherty, Support Analyst, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, Thank you Sheriff, thank you Edie. I would just like to take the opportunity for the folks in the audience and those who may be watching this down the road I think this again shows everybody in our County the real problem we have with drugs in Porter County. I want to commend Sheriff Reynolds and his department for taking this head on, but I think what you saw today and the reason that I'm bringing this up is the financial impact to the County of this is as well. We all know about the stories and the heartbreaking stories of individual people of course we don't like that but in the same breath I just want to make it a point to show it translates back to your government and the money that we're spending to do that. A lot of that jail medical in there is for a lot of drug users that when they're using they don't take care of their body. They don't take care of their teeth. Their body starts breaking down from a wellness perspective and that again is one of things that we're combating with the jail medical. In one breath I want to thank the Sheriff for his proactive approach to this, but the other side of this it's

an economic impact to the County. I just want to put that in perspective. Thank you again.

PURDUE EXTENSION – ANNETTA JONES

Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Porter County Government

Ms. Jones, This is an update to the amount that the County Commissioners have approved for 2017. It just updates the amount for the services provided to the County which cover staff in order to implement programming for our 4H Program, Health and Human Sciences, Ag and Natural Resources and Community Development.

Com. Good, One thing that I would like to ask of the 4H and this is probably the place to ask, because I'm a big 4H fan. I grew up in the program. When they go ahead and prepare all of the printing this year for the Celebration Sale could you have someone put on the front of the cover that the programs are donated by Porter County Government?

Ms. Jones, Sure.

Com. Good, Because we print all of those and we didn't know that. When we find out about I just thought it would be a nice thing, because I don't a lot of people that go to the sale know that.

Ms. Jones, We would need your emblem to put on there, that would be no problem.

Com. Good, We could scratch one of those up for you. Thank you very much. It was a small ask, but a little bit of promotion never hurts anybody.

Ms. Jones, Also you had Jim you had come and talk to us about perhaps the Master Gardeners working on some landscaping.

Com. Biggs, That was actually an idea that Com. Blaney had. I was just the messenger.

Ms. Jones, So maybe I could come and talk to you about that.

Com. Blaney, Sounds great.

Com. Good, Laura wanted you tell them a little bit about what your thought was I think it's a great idea.

Com. Blaney, Out in front of the Courthouse we have the two big huge cement planters. Historically they've had native plants in them which kind of just end up looking like weeds. We really wanted to make a change there and make it beautiful. Valpo is looking good and we want to also. We thought maybe if we talked to the Master Gardeners Club that they might be interested in helping us out with that, taking a lead. They know what they're doing and it might be a great project a win win.

Ms. Jones, That's no problem. I think probably about 10 years ago the Master Gardeners helped a little bit with some landscaping around the outside of the building so different changes. It didn't continue but we'd be glad to.

Com. Biggs, We're looking to save some money. We don't expect to have them do this for nothing, but we're looking to save some money and also encourage that program.

Ms. Jones, We would love that.

Com. Good, We want to see our Master Gardeners in action.

Ms. Jones, I think they will do us proud.

Com. Good, I do too.

Com. Blaney, I'm sure they will.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Porter County Government, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – ALISON COX

2017 Newton County Contract

Com. Good, Good Morning Alison.

Ms. Cox, How are you?

Com. Good, Good, how are you doing?

Ms. Cox, Good. What you have in front of you is a new contract for us this year. Newton County approached me late last year saying that they really needed to use our Juvenile Detention Center because the facility that they used to use closed. So the judge and I spoke from Newton County about that and they would like to contract with us for 100 bed days this year at \$140.00 per day to the amount of \$14,000.00 in which this contract will guarantee them 1 bed in our facility at any given time. That is actually an increase in regards to per diem, because I know the County Council asked us last year if we would increase our per diem from 110 and we did do that. We did get Jasper County on board and I believe you approved that contract last month. I am working with one more county right now that is interested possibly using our facility as well.

Com. Good, Good.

Ms. Cox, I will let you know about that one.

Com. Good, Any other questions from the Board for Alison?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the 2017 Newton County Contract, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – VICKI URBANIK

Data Pit Stop Inc. – Quote for the Conversion from RDS Financial System to LOW Financial System

Ms. Urbanik, Good Morning Commissioners, attorney and staff. We have two things before you today. One deals with our highly anticipated conversion to a new financial software system. As you may remember last fall or actually last August you approved a contract for us to make this conversion to the LOW Financial System, which is the same vendor we use for the property tax component of our County. At the same time we contracted with our former IT Director at that time to do some of the high end tech work in converting these files. We are moving from one operating system with more than 20 years of built in funds and budgets and data. Much of which is obsolete now and we're moving into a whole new operating system. The technology part of this conversion is pretty intense. We contracted with her to help provide us some support. She understands the I Series and we have been utilizing her services. Several weeks ago she informed me that some of her job responsibilities have intensified at her new place and that she would not be able to work on this conversion as quickly as we would like it to go. What you have before you is an agreement with one of our other vendors Darren Bates from Data Pit Stop is the individual who helped us in 2015 move into the

21st century with respect to our excise tax program. It has been a wonderful program, highly successful and so we would like to utilize him for completing the conversion work. We are getting ready to enter into the conversion work full speed ahead. We are first on LOW's list for the conversion after all of the beginning of the year stuff that they have to do is completed. Meaning it's going to start (Inaudible) within a week and we are very ready to get started.

Com. Good, So are we.

Ms. Urbanik, Yes and just to let you know we have actually used LOW already part of our financial. We used LOW for our 1099's which was an incredibly smooth process and we also used them for the 1095 C's which was a better process then last year.

Com. Good, If we were to move for this company to help you Vicki, when do you think you would be able to have this all wrapped up? This isn't a trick bag, I'm just looking for general dates so we can sort of plan. One of the things I know from our perspective is when you get it and fired up and we don't want to mess with you right now on this. We're very anxious to see some of the reports and some the other things that this system will generate to help us better utilize some of the things that we're doing in our office. We're anxiously awaiting and that is the reason for my ask.

Ms. Urbanik, LOW has told us that they think that we can be converting in April. I want to emphasize though that we do want to run some test programs ahead of time especially with respect to payroll. We're looking at one or two test runs meaning we'll continue with payroll with our existing system then we'll do a mock payroll on LOW just to make sure everything is squared away because we really don't want to mess up payroll. So I'm hoping for April. Our staff is ready to go. We are devoting 100% of well other than our other duties, but this is our top priority project at the time. Several departments have also asked what does this mean for us is this a whole new system that we are going to have to learn for entering payroll and requisitions and the answer is yes it is, but we are going to do as much training as possible one on one training. We're starting from scratch so if you have heard some people saying that they are confused about how they work the system we're going to begin from scratch. Everyone is going to know how to enter payroll and requisitions properly.

