

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, February 2, 2016
1:00 P.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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners John Evans, Laura Blaney and Jeff Good; County Attorney Scott McClure; Administrative Assistant Michelle Strader and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle.

Call to Order/Pledge

President Evans called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Com. Blaney moved to approve the minutes of June 2nd, June 16th, December 15th, 2015 and January 5th, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Payroll

Com. Blaney moved to approve the payroll of January 25th, 2016, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Com. Blaney moved to approve the claims of January 19th, January 25th and January 28th, 2016, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Employee Benefit Fund Disbursements – January 2016.

Com. Blaney moved to approve the Employee Benefit Fund Disbursements for January 2016, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

An Ordinance of Porter County Indiana for Title 14 of the Porter County Code – 2nd Reading

Com. Evans, A public hearing was held and is closed. Any comments from the board?

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-02
PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
AN ORDINANCE OF PORTER COUNTY INDIANA FOR TITLE 14 OF THE PORTER COUNTY
CODE**

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance No.97-38 on Tuesday, December 2,1997, and,

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners has deemed it necessary to reorganize the Porter County Plan Commission offices. Said ordinance shall be added to Title 2 with the addition of Chapter 2.64; Department of Development and Storm Water Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:

Chapter 2.64 (Department of Development and Storm Water Management) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) shall be added as follows:

Section 2.64.010: Department of Development and Storm Water Management

The Porter County Department of Development and Storm Water Management shall be hereby established in Porter County, Indiana.

Section 2.64.020: Purpose

The purpose is to reorganize the Plan Commission office to allow for one point of contact for Citizens, Developers and Business for Development, Permitting, Inspection, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Redevelopment and Storm Water Management.

- A. The department purpose shall be to administer and manage the following; Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Building Permits/Inspections, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Redevelopment, Geographic Information Services (GIS),and Storm Water.
- B. The following Porter County Boards shall be served by the department
 - 1. Storm Water Management
 - 2. Storm Water Advisory
 - 3. Drainage Board
 - 4. Plan Commission
 - 5. Development Review Committee (DRC)
 - 6. Board of Zoning Appeals and Hearing Officer
 - 7. Redevelopment Commission

Section 2.64.030: Appointments and Authority

- A. Director of Development and Storm Water Management-shall administer and manage the daily operation of all divisions within the department. Said director shall be staff representative to all boards managed by the department and shall attend the meetings as needed. Director shall attend Board of Commissioner meetings to present agenda items for the department and County Council for budgeting of the Storm Water Fund and Building, Planning and Zoning fund. Director shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and Plan Commission.
- B. Assistant Director of Development and Storm Water Management- shall oversee all permitting operations within the department and manage the administrative staff for all divisions. Assistant Director shall assist the Director with the daily operations of

the department and shall manage the department in the Director's absence. Assistant Director is the Staff representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Hearing Officer and shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the Plan Commission.

- C. Engineer-shall manage the storm water division under the department. Engineer shall develop Storm Water plans for the Department of Storm Water management and review all storm water plans public and private for the county.
- D. GIS Coordinator-GIS Coordinator shall manage the daily informational systems within the department.
- E. Building Commissioner-shall manage the daily operation of the building division under the department. Said division shall oversee the building inspections of all current permits within the department.
- F. Planning and Zoning-Planning and Zoning staff shall be managed by the Department Director and Assistant Director.

This Ordinance passed and adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA
/s/John A. Evans
/s/ Laura M. Blaney
/s/ Jeffrey J. Good

Attest:/s/Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

An Ordinance Creating Storm Water Management Program and Storm Water Management Board – 2nd Reading

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-03
PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

An Ordinance creating a Storm Water Management Program and Storm Water Management Board.