Com. Good, And this is Windows based now?

Ms. Urbanik, Yes.

Com. Good, So we're moving from a DOS base, which is ancient to Windows which I think will expedite the training. Just because of the general knowledge that is out there we're hoping. Thank you. Any other questions from the Board?

Com. Biggs, Vicki a very short narrative but what does this mean for your office to have this system? What will it allow you to do that you can't do now?

Ms. Urbanik, How much time do you have? This is something that you will definitely get your (Inaudible). When the departments submit their budgets some submitted email, some submitted paper copy. The Auditor's office takes those numbers we enter each of those numbers line item by line item, salary by salary into that the format the County Council can see. We wanted to get away from all of that paper so now we're doing a spreadsheet. We have to hand enter all of those numbers and for the Gateway upload as well. Then we have to enter all of those numbers into the existing financial system. We can't just easily upload them. When we do that much data entry it only opens to mistakes. We try to proof read each other's work but sometimes some innocent errors do get through. So now we will not have to do four times the data entry on all of the County budgets. It will be entered in once maybe a secondary entry, but not the four times that we have to do now. So it's going to make our operations much more efficient. We hope that when things come up at budget hearing time when people want some information instead of scrambling which version of the budget we're looking for. We will have it all right there. I'm hoping we've been

starting to do more analytical work in our office like with the Comp Time report. We have some fantastic staff members and I want to utilize their intelligence to the best of their capability to start doing more analysis type of work. When we have to spend all of our time doing data entry that takes away from the time that they can be spending doing budget forecasts and analysis.

Com. Biggs, Thank you.

Com. Good, Well said. Any other questions from the Board?

Com. Biggs, moved to approve Data Pit Stop Inc., Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Commissioners Certificate Sale discussion and Contract

Ms. Urbanik, Okay Commissioners as you know our office is asked to review the proposals that have been received for running your Commissioners' Certificate Sale. Here is a real quick background. Every year typically in October Porter County has held a tax sale. This is putting the parcels that have been delinquent on their taxes up for sale. Essentially it's not really a sale, it's to allow bidders to purchase a lien on that property. We have done that consistently as a County every year from what I can tell. We have been less consistent in doing the Commissioners' Certificate Sale, because any properties that don't sell at tax sale in a sense get transferred to you in the form of a certificate that you the Commissioners have the authority to sell these parcels at a certificate sale. The last certificate sale in Porter County was in 2013 and we're not quite sure on when the one before that was. We do not have in our office, and I'm not trying to knock my office but we do not have that experience with running the Commissioners' Tax Sale just because the people who used to do it aren't really there anymore. We do have one person who was involved in the 2013 sale. So we are interested in assisting you in running the best certificate sale possible. We were told that there were two proposals received. One was with our existing vendor who has been with us for many years in running the tax sale and when the Commissioners will decide to have a certificate sale. We received another proposal. We have been reviewing these proposals. I think it's fair to say we've tried to do our due diligence in a short period of time. We've reviewed the written documentation and we have also in person met with both of them. We didn't need to do a run through of the software for our existing vendor. We already know how they operate we already know what everything looks like. But we did do a run through with the software for the competing vendor if you will. Both of the proposals call for running the certificate sale on a fee based percentage. That means that every parcel that is sold the vendor would receive a percentage of the sale. The County doesn't directly pay this fee. It's deducted from the sale price. Just so we know how this works. Originally one of the proposals called for a fee of 15% and the other one called for a fee of 7% and to translate that to dollars if we look at the last Commissioners' Sale which generated about \$28,500.00 in the bidding prices a 7% fee translates to \$2000.00 and a 15% fee would translate to about \$4300.00. So a difference of just over \$2200.00 between these two vendors. As I said we had a sit down meeting with both of these vendors and we tried to go over some of the proposals. One of the vendors, the one that proposed the 15% cost was pretty much all inclusive. There were no other charges added. The one with the 7%, we do have some questions about their proposal because we asked them to put it in writing in terms of what could these other costs be and we received their contract yesterday afternoon and we do have some additional questions about the additional costs that we might incur and I'll zero in on one area. One of the vendors has an on staff attorney so if there are legal questions about the tax certificates the onsite attorney will review those certificates ahead of time. The other one does not have an on staff attorney so we believe that we would be occurring any additional legal fees. Will there be any we don't know at this time. As I said both of them did revise their proposals so now as of this morning we have two proposals submitted both calling for a 7% fee.

Com. Biggs, Imagine that.

Ms. Urbanik, And I have not been able to get the new proposals to.....

Atty. McClure, I don't have the new 7%, okay. So both vendors are 7%?

Ms. Urbanik, Yes they are.

Com. Blaney, And one has additional fees but we don't know exactly what they are?

Ms. Urbanik, Correct.

Atty. McClure, Okay.

Com. Biggs, I'm curious as to how SRI came down exactly at 7%. Were they told what the other one had offered?

Ms. Urbanik, They said that they would match the other one.

Com. Biggs, That they would just match it, whatever it was.

Ms. Urbanik, And so I said 7%, I think that's how it went and they said yes.

Atty. McClure, Yes it's not a closed bid it was just a request for a proposals.

Com. Good, Well it sounds to me that you have a few more thing to vet out yet. Is that what you're saying? On the expense side or?

Atty. McClure, Or are we at this point ready to say that....so SRI is 7% they're all inclusive and Onyx is 7% but may have some additional attorney fees. May have.

Ms. Urbanik, Yes, we do need to get that clarified.

Atty. McClure, We can move forward if we want to, if we're ready.

Com. Good, I guess my question is what do we need clarified?

Atty. McClure, Well the only thing clarified would be Onyx does not have an on staff attorney so there could potentially be some additional costs from a legal perspective on the tax certificates themselves. We don't have that worry with SRI because SRI has an on staff attorney and that is part of their overall sale. I would also point out that our last sale in 2013 was an online sale. So we were quite disappointed in the participation in that sale so we are hoping that doing a live sale, at least fingers crossed that we have substantially more participation so we don't have a total number like \$28,000.00 this time around. Plus from looking at the list of properties that Danielle from your office has worked very hard to put together we have quite an expansive list of properties. I also not to making this any longer than it is but part of our problem on going back to what you're trying to make it a division between tax sale and Commissioners' Certificate Sale part of what I believe is occurring also we are recycling so to speak all of these properties, because we are not having regular certificate sales are just getting recycled through the tax sale every year. Even though for the most part we're pretty sure they're not going to be bid on at the tax sale because of kind of where those tax dollars have gone and where the piece of property is actually worth. So we're also at some extent potentially having some additional costs through our tax sale because we're running quite a few parcels through the tax sale that have been through tax sale several times, because they didn't sell. So we are attempting to try to weed that down so that when we do a tax sale we're not just recycling old parcels and this is kind of the avenue to do it. With that said.