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Porter County, Indiana (hereinafter the "County"), is mandated by applicable law to address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit program requirements as administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under 327 IAC 15-13 (Rule 13) and related programs; and,

Whereas, the County is responsible for storm water management for the unincorporated area of Porter County with the municipalities being responsible for storm water management within their corporate boundaries; and,

Whereas, the County desires that effective storm water management be provided to all citizens in Porter County to protect, to the extent practicable, from the loss of life and

property damage from flooding, and to minimize, to the extent practicable, impacts to surface quality and runoff; and,

Whereas, the County has been mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as administered by IDEM to obtain and administer a permit, under a prescriptive schedule, for its storm water quality management system; and,

Whereas, the County has established a storm water management program under the provisions of IC 8.1.5-5; and,

Whereas, the benefits of flood control and surface water quality extend to all citizens, institutions and businesses in the County; and,

Whereas, all real property in Porter County, including property owned by public and tax-exempt entities, contributes to storm water runoff, and either uses or benefits from the County's Storm Water System ;and,

Whereas, storm water runoff contributes to non-point source pollution to the streams of the County's watersheds, and a storm water management program and storm water facilities can reduce this type of pollution; and,

Whereas, the Porter County Board of Commissioners has deemed it necessary to amend Chapter 14.04 (Storm Water Management Program)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:

Title 14 (Storm Water Management) Chapter 14.04 (Storm Water Management Program) shall be amended as follows:

Section 14.04.030: Jurisdictional Area

Section 14.04.030: Jurisdictional Area shall be amended to delete the White Oak Conservancy District from Appendix 'A'. The Storm Water Management Board shall have jurisdiction over storm water management and MS4 responsibilities within the White Oak Conservancy District. Porter County Circuit Court Order removing White Oak Conservancy District responsibilities for flood control and improving drainage is hereby recorded with this ordinance. With this ordinance White Oak Conservancy District shall be added to the jurisdiction of the Storm Water Management Board for Porter County.

Section 14.04.040: Storm Water Advisory Council

Section 14.04.040: Storm Water Advisory Council shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 14.04.040: Storm Water Advisory Board:

- A. A Storm Water Advisory Board shall be established to review proposed projects, hear user fee appeals, monitoring existing project reports and work closely with the Engineer and Department Director. Storm Water Advisory Board shall give recommendations to the Board on proposed projects to fund.
- B. The Storm Water Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) voting members and one
 - (1) ex-officio member with membership as follows:
 - 1. A member from the Board of Commissioner's membership
 - 2. A member of the County Council's membership
 - 3. One citizen member appointed by the Board of Commissioners from each of the three (3) Commissioner districts. Members must reside in the district they represent and must have knowledge of storm water drainage and management.
 - 4. Two (2) At-Large citizen members appointed by the Board of Commissioners.
 - Members must reside in Porter County and have knowledge of storm water drainage and management.
 - 5. Appointments of citizen members shall be staggered for initial appointments:
 - one appointment for 1 year, one appointment for 2 years, one appointment for 3 years, and 2 appointments for 4 years. After the initial appointment the terms shall run for 4 years.
 - 6. Ex-officio member shall be the County Surveyor.
- C. Citizen Membership shall be for an appointed four (4) year term. Commissioners may remove the citizen member for cause at a public hearing.

This Ordinance passed and adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA
 /s/John A. Evans
 /s/ Laura M. Blaney
 /s/ Jeffrey J. Good

Department of Health Immunization Grant to the Porter County Health Department – Atty. Dave Hollenbeck – 2nd Reading

Com. Blaney, Is it a fund that we're approving?

Com. Evans, It's a grant and they will have to create a fund for it.

Atty. Hollenbeck, That's what your ordinance is doing creating a fund. It will be before the Council tonight. We will appropriate the money and the Board of Health tonight will approve the first contract (Inaudible).