Com. Good, My only comment would be that the \$4200.00 savings I don't think is probably a good comparison. I know that is the only number that you have go with. Just looking at the list the sale is going to be a lot more.

Ms. Urbanik, Everyone who is involved in this whether it's our office, SRI or Onyx agrees that a live of sale will likely generate more sales. Just to give you some perspective the last tax sale a decision was made to put it online. Probably trying to do something new, seeing if would be more efficient or affective. Of the parcels that were up for sale there were 281 parcels and 57 sold. It's only 20% sales ratio. This year we have 491 up for certificate sale. We not only have more parcels because we've been recycling them but hopefully it's going to be live. We would like that to be live both of the proposals call for it being live.

Atty. McClure, It's going to be live.

Ms. Urbanik, Yes, and it's going to be live.

Com. Blaney, Do we have sort of time constraint?

Atty. McClure, We do. If you want to go through a little bit of the time constraints.

Ms. Urbanik, From the time that you agree to hold a certificate sale and then sign the resolution to that affect. We have to prepare the legal notice. It's a listing in the newspaper of all parcels eligible for the certificate sale. That notice has to be published three times and then the very last publication there is a waiting period for 30 days before you can actually hold the sale. One of my concerns is that we need to hold the sale, I would prefer that we hold the sale between the time period that my office completes tax abstract versus that the time period that tax bills go out just to minimize the amount of work that my office has to do as well as the confusion with the taxpayers paying their tax bills, questioning how they can redeem their property, etc. So we are under a time frame. If we do put this off until your next meeting February 21st it is still doable but we're cutting it very very very close.

Com. Biggs, How many properties are we talking about here?

Com. Blaney, 491.

Com. Good, Vicki I want to thank your office first of all for going through the bidding process. I know with everything that you have going on with the financial software and everything. I know when thought the other potential bidder or quoter or whatever we want to call it in front of you I know that put a lot more work on you but I also think it is sort of in line with what this Board has been talking about that we're going to take a look at everything. I think today out in front of everybody they saw why we're doing this. I just want to thank you though because I know that was a lot of time that you had to put in to doing that but I think the benefit is we're going to save some money on the sale. Now we just have to make sure that the right people pull it off and that is what you're concerned about I get that.

Ms. Urbanik, And I want to commend the Commissioners too. Not just for doing your due diligence and opening it up to potential others to see what's out there, but also for agreeing to have a Commissioners' Sale. It's been a little too long.

Com. Good, It's been a little too long.

Ms. Urbanik, (Inaudible) those properties back on the tax sale and stop this recycling of the properties.

Com. Biggs, Mr. Chairman if I may. I believe competition is a good thing. I think that we've already seen the dividends by opening this up and bringing more competition into the building. It's also my understanding that this Onyx is a local company. Commissioners I'm in favor of let's try out the new kid on the block. It's already proved to make the pricing a little more pat able.

Com. Blaney, I'd like to hear those extra costs clarified because it looks like SRI is not going to cost the County anything and the taxpayers that are buying these

properties are going to get the same cost but with this other one we might be paying for the attorney. I want to get it clarified.

Com. Biggs, I understand but Vicki didn't you say it's cutting it pretty close if we put this off until the next meeting?

Ms. Urbanik, Yes, we would have to move forward very quickly in getting that ad out to the newspaper.

Com. Biggs, I think Laura makes a good point. Check with them and go back to Onyx and see if Onyx is willing to incorporate the cost of that attorney into that 7% fee. If not then I think our decision is easy.

Ms. Urbanik, So can I say that we need to turn this over to the County Attorney because it's potentially getting in to legal interpretation of what is exactly not by being (Inaudible).

Com. Biggs, If you say so, fine. What do you think Scott?

Atty. McClure, Unfortunately I missed that part.

Com. Good, We were here looking at some dates and some other things. If we did put this off until the next meeting we could see if we could call a special meeting the week before just to address this issue. That would give you the additional time that you need. It sounds to me like we have a little bit more to figure out to do, but we also don't want to put you up against the wall either Vicki.

Ms. Urbanik, We think that the very earliest that we could have this if we don't get the agreement in place until February 21st would be the week of April 17th if we go with SRI and the week of April 24th if we go with Onyx. And what is the difference, because SRI already has all of the data in in their system in terms of how that legal notice needs to be prepared we would not have that delay. Onyx would have to get the data, the new list together. So that is why there would be a delay. It would have to be during one of those two weeks.

Com. Biggs, That list that SRI has is our list, correct?

Ms. Urbanik, Yes, it's in their data base.

Com. Biggs, Just plug it in to Onyx's.

Ms. Urbanik, This would be part of the review if SRI would charge us for that. So we don't know when tax bills will go out but that is around the same time they should be out or they should be out a little bit earlier actually.

Com. Biggs, So you're talking about a meeting, when?

Com. Good, Our next meeting is February 21st.

Com. Blaney, Sounds like we should try to meet before then just for this issue.

Com. Good, Yes, but my schedule is pretty bad.

Com. Blaney, Is it?

Com. Good, Yes that is the problem.

Com. Biggs, Me and Laura could do it. Mr. Chairman if it's not an issue with you I don't see why the two of us can't hold a special meeting.

Com. Good, I agree. I don't want to hold up Vicki here but I also think we need to vet this a little bit more. Who knows there might be a little bit more meat on the bone too so it's worth asking.

Com. Biggs, I agree.

Atty. McClure, We don't have to set the special meeting right this second, but we're looking at the week before hand. The week of Valentine's Day and we can get that together and figure out that day or during that week and do a special meeting to address this. I want everyone to recognize you had these two vendors basically throwing different numbers at you from all the way through this morning. Even though I know you were meeting with one of the vendors yesterday this has been difficult to keep all of the numbers straight and going in the right direction. I appreciate your work on it though.

Com. Good, Yes, we do Vicki.

Ms. Urbanik, It's been our pleasure.

Com. Biggs, So are we going to meet on the 14th?

Com. Good, I think we can look at our schedules afterwards and get together. Let's keep moving forward here. We've got a lot of folks in the room that need to get some things done here. Thank you Vicki again!

Ms. Urbanik, Scott I will turn over the proposals to you.

Atty. McClure, Yes.

Ms. Urbanik, Thank you!

PARKS DEPARTMENT – WALTER LENCKOS & ATTY. DAVE HOLLENBECK

An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Deposit of Proceeds from an Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Grant to Porter County Park Department

Com. Good, Welcome gentlemen.

Atty. Hollenbeck, Good Morning. If Scott had any angst with Com. Good referenced to a 1 year agreement I'll remind him that I had 33 one year agreements as the County Council lawyer. We're here this morning because of Walter's continuing success in securing other people's money to do functions and have activities and acquire property here in Porter County. This involves an Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Grant and I'll let Walter explain the use of the money to you.

Mr. Lenckos, This is to acquire 15 acres to the east of the existing Brincka Cross Gardens (Inaudible) up in Pine Township. The land became available to us about a year and a half ago and (Inaudible) two years now. So this being matched by some of the very last Bicentennial Nature Trust Grants as well as about \$7000.00 out of our non-reverting fund to acquire this property.

Atty. Hollenbeck, And you should have an ordinance in front of you pursuant to the request of our County Auditor and State Board of Accounts every time we get a grant like this the Commissioners need to open a separate fund into which the money is deposited and distributed. So if you could consider that. We need to change the name of the Auditor on the form. This is the past has necessitated two readings and maybe if you could approve it on first reading I'll make the change on the form.

Atty. McClure, We need a motion to suspend the rules and to allow for this to pass on this on first reading we would vote on that first and then if we get a unanimous we could go and do the public hearing and do this in one meeting.

Com. Good, Do we have a motion to suspend the rules?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, did not approve to suspend the rules.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Good, Is there.....

Com. Biggs, Commissioners my concern here is it appears that we keep attaining park acreage, but I don't see a lot of opportunity or the internal resources to develop that property. Case in point Brookdale, it is sitting there and it has sat there for years and has not been developed. Since that time it has been taken off of the tax rolls. It's grossly underutilized there are some fisherman some people go out there and fish when the weather allows it. I'm very concerned about pursuing federal grant money because we can and in this case grabbing another 15 acres to do what with it. I can make an argument we don't have the resources to develop it. Somebody needs to explain that to me. I keep seeing this playing over and over again.

Mr. Lenckos, So the intention of the acquisition is for most of it to remain passive as is. It's woodlands and wetlands similar to the existing Brincka Cross Gardens so there is a specific environmental benefit to it. That land does drain immediately into Lake Michigan so this fits within the Salt Creek Watershed Management Plan. This also fits within the NRPC 20/40 Plan requiring land around the National Lakeshore and the State Park. It also fits within the Porter County Board of Parks and Recreations master plan to acquire unprotected woodlands and wetlands. On top of that it gives us a small area near Furness Road that is already graveled over because the previous owner used it as a staging site for their landscaping company so we can actually have a real parking lot up there which we haven't before, Commissioners if of you can recall. It was 6 years ago when we started this whole process acquiring 46 acres to the north and then the 15 acres to the west the seed funding for that came from this Board. They gave us some funding so we could put in the loop drive and it provided the match for the original Lake Coastal Program to do the planning and designing for the existing facility. We're just continuing to follow through. I absolutely 100% agree with your concerns. We continue to be one of the, if not the lowest funded Parks Departments in the State of Indiana and I think the Park Board and I and the (Inaudible) would actually relish additional funding.

Com. Biggs, Well Walter that certainly wasn't my point. As coming off of the County Council I think the Parks Department is fairly funded when compared to other departments within county government. I think we do what we could afford to do. That may not always be enough but it is what we feel we could afford to do. Again, I'm concerned and I understand the benefits in environmental benefits of purchasing that and just letting it set there, but I question whether or not we can afford to keep doing this. That is just where I'm coming from. I know you're efforts are legitimate and you're doing what you get paid to do, but I also get paid to do certain things so that is why I'm asking the question.

Com. Good, Well we are in a public meeting right now right?

Atty. McClure, Yes.

Com. Good, With that I would like to open up the floor to anyone who would like to speak in favor of this ordinance please come forward, first try. We have a taker. Please come up and state your name and address.

Mr. Peters, Mitch Peters, 112 East Riverview Ct., Valparaiso, Indiana. I just want to say I'm involved with tourism. I've been to the Brincka Cross facility. What they're doing is they have been developing it. Parking is a huge issue out there. I understand the concern about acquiring additional property but we do need parking on that facility and it is utilized. It's a nice facility in the County, it's on the north side. I know they're

working on Center Township in the south, we do need something there as well. So I would certainly support (Inaudible).

Com. Biggs, You're not talking about turning that 15 acres into a parking lot are you?

Mr. Peters, As I understood he said there is some parking there.

Com. Biggs, So it's not strictly all environmental.

Mr. Lenckos, I'm sorry.

Com. Biggs, It's not all about the environment?

Mr. Lenckos, Well no part of it is the fact that we're trying to follow the plan but also provide an access to (Inaudible).

Com. Biggs, I get it.

Mr. Lenckos, I want to be clear that this particular program the State is actually buying a conservation easement (Inaudible) which restricts the use of the property. We already had an agreement with DNR that they understand that that is what we're doing to increase the access and assess ability to it, but there is going to a conservation (Inaudible).

Com. Biggs, I get it. My concern is continuing adding to this inventory of acreage and we have to insure it and we have to maintain it.

Com. Good, Anybody in favor of this ordinance please come forward second calling? Third calling anyone else wanting to come forward to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone in favor in speaking against this ordinance? Anyone in favor of speaking against this ordinance, second call? Third call anyone in favor of speaking against this ordinance?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Good, Any comments from the Commissioners?

Com. Biggs, I've made mine.

Com. Blaney, I share the concern with the property but I do think this is part of the bigger plan that we've started and that what we already have will get more use with parking. It is a nice facility. Those are my thoughts.

Com. Good, The only question that I have, I don't know if it's pertinent to this or not, but with the recent announcement by the City of Valparaiso wanting to expand their presence in Center Township and taking more park ground I guess or it's probably under our authority or the unincorporated areas we don't really have a park in that unincorporated area. I just wanted to know if you were going to go back and if you've been talking about addressing your plan going forward, because I think that is a big impact issue here for us in unincorporated Porter County. We're taking a lot of area in the center of the County out from under our jurisdiction so to speak and I just didn't know if that was something you were going to go back on and look at and study a little bit more. I don't know if there is an allocation of resources or anything like that I'm just asking.

Atty. Hollenbeck, The mechanism for that has been a collaborative relationship between the township and the City of Valparaiso. The township of course encompasses the same unincorporated area that your referencing.

Com. Good, Right.

Atty. Hollenbeck, And I've been somewhat involved in that and it is not my recollection that collaborative effort considers the acquisition of significant property estate. Use of the existing property the most obvious of which is the Heavlin Road Elementary School property that was acquired and designed for non-school type use as well and they will be facilitating of that. Walter has been in contact and communication with that new entity which is the combined township and city park people.