ORDINANCE No. 16-04
PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS
FROM INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMUNIZATION GRANT TO
PORTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners adopted the Porter County Municipal Code on Tuesday, December 2, 1997 pursuant to Ordinance No. 97-38; and

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners has deemed it necessary to pass a new ordinance for inclusion in the Porter County Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-2 grants the Board of County Commissioners all the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-6 states that if there is no constitutional or statutory provision requiring a specific manner for exercising power, the Board of County Commissioners may adopt an ordinance prescribing a specific manner for exercising a power; and

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners have deemed it necessary to establish a fund entitled "Fund for Deposit of Proceeds from an Indiana State Department of Health immunization grant to Porter County Health Department" for the deposit of proceeds from an Immunization grant secured by the Porter County Health Department to provide countywide services to improve immunization rates and reduce vaccine preventable diseases in Potter County, Indiana.

NOW WHEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:

Title 3, Revenue and Finance of the Potter County Municipal Code is hereby amended through the addition of Chapter 3.73 entitled Ordinance Fund for Deposit of Proceeds from State Department of Health immunization grant to Porter County Health Department for the deposit of proceeds from an Indiana State Department of Health Immunization Grant secured by the Porter County Health Department to provide countywide services to improve immunization rates and reduce vaccine preventable diseases in Porter County, Indiana.

That Section 3.73 is added to the Porter County Municipal Code to read as follows:

3.73.010 Fund Established. The Board of County Commissioners has determined that a need exists for creation of a fund to serve as the depository of the proceeds from an Indiana State Department of Health grant secured by the Potter County Health Department for the deposit of funds from an Indiana State Department of Health Immunization Grant secured by the Potter County Health Department to provide countywide services to improve immunization rates and reduce vaccine preventable diseases in Porter County, Indiana.

3.73.020 Use of Revenues. The funds received and deposited in the fund for deposit of proceeds from an Indiana State Department of Health grant secured by the Potter County Health Department shall be used exclusively to provide countywide services to improve immunization rates and reduce vaccine preventable diseases in Porter County, Indiana.

3.73.030 Termination of Fund. The fund for deposit of proceeds from an Indiana State Department of Health grant secured by the Potter County Health Department to provide countywide services to improve immunization rates and reduce vaccine preventable diseases in Porter County, Indiana shall remain in existence and remain perpetual in its terms unless amended or terminated by subsequent ordinance enacted by the Porter County Board of Commissioners. If and when a subsequent ordinance is passed to terminate the life of this fund, the balance remaining, if not otherwise provided for by ordinance shall revert to the Health General Fund.

This ordinance passed and adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA
/s/John A. Evans
/s/ Laura M. Blaney
/s/ Jeffrey J. Good

Atty. Dave Hollenbeck and Lorelei Weimer, Indiana Dunes Tourism, Director

- **Porter County Tourism Venue Agreements**

Atty. Hollenbeck, Annually the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission at the time that the County Council approves their budget allocate funds from their revenue innkeeper's tax to what we call the venues. Principally we're dealing with four of them, three of which come under your jurisdiction. The Expo Center, the Museum and the Opera House under the Commissioners' jurisdiction the fourth venue is the Park Department and of course the Park Board is responsible for that. We meet with the County Council and we delegate the funds. This year a total of \$150,000.00 total of our funds will be allocated and we're here today to get your approval of the contracts that I sent to Scott and the rest of you for the Memorial Opera House, the Museum and the Expo Center. I'll answer any questions you may have. These monies are used by these venues to promote and advance their causes.

Com. Evans, How much of an increase is this from which you paid in the past?

Lorelei Weimer, In the past \$89,100.00 for all four venues. For this year only it's going up to \$150,000.00 the Park will remain the same as they have in the past. The other three venues will split the extra equally across the board. I think each of them is \$35,640.00 for each of the three venues that fall under you.

Com. Blaney, Lori at the Expo Center hosted a meeting the other day that Lorelei came to and we had all of the venues there to talk about the expectations and brain storm about how to use this extra money to share. They had some great ideas.

Com. Evans, They can all use it and we appreciate what you are doing. Any other questions?