Com. Good, All fair and square if there is land being taken away I think it just needs to.....you talked about plan and all I'm saying is our plan needs to be....if that goes through our plan needs to be amended I would think right?

Atty. Hollenbeck, Correct.

Com. Good, And that is all I was asking.

Mr. Lenckos, Quick advertorial if you will the Park Board is in the process of updating further DNR regulations. Our 5 year plan right now we'll see another update Thursday evening from the committee. We have another meeting the same day you guys are in (Inaudible) on May the 14th. So yes we are moving forward addressing all of those items.

Com. Blaney, As far as acquiring more acreage on top of all of the acreage that you have are there any properties that we're not making use of, that we may get rid of, or sell?

Atty. Hollenbeck, I guess I have to ask you for the definition using. There certainly has been property that's been acquired the intent of which is to preserve and protect open space. Once a piece of property is developed as a subdivision you've lost that opportunity to preserve it and protect it as an open space. There is a perception that that needs to occur in order to preserve and protect the quality of life of the citizens of Porter County. You can only do that before the land is developed. So if there has been a proactive effort to take some of that land and acquire it and set it aside with not necessarily an active activity planned on the property but to use it for trails and low intensity type use to protect the open space whether it's for habitat for animals or for other environmental reasons. That is one of the things that has been the Park Board plan for years.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Ordinance on the 1st Reading, Com. Good, seconded, motion carried. Com. Biggs, opposed.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – WALTER LENCKOS & ATTY. DAVE HOLLENBECK

A request for approval to use the Administration Building rotunda on Thursday, February 2nd at 5 p.m. to hold a reception to thank the volunteers who assist the Porter County Board and Department of Parks and Recreation. The Board of Commissions as well as other elected officials are also invited

Mr. Lenckos, The last several years we've taken the opportunity just to say a brief thank you to the folks serve in a variety of capacities within the park's system. We have lots of volunteers who do a lot of different tasks. So Thursday evening the Park Board (Inaudible) rotunda, hang out some certificates, say thanks, slice up some fattening cake (Inaudible).

Com. Good, For those of you in the audience it says Tuesday up there, but it is Thursday. Any questions Commissioners?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

PORTER COUNTY TOURISM – DAVE HOLLENBECK

Porter County Tourism Venue Cooperative Funding and Development Agreements for the Memorial Opera House, Museum and Expo Center

Atty. Hollenbeck, The Visitor's Commission appears before you today to receive your approval of what we have come to call the Venue Agreements. Pursuant to agreements reached within the County Council, the Commissioners and the Visitor's Commission a portion of the innkeepers tax is annual committed directly to the 4 entities that you and the County Council have identified that is the Expo Center, the Memorial Opera House, the County Museum and the Park Department. Three of those venues are under your jurisdiction. The Expo Center, the Opera House and the Museum and a total of \$150,000.00 is allocated this year out of the Visitor's Commission budget and that constitutes \$38,120.00 committed to the Expo, the Opera House and the Museum and the \$35,640.00 to the Park Department. The Park Board will approve their agreement Thursday night and we're here today asking the Commissioners to approve the 3 venues that are under your jurisdiction. The agreements do provide that the money is to be expended in a promotion/tourism utilization increasing annual season. So these types of projects and these venues do have a responsibility under the agreements to report back to the Visitor's Commission about how they're using the money and it's going. Lorelei and Mitch Peters our President are both here with me today and any questions you may have will be happy to answer but this is somewhat of a routine matter that we've done for many years.

Com. Good, David are you saying that the Park's agreement will be here at our next meeting?

Atty. Hollenbeck, No I'm saying that the Park's agreement would be approved by the Park Board and they will be approving it at their meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Peters, Over and above this we're also working in cooperation with all of the venues right now. We're sending out a marketing director, we're working on identifying the priorities and projects (Inaudible, not sitting near a mic.) and how we can assist them over and above the financial assistance that we're providing, but also trying to help them in moving forward with their missions and identifying specifically what those missions are (Inaudible) and I think from the report I got this week it's going well. Hopefully we'll have more information (Inaudible). We're trying to do the best we can.

Com. Good, Thank you!

Com. Blaney, I think our venues are doing very well right now and I think some of that can be attributed to more marketing, the increased marketing we've been able to do. Without marketing the venues nobody knows what's going on there.

Atty. Hollenbeck, We don't want to keep our under (Inaudible).

Com. Blaney, Exactly, so I think this is a really great expenditure and I appreciate it.

Atty. Hollenbeck, I think you should have before you those agreements absent the typo mistake. I think they're ready for your approval if you are so inclined.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve all three venue agreements, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

VOTERS REGISTRATION – SUNDAE SCHOON

Ellis Systems Equipment Service Agreement – Annual maintenance for the filing system

Com. Good, Kathy come on up. Sorry for the wait.

Ms. Kozuszek, Good Morning. As you can see I'm not Sundae Schoon I'm Kathryn Kozuszek. I've been with the Porter County Voter Registration office as of the 22nd 17 years.

Com. Good, Congratulations.

Ms. Kozuszek, I'd like you to acknowledge that I am here respectfully in front of you when I was not called upon to come to you, Sundae Schoon. Anytime my offices is called in front of the board it's always directed to Sundae Schoon. Voter Registration office operates under Indiana Code and State Statute, which clearly states there are two directors, co-directors. We operate together. So I would as for in the future is my office is called in front of this board in a formal or informal setting that I be included in that correspondence.

Com. Biggs, Fair enough.

Com. Blaney, Fair enough.

Ms. Kozuszek, Thank you.

Atty. McClure, And Kathy just so you know your office sent this up to us. Just so you know this wasn't us sending it down to you guys this was somebody down there sending it up here.

Ms. Kozuszek, Okay, but just so you know on record that we share that we share that, we are co-directors of that office. Not one person runs that office.

Atty. McClure, If we ever need to request you to be on the agenda we will address it to both of you.

Ms. Kozuszek, Thank you.

Com. Biggs, I don't think anybody up here even knew that it was only being offered to one of you.

Ms. Kozuszek, Well right before the meeting it was determined that Sundae was not here today so they came down specifically in a panic for Sundae. I just need it to be known that that office is a co-director office.

Atty. McClure, I think Sundae turned it in. That's why it ended up having Sundae's name on it.

Ms. Kozuszek, Okay, but for future.

Atty. McClure, Yes.

Com. Good, We're chasing paper with names on it. Sorry.

Ms. Kozuszek, I've shown the curtesy and respect for coming up here today where I could have just let it go but I'm here for the good of my office with regards to this contract.