Com. Blaney moved to except the tourism venue agreements for the Expo, Memorial Opera House and the Museum, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Proceeds for Code Enforcement – 1st Reading

Atty. McClure, I can probably explain this one. Basically what we have going on is we have a property owner we who we have been in long standing situation with trying to get some ordinance violations corrected. What we found ourselves in a very good position of one of the local sign companies wanted to put a sign up and we would allow that only upon this condition, which was the rents created from that sign would be captured by the County. They would still remain the property owners, however we would either allow the property owner to utilize the money to fix these issues or we would. We actually met with the property owner yesterday to set out a timeline for those things to be done. So this is simply the housekeeping measure to allow us to have the fund in order to deposit the check into to either utilize from our end to fix the ordinance problems or for him to fix them, but when they're fixed we'll give him the rest of the money and the fund will be closed.

Com. Good, So this is a onetime event.

Atty. McClure, We're opening it up as a fund in case we have another situation like this, but frankly I think this is the first one we've ever had. It's fairly unique.

Com. Evans, If the violations continue as will the monthly rent the fund will receive rental income and what happens when we get to the point where the property owner hasn't taken advantage of our offer and the fund has grown past what it cost for clean up what are we doing with the funds then?

Atty. McClure, Well our hope is that when we sat down with timeline yesterday if certain things aren't done by May 15th, August 1st etc. we were then go to use that money to do that work. So we were hoping to not get into that situation where we have \$30,000.00 of work, but \$50,000.00 sitting in the account. We probably think even if we are forced to do the work ourselves and pay for it there's probably only two years of rent would get us all of it completely. The rent is being paid in bulk once a year and I think those dates are November and December, so the rent is significant enough to get it done fairly quickly.

Com. Evans, If he cooperates. What if he doesn't do it at some point can we take a lien on the property?

Atty. McClure, Well this is almost \$10,000.00 a year coming in from the rent so we think even if we're forced to do all of the work ourselves \$30,000.00 is probably going to cover it. So we're never going to be out of pocket, that's the beauty of this. This is his money coming in for rent and as part of the agreement on the ordinance prosecution side we will put this money here and use it fix your situation unless you fix it. If we have to fix it we'll use this money and when we're done we'll give you whatever is left or continue to go until there is enough to fix it.

Com. Evans, I'm just playing the devil's advocate. What happens then if we take our commitment off, we do the work and now.....

Atty. McClure, We would lien the property, there is no question.

Com. Evans, That's what I'm getting at because what if he comes back and then the property looks the same way as it does now in a very short period of time and we're not getting the....

Atty. McClure, Correct and some of the things we're fixing is clean up and we're also fixing, but we're also fixing some other more significant fencing, asphalt chipped pieces, etc. that we aren't anticipating would quickly return. There is some clean up in it though.

Com. Good, Scott could this fund have monies coming into it for.....I guess the first question is we don't have a perpetual clean up account now within the County, because I know have other properties out there that we have been struggling with out there. We at the point now where you need to condemn them and knock them down but there is no fund to do that. Could this fund be used for that?

Atty. McClure, Yes.

Com. Evans, Could we put fines from code enforcement in there as well?

Atty. McClure, We could, we could direct that.

Com. Good, Because, that is a real problem we have out there right now.

Atty. McClure, We currently have an unsafe building fund. I don't think there is much in it right this second.

Bob Thompson, Vicki was telling us that with this particular money that will be bringing in to start off with we could put this in a sub-fund and label it as such so that way it is separate dealing with this particular parcel owner and then anything else that would come in whether it's (Inaudible) or something along that lines.

Atty. McClure, Ordinance violations.

Bob Thompson, And then anything else that would come in.

Com. Evans, Could that be a non-reverting fund?

Vicki Urbanik, Yes it will be and I have a fund number already and we'll set this up in its own sub-fund so we these monies totally separate from anything else.

Atty. McClure, Yes these are a little unique in the sense that they are not tax payer dollars it's more or less an agreement to fund this significant clean up on this particular property.

Com. Evans, Do we need to do any revisions to make code enforcement fines to go into this fund?

Atty. McClure, Yes, because right now I think they're just going into the general fund.

Bob Thompson, If we could work it out so it would go into this fund it would be great, because right now it goes into the General Fund and I don't press it because the fact that it doesn't go into the General Fund because I'm not sure that I would get that back.

Atty. McClure, The short answer is yes, I could modify the ordinance that when it knows when its violations are (Inaudible) they would go into this fund and then that money would stay there for future enforcement.

Com. Evans, So why don't we go ahead and do our public hearing and the modification do part of the second reading. Can we do that?

Atty. McClure, Well it would be a whole other ordinance. We can move forward with this one. This will at least create the fund and Vicki will....

Com. Evans, That ordinance will be an amendment to this one.

Com. Good, It would be nice to have some monies to start knocking down some things that need to be knocked down.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Evans, You heard the proposal, you heard the ordinance is there anyone who wishes to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone who wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone who wishes to speak in favor of this ordinance should come forward at this time state your name and make your statement. Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance you should come forward state your name and address and make your statement at this time. Third and final time anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

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

Com. Evans, Because this involves a collection of a fee we cannot waive the rules and do it today we have to have 2nd Reading and will schedule that for our next regularly scheduled meeting on the 16th of February for 2nd Reading. Thanks Bob, thanks Scott.

Leigh Westergren, Anton Insurance – PPO Discussion

Leigh Westergren, Good afternoon Commissioners, thank you for having me. As you know we discussed the I.U. Health physician situation with PHCS in the past. They will be leaving the network on March 31st. We have three proposed methodologies of handling the situation. So we seek your recommendations and approval on that. The first way of handling that would be to approach the 26 participants representing 20 employees and give them the

option of going with PHCS staying with PHCS that is or moving to a First Health practitioner only. The second option or included in that would be to send an interdepartmental memo out to all of the County participants letting them know that this is happening. We have determined that there 26 people that this affects, but that's really only based on the fact that whoever had claims in the last twelve months with an I.U. Health physician. There could be others that have I.U. Health physicians and they haven't utilized them in some time and give them the same option of moving to First Health or staying with PHCS. Then to go on with that we could add an open enrollment the option that people choose the PPO, whichever they want to participate in First Health or PHCS. I'm looking for your formal approval to execute all three of those methods to address this issue.

Com. Evans, Anyone have any thoughts or comments

Leigh Westergren, I also have a copy of the draft if you'd like to see it of the memo that we would distribute to the employees.

Com. Evans, I'm kind of partial to the first one. We approach those families and let them know the situation and send out the memo to the rest of our employees and tell them where we're at with the situation.

Com. Blaney, You need all three things approved right?

Leigh Westergren, Not necessarily if someone were to make a change that would carry through the remainder of the year. We do need to put a time frame on this. In the memo I have instructed people to inform us by February 15th.

Com. Blaney, I would like to see the memo if you don't mind. Thanks.

Leigh Westergren, So no not all three things need to happen, but it is doable that people could choose from year to year which practitioner or PPO they wanted to participate in so we could have that at open enrollment, but we certainly do not, it's not a requirement.

Com. Blaney, What you're proposing seems reasonable for this year.

Com. Evans, Scott do you have any questions in regards to the legality of this?

Atty. McClure, No I think this is fine giving the employees an option either or they can choose if they're using health providers that aren't in PHCS right now then this works. I'm just wondering if by February 15th is enough time.

Com. Evans, I think this is one of those things we anticipated when we switched to the INETICO type of program is that there are some providers that say that they are worth more than everybody else they're not going to negotiate their stance with anyone. It's like take us or leave us and take us at our price or forget it and that's not the way we've been doing business and we've had very good success. We've saved \$3 million last year in this type of program. I think we've got to pretty much hold the line.

Com. Blaney, Hold the line meaning?

Com. Evans, Not acquiesce to their demand that they get paid more than everyone else and that is pretty much what they're wanting us to do.

Leigh Westergren, Well the physicians that chose to drop out of the PHCS practitioner only network they are still in the PHCS network.

Com. Evans, But just not at that facility.