Com. Good, Thank you. Do you have any questions?

Atty. McClure, I don't.

Ms. Kozuszek, Do you want to know what this is?

Com. Good, We did some investigating and at least I know what it's for. I think it's needed.

Ms. Kozuszek, Well it's very old. As far as my records go back it was purchased in 6 of 1991 so it's decades old.

Com. Good, It's an antique.

Ms. Kozuszek, The contract goes up minimal each year to service it. The original people we purchased it from went out of business and another company took it over. It is very antique, but it's what we keep the voter's master files on, what we call the master records. We have it serviced no less than 2 times a year so it is getting old. It still currently serves its purpose.

Com. Biggs moved to approve Ellis Systems Equipment Service Agreement.
Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Kozuszek, If I can ask one more thing. I hear about this building and everything, if I could ask the three of you to keep in mind that we can't keep running big elections out of that office downstairs we need more space. The ambulance was called to this building twice while people waited in a hot hot hallway to vote. So as we go forward next year is a County wide election another big one and then we have the cities and towns and then we're going back into a presidential. I ask that you look, we researched this year back about getting more space for our office. We have equipment down in the basement in this room that room running. In May we had voter's voting upstairs and then they were forced downstairs. We were forced to come in here to teach to our classes. It's very disruptive, we need to think. The County is only growing. When I started here we had 56,000 registered voters. We are close to 130,000. We're going to get ready to do a purge here, but I think we'll only drop off about 5,000 from that purge. With all of the growth in the County people just continually to register to vote. We will easily see us grow to the numbers that Lake County has. Just based on 56,000 to where we're at now. So we need to start thinking room.

Com. Good, I hear your request. I would also say to the Voter's Registration office since you're the ones that are responsible for the election, well I'm talking in general terms and I apologize and I don't want to upset anybody that was not my intent. What I'm trying to say is that I think a little input from you folks as to what you need from a requirement standpoint. All I ever hear is it's not good enough but I don't ever hear anybody telling me what they need and if we have to go out and rent a spot or.....

Ms. Kozuszek, I think we need to wait and hear back what do you need rather than us coming. If you want Sundae and I to work on that and present that to you as we did 8 years ago in front of a different set of Commissioners we'll be happy to do that. For the voters of Porter County we can't keep going on.

Com. Good, I understand. All I'm trying to say is I can't go out and look at places and try to decide where things need to go without having the folks that are actually doing this.

Ms. Kozuszek, So Mr. Good are asking that Sundae and I look at what our needs are?

Com. Good, Yes, I do believe we are.

Ms. Kozuszek, Well I appreciate that.

Com. Good, I think we have to work together on that and I don't want to get into your business and tell you what needs to happen, but on the other hand I need a little help and a little feedback. I guess that is what I'm trying to say. Fair?

Ms. Kozuszek, Sounds real good. Appreciate it, have a good day.

Com. Good, Thank you, you too.

ANIMAL SHELTER – TONI BIANCHI

Washburn Machinery, Inc. – Sales Contract and Security Agreement for the washer and dryer at the new Animal Shelter

Com. Good, Hi Toni.

Ms. Bianchi, Hi.

Com. Good, Let's talk about laundry equipment for the Animal Shelter .

Ms. Bianchi, This contract is for 2 washing machines and 3 dryers. We do approximately 8 loads of laundry per day right now with the capacities that we have. We expect those to increase. So this is why we are asking for 2 washers and 3 dryers to try to keep up. If we just had 1 washer we would probably be washing clothes for 16 hours a day.

Com. Good, Just so the other Commissioners know I was involved in helping them size laundry equipment. Being in the hotel business we do a lot of that. I think how we vetted this and how what we ended up with equipment wise, price wise and everything else I think we got a pretty good deal and I think it's going to help the Animal Shelter going forward. I don't think we'll have any problems going forward with this new equipment. We'll have robust laundry equipment there which is good and it's all commercial equipment too.

Com. Good, moved to approve the Washburn Machinery, Inc. Agreement, Com. Blaney, seconded, moved

Com. Good, Let's go do some laundry.

Com. Blaney, You can come start at my house

FACILITIES – MATT STECHLY

Mitsubishi Electric – Quote for the Sheriff's Dept. UPS Power System

Mr. Stechly, Last month or two months ago we did the Mitsubishi contract for 911 UPS. It appears, I didn't know this the Sheriff also has a much much smaller UPS system for a different (Inaudible) units and they were installed at the same time. So this one also is in critical red. We don't need batteries but we need some capacitors, some fans it needs some serious maintenance totaling \$11,698.00. Mitsubishi is the sole provider of their equipment so there really isn't an issue if we go out for quotes. So I come asking for your approval to get this equipment up to speed and be done with it.

Com. Good, I believe that comes out of the Jail fund.

Mr. Stechly, Correct.

Com. Good, So that is being paid by the Jail fund.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Mitsubishi Electric, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ANDY MCKAY

A request for Additional Appropriation from Fund #9400 in the amount of \$70,000.00 to Account #3950 Contractual Services to pay for Bridge 1008 invoices – Community Crossing Project

Com. Good, You had a couple of head fakes this weekend.

Mr. McKay, Yes, we didn't know if it was going to quit snowing or keep snowing.

Com. Good, I know, I think we made the right calls. That's all you can do. For the Board for Com. Biggs who was on the Council but not on the Commissioners the Community Crossing Project is the matching money from the State that we have on the local match from last year. This was one of the bridges that we chose to repair and fix that we received State money match from. We're just catching up on all of the paperwork now. We've been funded the \$1 million from the State we have that money. Now we're just paying our bills back out. Just to let everybody know.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

A request for Additional Appropriation from Fund #9400 in the amount of \$1,730,894.00 to Account #2362 Bituminous to pay for Paving Roads – Community Crossing Project

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Agreement for Inter-Agency Snow and Ice Control

Com. Good, This agreement is Andy and our team have worked with the City of Valparaiso to develop an inter-agency snow and ice agreement. Basically what that is it's an agreement between the City and the County and basically outlines who plows what road and who salts what road. Because as some of you may or may not know we have some roads in the County that are territorial and boundary sort of question marks. We have these areas that turn into no man's land and what we've tried to do is through our Highway Department and the City of Valpo is put this down on writing so we all know who is responsible for what and I think this will help going forward. Thank you for your time and effort seeing to the City of Valparaiso.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, Will we be doing this with other cities?

Mr. McKay, Most of them we don't interact with many roads. Valpo we have so many roads. They have a section and we have a section and basically it saves everybody money. It saves Valpo money, it saves us money. We don't both run the same roads.