Leigh Westergren, No it would be all I.U. Health physicians so those that have privileges at LaPorte Hospital, the Indianapolis Hospitals it would be essentially whoever is owned essentially by I.U. Health, those physicians it's that network of providers. There are many PPO network providers they kind of go in and out from time to time depending on what as you said the discounts are. And the PHCS discount is a very deep discount which is in part why we have been successful in the County in saving \$3 million over the past year. So people have asked what are the chances of the I.U. Health physicians staying, well they're not going to. In response to that our participants still want to use their physicians and the County will pay more and the participants will pay more if they're out of network. I think it's fantastic that we can actually do this offer. Say to these people well you can go First Health then it's across the board if you have a doctor that is in PHCS and not in First Health it's unfortunate but we have....

Com. Evans, And that doesn't necessarily mean that in an emergency situation somebody goes to one of their hospitals in Indianapolis as you said that we're not going to negotiate a better payment schedule on an individual basis because that has happened several times.

Leigh Westergren, That is exactly right.

Com. Blaney, So basically by doing this we're continuing to save some money.

Leigh Westergren, Correct, do you want me to extend that time frame that they need to respond by another week?

Com. Evans, It's kind of cutting them pretty short it's only two weeks. Can we give them until March 1st?

Com. Blaney moved to approve the suggested changes for the I.U. Health physicians and PHCS PPO network with the exception of giving the employees until March 1st, 2016 rather than February 15, 2016 to let Anton Insurance know that they want to make a change. Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

Leigh Westergren, Thank you and what about the open enrollment option, do you think that is a positive move or would you like to discuss that later?

Com. Evans, Yes I think we should discuss that later because are you going to re-open the open enrollment?

Leigh Westergren, No.

Com. Evans, For the next cycle, okay let's take that on at the time because who knows what the change is between the now and then.

Leigh Westergren, Valid point. Okay thank and I just want to give you an I.U. Health agreement update you know I know we've been talking about this over and over again. Based on the approval of the concept at the last meeting.....

Com. Blaney, Can I go back to that for one second? If we're not going to...why did we just change it to March 1st?

Com. Evans, No for open enrollment to recreate an open enrollment.

Leigh Westergren, I'm sorry I wasn't clear on that the annual open enrollment period, which is in November. That's what I meant. We could include that as an option at open enrollment then people could change from plan to plan essentially if the Commissioners approve the change. So the I.U. Health agreement update it has been approved by all parties and we are just waiting for a clean copy which we will present to the Board of Commissioners for its final signature and that's I.U. LaPorte. I.U. Indianapolis and their RFC Surgery Center which are their teaching facilities have declined to be a participant in that agreement. They want to offer a 20% discount off bill charges which is intolerable. We are going to continue negotiations with them and we will come back to you when we get something.

Com. Evans, Very good any questions? I just have one thing to say at this point I think it's a good opportunity to do that. Part of what makes this work is the wellness program that we're undergoing right now. The more people that participate in that the better it is for our plan, the better it is for them because they realize things that maybe wrong with their body that they had no idea was going on. There are currently two more blood draws available for all county employees if you don't know how to do it you should go online, call Leigh. You need to sign up for an appointment. Everybody that is covered on the insurance should be doing this, this is a free gift and you should be doing it. We've done only 200 employees and people in the other sectors of working environment had this kind of opportunity and didn't do people would think they were crazy. It's going to go whether or not we continue this plan as to how much participation we have. So I would encourage everybody that's an employee of County government to get down there and participate in the wellness program.

Com. Good, Well I just know from my perspective its amazing sitting up here for a year now the type of things that this board does to try and work around the issues that we have and yet we don't get the full buy in. It continues to cost us more money even though we saved money this year \$9 million is still too much for health insurance in my idea. If we're going to continue to do this thing and try to work around things we need to have the buy in. And if we're not going to get that then we're going to ultimately have to be forced to come up with different ways to go about this that I'm sure won't make a lot of people happy that are employees here or on the insurance. It's continuing to be more difficult, more challenging and it's a two way street when it comes to health insurance so I think we need to continue to focus on trying to bring that number down, but we need the help of the employees and if we're not going to get that participation up to where we need to be I don't know how much longer we could stand up here at least myself can stand up here and be behind these types of things. That's just my perspective on it.