Com. Good, A lot of that area is the VLACD area up there in the Conservancy District up on the north part of the lakes. We actually printed out a map this year in our office and when you look at it you just sort of scratch your head and you look at it. It would be something we would like to tackle down the road but I think we have a lot of other fish to fry right now. This agreement will help it out in the meantime and maybe we could start working toward better resolve down the road. Thank you Andy.

ITS – DON WELLSAND

NITCO Sales Quote – Hardware for the new Animal Shelter

Mr. Wellsand, I have 3 things for today. I think you have a contract in front of you for NITCO. The internet access for the Animal Shelter.

Com. Good, moved to approve, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, Let's go get Wi-Fi for those dogs.

Mr. Wellsand, NITCO's latest date was February 10th and once the floors are dry on the 15th we'll move in and get internet access (Inaudible).

Com. Good, Thanks Don.

Com. Biggs, Mr. Chairman so the public understands it. Wi-Fi is extremely important for that facility and when payments are made with a credit card they have to have Wi-Fi. We're not just doing it for the dogs. Sorry Jeff.

Com. Blaney, I'm pretty sure nobody thought that.

Com. Good, I don't know my dog has an app.

Com. Biggs, I saw half of the heads out the audience go yes for the dogs.

Adams Remco – Copier Purchase and Maintenance Agreement – Clerk's office 1st Floor. The previous copier purchased was returned by the Clerk due to it being the incorrect size.

Mr. Wellsand, Your Board approved a copy machine for the Clerk at the last meeting or the meeting before maybe. The size was too big for what the Clerk wanted so she went back to Adams Remco. Got everything straightened out and this is the contract for the new smaller copy machine.

Com. Good, moved to approve, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, Don just a question while we're on the Clerk's office. Have you been working with the Clerk on the situation over at the Courthouse and all that, have you met now finally and starting to get your needs together and all that? We have 2 things that we're working on. One is the 1099's for the Clerk's office and the other one is E5 for the Clerk and of course and the Prosecutor's. I really need to sit down with the 4 of you and discuss these (Inaudible) issues.

Com. Good, Yes I was surprised when I saw that. We've doing this for how many years and now all of sudden this year we have an issue. I think that is some of the things we need to address with the Clerk. As well as the other odyssey implantation that needs to happen over at the Courthouse too with all of the new screens and laser printers or scanners and everything that is going on over there.

Mr. Wellsand, I actually got another request today from a judge for lap tops and scanners. I just tell them I'm meeting with the Commissioners on it. We need to decide what we want to do.

Com. Good, Yes, It's really hard for us to budget with your IT budget and then in January everybody throws all of these new things on you and nobody told you about any of it when you're doing your budgets. I think we're going to be taking a little bit harder line on this stuff to try to push things into budgets to let the Council look at it down the road. We also understand if there is emergencies and other things we'll be there to help out but I think we also need to be teaching some discipline here and sort of pushing things back to the budget process. That is when these things get vetted out. That is when they should be vetted out. It's just planning that's all it is. Thank you for getting in the middle of some of that stuff, because I know it has been a little contentious at best but thank you.

Mr. Wellsand, They both have time limits. The 1099's have to be finished by I think February 15th. That's the first time constraint and the E filing starts in April (Inaudible) completed in June so we don't have much time.

Com. Good, Thanks Don.

NCI – Proposal on the Cabling Termination Project for the new Animal Shelter.

Mr. Wellsand, The last thing is the termination of network and telephone cables at the Animal Shelter.

Com. Good, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION – RAY RIDDELL

Mr. Riddell, Good Morning.

Com. Good, Ray has a few things in front of us. I will read the All Districts.

All Districts

- 1. 2016 Yearly Report of Collections for the Highway Engineering Department. Recommend Approval.**

Com. Good, moved to approve, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

South District

- 1. LPA Voucher #4 for CR 100 South Improvement Project, for reimbursement of \$104,293.96. Recommend approval.**

Com. Blaney, moved to approve. Com. Good, seconded, motion carried.

- 2. LPA Voucher #5 for CR 100 South Improvement Project, for reimbursement of \$16,044.00. Recommend approval.**

Com. Blaney, moved to approve. Com. Good, seconded, motion carried.

- 3. LPA Voucher #11 for Bridge 62 Replacement, CR 1000 South over the Kankakee River, for reimbursement of \$17,585.87. Recommend approval.**

Com. Blaney, moved to approve. Com. Good, seconded, motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT & STORM WATER MANAGEMENT – BOB THOMPSON

A request for approval for job description and also changes to job descriptions.

Mr. Thompson, This is revising the job description for our engineer to include Mike Novotney's position to include Highway Engineering duties on that. The reason why we're doing this the State will refund or give the County \$20,000.00 (Inaudible). We'll also be revising other job descriptions out there dealing with the transportation for Highway.

Com. Good, The only question I have Bob has Pam Courtney looked these over? Have you worked with her on these?

Mr. Thompson, She did the original one and I just added a few duties in there with the transportation for Highway.

Com. Good, So if we approve these then you'll get those down to her then?

Mr. Thompson, Yes.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve. Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

VALPARAISO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – JESSICA CORRAL, FLINT LAKE ART TEACHER

A request for approval by Jessica Corral, Coordinator for Spring Into the Arts to display artwork in the Administration Building and the Museum starting April 22nd – May 20th, 2017. There will be seven landmark locations in downtown Valparaiso. She would also like permission to hang banners outside the Admin. Building.

Com. Good, Come on up. Why don't you tell us a little bit about what you're doing and we'll move forward.

Ms. Corral, Last year was our first year to have a festival gear towards the arts and it's called Spring Into the Arts. We had 7 locations in downtown Valpo within walking distance that showcased over a 1000 pieces of student artwork K-12 at VCI schools. You were one of the locations and I wanted to follow through with the second year to ask for the same permission. We're expanding, this year we have 5 events that we're running downtown that will be student centered and different art forms. One is visual arts, the other is theater, the other is film and the other is (Inaudible). (Inaudible) is interactive art. So we have a wide array of different topics and art forms that we're going to feature and celebrate. We're hoping to have you on board as one of the 7 for the artwork, it would be third grade that is on display here.

Com. Good, The only thing I would say I don't think this is going to be a problem whenever we move to redo the front area there I know we have a lot of moving parts we have to get to for that, I think this goes out to May 20th but we're planning on redoing the whole front of this building. It will be under construction but I don't think that is going conflict with this date. So I think we're okay but I just wanted to make mention of it.

Ms. Corral, So will it be under construction (Inaudible)?

Com. Good, I don't think it will be. I just wanted to throw that out there in case some miraculous.....everything else we're building is getting done earlier.

Com. Blaney, People will still be able to access the rotunda they just might not be able to come straight up.

Atty. McClure, We'll still be opened.