Leigh Westergren, I would like to mention that you indicated that there are two more days of the blood draw and those will be held at the Expo Center. We generally have a huge turnout at the Expo Center with our lot of our Sheriff and those people. I think it's great that right now we stand at about 200, because last year I think we had 200 total and there is still 2 days left.

Mike Jabo, DLZ Indiana

- **Jail Security System Agreement Update**

Mike Jabo, Good afternoon Commissioners. The update the County Attorney, Scott McClure and I have been working with Videotec, I have been. Scott has been working with the attorney from Horizon Bank who will be doing the financing. We believe this week that both agreements will come together for final review and be presented at the next meeting.

Atty. McClure, Yes, I think the contract between the County and Videotec is all but done and that seems to be well on track. I talked to the Horizon attorney about the financing side of it and looks like I'll have a draft of it tomorrow. So it looks like we're in line to potentially get that all wrapped up at the next Commissioners' meeting. The Sheriff has been updated accordingly.

Com. Evans, So we don't really need to take any action we're just getting an update.

Atty. McClure, Correct.

Mike Jabo, We put it on the agenda just in the case, but at least we could give you an update.

Office Holders/Department Heads

Jon Snyder – Porter County Assessor

- **Receive and Open Bids for the 2016 New Land Order for Reassessment**

Jon Snyder, Since our 5 year cycle the State mandated a land order as required as a part of reassessment and I can't believe it's been 5 years that we've all known each other, but it's been that long so we're ready to order another one. Look forward to another 5 years.

Com. Evans, How many responses?

Vicki Urbanik, We had 2 bids, Appraisal Research Corporation and Assessment Analytics Inc.

Com. Evans, Who is currently doing it now Jon?

Jon Snyder, It was Tyler Technologies (Inaudible) when I came into office little had been done and the last time we were just entering that cycle so we had extra help to get it done. This time we're a little more (Inaudible). I don't believe from what I heard any of those had submitted a bid it doesn't sound like.

Com. Evans, This Appraisal Research, is there a number I should be looking at John or options or....

Jon Snyder, Since I haven't seen them I was thinking that we could review them and come back or take them under advisement.

Com. Evans, Why don't we do that we'll just say who they are and these people are from Porter County. Do you want to do that by the end of our meeting today or at our next meeting?

Jon Snyder, I'll come to the next meeting.

Com. Evans, This one is from Assessment Analytics out of Rensselaer Indiana and those are the only 2 we received so if you want to review them and come back with a recommendation we'll see you on the 16th.

Michelle Clancy – Porter County Treasurer

- **The Master's Touch – eNotices Proposal**

Michelle Clancy, The Master's Touch was the same bill printer that we used last year and they did a really good job. They do offer the eBilling which did get some sign ups, but it's been billed as years go on. The eBilling is nice because it actually saves us money on the postage and the printing so it's cheaper for the County to view. They have a real simple system in place for doing that. I don't believe the price has changed from last year, they put a maximum on there for us again and that is up to 100,000 parcels.

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

Sharon Lippens – ITS Director

- **Adams Remco – Purchase & Maintenance Agreement for Judge Alexa**

Sharon Lippens, A purchase agreement and maintenance agreement for the Judge and then I have been reviewing the existing fleet to look at leasing options on an enterprise level. It's a little bit more complicated because we've got machines of all different ages across the board, of all different sizes across the board. Once that review is finished then hopefully I'll come back with proposal for that as well. This is one of the last ones; there is one other one that is with an outside company other than the one we've been working with so this bringing up all of those ones that are old before the program started. This one ends the lease with the previous company and brings them in standard with everybody else.

Com. Evans, Are you going to undertake the maintenance agreement?

Sharon Lippens, Is paid by the department. So that will be paid by Judge Alexa's court. They are very aware; I think they were paying a couple thousand a year now they are going to pay \$384.00

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

InForm Decisions – Purchase & Maintenance Agreement – WITHDRAWN

Sharon Lippens, I've been working with the Auditor's office to find new software to create the electronic template and merges it with the data to provide a form. We're looking at other options right now so we want to pull that agreement until we've reviewed them all.

Karen Martin – Porter County Clerk

- **Legal Services Agreement between the Porter County Election Board and Atty. Ethan Lowe of Blachly, Tabor, Bozik & Hartman, LLC**

Atty. McClure, I have it, it's in good form.

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

Report from Commissioners

North District:

1. Change Order #1for Replacement Bridge #156 Porter Ave. over Coffee Creek in the amount of \$2,266.00 for Inlets. Recommend Approval.

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

2. St. Andrews Development, LC Medical Campus, Performance Letter of Credit #3362345, in the amount of \$246,355.00 has been issued by First Merchants Bank. Recommend Approval.

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

3. St. Andrews Development, LLC Subdivision, Performance Letter of Credit #3362396, in the amount of \$84,942.00 has been issued by First Merchants Bank. Recommend Approval.

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

Correspondence

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – Dec. 16th, 2015 – Jan. 15th, 2016.

A Memorandum of Agreement between Next Step Motorcycling Academy and Porter County to use the North County Complex parking lot from mid March through the end of October on Fridays from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Com. Evans, Glad to see you're in a little better condition than the last time you were here. Are you riding your bike again?

Phil DeCausemaker, Not yet.

Com. Evans, Everything went well the first time that you did this?

Phil DeCausemaker, Yes, let me give you a quick update. We actually only used October based on the agreement. The first weekend we trained 8 new testers and refreshed 2 other so we had 10 people out there. We had three weekends the 17th, the 24th and the 31st we had a total of 21 tests. A little lower than expected but we some bad weather on a couple of days. The same thing with the agreement we would just like to change a little bit of the hours and expand our time frame.

Com.Evans, The 21 that you tested did they all get their motorcycle endorsements?

Phil DeCausemaker, 16 did.

Com. Evans, It's not that easy of a test. Is there a special class now for the trikes, because I see they're gaining so much popularity?

Phil DeCausemaker, Yes, we can test trikes on the same course. They have their own separate hour which is built into that. As a side we are starting to offer a 3 wheel course this year.

Com. Evans, Now the endorsement is the same as for a motorcycle right? If you have a motorcycle endorsement you can ride a trike. It would be wise though to take the course though.

Phil DeCausemaker, Well no if you ride a 3 wheel vehicle and you take the test you get a motorcycle endorsement, but it says 3 wheel only.

Com. Evans, Oh really, so you can't ride a regular motorcycle?

Phil DeCausemaker, Yes.

Com. Evans, But if you have just the motorcycle endorsement you can't ride a 3 wheeler?

Phil DeCausemaker, If I have motorcycle endorsement, I think 2 or 3 of you have one. I can jump on a trike I can jump on pretty much anything.

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

Custodial Service Manager – New Job Description 144 Changes (Maintenance / Custodial)

Com. Evans, This is indicating new job descriptions that will be presented to the County Council tonight so we need to approve those changes.

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

Com. Evans, Anyone wish to address this body?

Tina Rongers, Tina Rongers, President of KarnerBlue Era, 9800 Connecticut Drive, Crown Point Indiana. I'm here on behalf of the Kankakee Valley Historical Society and we're please to share with you that we submitted our Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs Collier Lodge Planning Grants. We just want to thank this body for your support in that grant application process and we hope to hear back from the State sometime this month as to whether or not we're awarded so that we can move forward on the historic preservation of Collier Lodge.

Com. Evans, Great you do wonderful work down there and we hope you get it. Anyone else wishing to address this body? Anyone?

With no further business, the meeting was recessed at 1:45 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

John A. Evans,

Laura M. Blaney

Jeffrey J. Good

Attest: _____
Vicki Urbanik, Auditor