Com. Blaney, We love to see the artwork.

Com. Good, I just wanted to let you know that that could possibly come up and it's something that we're dealing with out there.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve. Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Corral, Thank you. I also had a quick question, I don't know if this is something that would be approved or not but we're looking to show case I know you talked about free publicity and how great that is, but we're looking at doing signs on the buildings that are participating. So I wasn't sure what kind (Inaudible) you would need of we were to have a banner or some kind of sign up to extend on the front of the building. We're going to be using the banners in front of City Hall. I don't know if there are certain constraints for that.

Com. Good, What I would do if you have some ideas of what you're looking at and what you're doing just getting up to us in our meeting and then we could approve them on the next meeting. The other thing that would be helpful is maybe in between that time you is if you could get together with our building facilities director, Matt Stechly and then we can find a good spot because we don't want to be drilling into our building and other things. So as long as you work through him on that move forward on it.

Ms. Corral, We'll find out size restrictions and everything (Inaudible).

Com. Good, And then you'll have to bring it back in here and approve it and make sure we know what we're doing and go from there. We've got a pretty big back drop up there so I think we could do something here.

Ms. Corral, Thank you.

ENCLAVE GALLERY – PHILLIP HERROLD

A request for approval from Phillip Herrold, Director of Operations at the Enclave Project to place two exterior art domes 9 ft. in diameter on the lawn in front of the Courthouse. The domes will be hosting 1-3 artworks for the Pop-Up, a Valparaiso Art Experience during the months of May through September.

Com. Good, Why don't you give us a little idea of what you're up to here.

Mr. Herrold, The Enclave Project in Valparaiso brings the Pop-Up to downtown Valpo much like the lady that spoke before us. (Inaudible) adult artwork from regional and national (Inaudible). What I'm proposing is we want to expand the project and project and possibly do exterior art expeditions. So I have put together a few pictures and mock ups of what (Inaudible) and we are wondering if we could possibly put exterior geo (Inaudible) dome outside of the Courthouse on the north side. They will be about 10' from the sidewalk and basically (Inaudible) so just a few (Inaudible) apart. And we are also using it as a promotional piece for the Pop-Up to promote it, market it. Just kind of show Porter County's obviously connection with the arts.

Com. Biggs, Are you a little concerned about having kids crawl on those.

Mr. Herrold, Sure, very good question. The bottom 4' will be covered and the door will be closed off. So there will be no art (Inaudible) our insurance company told us that's area, there is no interaction with the dome itself and then it's secured so that it's more than a piece of art rather than an interactive piece.

Com. Biggs, I think it's cool.

Com. Good, The only thing I would add to the motion and I don't know if that is going to hurt you or not but would you be able to get us on your certificate of insurance named as an additional insured?

Mr. Herrold, What I was planning on doing in the dates of approval from June 1st for install and take down would be September 1st on the week before June 1st I will give you that insurance document and I cannot install until that is given to the County for the safety and liability of the County as well as our own.

Com. Good, Just drop that off at the Commissioners' office when you get it. Any other questions from the Commissioners?

Com. Biggs, moved to approve. Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, I might mention that Phillip does our artwork at the Opera House for our shows. You might have seen some of those neat ads, he's the artist.

Com. Good, Thank you Phillip.

FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU – JACKIE GRAY

A request for approval from Jackie Gray of the Family & Youth Services Bureau to hold their fifth annual Chalk the Walk event on the sidewalks surrounding the Courthouse. The event will be held on Saturday, June 10th, 2017. The set up will begin at 6:00 a.m. and the event will go until 1:00 p.m. If the weather is inclement they would like permission to hold the event on Saturday, June 10th, 2017 from 1:00p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Com. Good, Hi, thanks for sitting through all of this.

Ms. Gray, Not a problem.

Com. Good, Why don't you give us a little description I know we've done this before.

Ms. Gray, Thank you for letting me let you know all about this. This is a request to have our 5th Annual Chalk the Walk Event on Saturday, June 10th. It is a fund raising and awareness building activity for the Family and Youth Services Bureau. We start early at about 6 in the morning and our plan is to finish by 1:00 in the afternoon and we've been able to do that in the previous 4 years. We do have a backup for the afternoon in case it's raining in the morning, but as we've told several people it doesn't rain on that day. We have already received permission from the City of Valparaiso to use the outside sidewalks around the perimeter of the Courthouse so what we're requesting from you is the use of the interior part of the Courthouse square.

Com. Biggs, With the murals right?

Ms. Gray, I guess it is almost like a mural. It is there for several weeks and it's a nice family friendly event we have people of all ages that participate.

Com. Biggs, So Jackie there is a lot of supervision going on there to make sure that whatever is being written there is with the idea that it's going to be there for a week or two?

Ms. Gray, Absolutely, we give the people who are doing the artwork information that it needs to be family friendly and we also have monitors that go around and check.

Com. Biggs, It's a nice program.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve. Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, In the past they've been nice enough to donate squares to our venues so they can advertise there.

Ms. Gray, We've gotten things from the Opera House, the County Parks, the Animal Shelter and hopefully the Expo Center. I think we got to Lori too late last year. We appreciate your help and we're glad to offer it.

Com. Good, Thanks for coming in. I would like to make a comment to our staff I guess it would be Kathy more or less. If we could let the Courthouse know about the Enclave Gallery that we're going to be setting up these domes out there. I'd like to let the Judges know and the folks know that are in that building that this is coming. The other two I looked at since there on the weekend I don't know whether we need to but if you want to go ahead and let them know about the weekends too that's fine and we also have the Valpo Vettes that is coming up if that gets approved. We're going try to as we approve these things let the folks at the Courthouse know what is going on before anything happens. That way it gives us another set of eyes, makes them aware of what is going on. I think it's only kosher to do.

VALPO VETTES – MIKE CARBINE

A request from Mike Carbine to use the Courthouse grounds from the Northwest corner to the Northeast corner for their 39th annual car show to be held on Saturday, June 17th, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Merle, He's not here.

Com. Good, He's not here. I think this is another event that has been around for a while. I'll open up the floor to the Commissioners any comments, suggestions, motions?

Com. Biggs, moved to approve. Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, The only thing is this might conflict a little with the domes.

Com. Good, The Vettes, I think they go northeast corner to northwest corner.

Com. Blaney, It's across the front.

Com. Good, Yes, it's across the front.

Com. Biggs, They'll work it out.

Com. Good, The domes are in the grass from what I see.

Com. Biggs, We hope the cars aren't parked in the grass.

Com. Good, That concludes our business here for the Commissioners' meeting. I would like to entertain a recess at this point. We will be reconvening in about 5 minutes for a reset for the Storm Water Board meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

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