

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
10:00 A.M.**

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

The Special meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 21, 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, Welcome to the February 21<sup>st</sup> Porter County Board of Commissioners' meeting 2017. We'll move right into the consent agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Approval of Payroll – February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Approval of Claims – February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Comp Time Report.**

**Treasurer's Monthly Report – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

**Porter Regional Hospital Response Data Report for Porter EMS from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**

**MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD**

- 1. Bobbie Sue Kvachkoff – Artistic Services Agreement**
- 2. Christopher Stalbaum – Artistic Services Agreement**
- 3. South Shore Orchestra – Venue Rental Agreement - 4 Dates**
- 4. Rob Harkel – Venue Rental Agreement – 4 Dates**

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the consent agenda, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Appointments to the Shared Ethics Committee**

Com. Good, I will open the floor for any recommendations or nominations.

Com. Blaney, We had some good applications.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Courtney Smith of 345 Kerry Lane, Chesterton, Indiana, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, We also need to appoint one of us to the Elected Officials Board.

Com. Good, moved to approve Laura Blaney to sit on the Shared Ethics Commission, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

### **Appointments to the Redevelopment Commission**

Com. Good, This is a board that we're looking in the future here for the Board of Commissioners to start energizing a little bit more than maybe some of the things that we've done in the past. We've marketed and advertised for appointments to the RDC. With that I will open the floor. I believe we received 3 nominations in for 2 appointments and with that I will open the floor for those 2 positions.

Com. Blaney, Again we had some good applications. I would like to nominate Robert Gilliana.

Com. Good, No it is Jason.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Jason Gillana who resides at 3703 Goodrich Rd., Valparaiso, Indiana to the RDC, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, moved to approve Stephen Sularski, of 2455 Naples Dr., Valparaiso, Indiana for the second position, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, We will be sending out a notice for the Redevelopment Commission as to when we will be meeting next and we will be reorganizing so stay tuned for more information on the Redevelopment Commission. I think there is going to be some exciting stuff.

### **Appointment to Stormwater Board**

Com. Good, We have a position that was relinquished just recently and now we have to fill that position. We did receive 1 application in so with that I would open the floor to the Board for the nomination of that individual.

Com. Blaney, Well luckily the one was a good one and this one is Robert Gilliana.

Com. Biggs, You mean Jason.

Com. Good, Robert, Bobby.

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

Com. Good, So now we have all of our boards up to speed and fully functional.

### **Revelation Waste Partners Contract**

Com. Good, Is there anyone here from Waste Revelations, there you are come forward. State your name and who you're with.

Mr. Roe, My name is Jason Roe, office manager for Revelation Waste Partners.

Com. Good, Where are you folks located?

Mr. Roe, Right here in Valparaiso 23 North Washington.

Com. Good, Do we have any questions for this gentleman with regards to what Revelation Waste Partners does?

Com. Biggs, What is your first name?

Mr. Roe, Jason.

Com. Biggs, In short you are going to be redoing the contracts we currently have with waste haulers and evaluating those to see if there is any opportunity there for us to save some money. You do not get paid unless we save money.

Mr. Roe, Correct.

Com. Biggs, That is a heck of a deal.

Mr. Roe, It is, it's a great service and we do everything. We'll review everything, like you said if there is savings we share in the savings. If there is savings then we do everything, the billing, the service, the management with the vendors.

Com. Biggs, Com. Good and I were reviewing. We had pulled the waste contracts that we currently have and to our surprise we found out that each individual building has its own contract with automatic renewals in them. Some of those contracts date back to the late 90's. I'm sure there is some improvement there to be made.

Mr. Roe, There is definitely an opportunity there to refresh some prices.

Atty. McClure, We'll then also deal with the issue of the amount of times they are dumped because there are times they need to be dumped more or less and that is something that you work with right?

Mr. Roe, Correct. We evaluate all of that so not only the price but how often it is being dumped based on the volume the can.

Com. Biggs, And also out at the Jail where you know doubt have a substantial food waste that is being dumped to look and see if there is a better way of using that food waste instead of just putting it into a landfill and possibly saving us some money or making us some money with it.

Mr. Roe, Correct, we look at all angles, environmentally safe, sustainability. So if there is a way to let's say reuse some of the waste maybe sell it to farmers etc. we look into all of that. What is the best possible way to dispose of it?

Com. Blaney, How long have you been in business?

Mr. Roe, About 16 years.

Com. Biggs, You're right here in Valparaiso.

Mr. Roe, Yes.

Com. Biggs, That's super.

Com. Good, Looking over when we started gathering all of the contracts from all of the different locations for county government based on the data that we have as of the last year I think we're right in the area of around \$50 to \$60,000 a year in waste spent. So obviously we're looking to lower that number. Just to put it in context for the record. The other thing we're going to have to do is if we do move on this contract we will have some retraining of our staff because now what happens instead of someone just from an office picking up the phone and calling someone to come and pick up the waste they will now contact Revelation Waste and they will do the work. As far as managing our refuse it will pretty much be all taken out of our folks hands. They will have one number to call, they call it and then it goes from there. We're effectively getting out of the trash business here is far as managing it and who better than to have somebody that knows all of the tricks and knows all of the billing tricks and knows all of the other things that go on with the trash industry. I feel very good about that direction and I think it's a way I do believe we will save some money by doing this and do it the right way as well. With that any other questions from the Board?

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the Revelation Waste Partners contract, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

**Letter of Agreement to allow Mary Ann Gregg open and close the Paul C. Zona, Sr. Wildlife Sanctuary on a daily basis for \$225.00 per month.**

Com. Good, To give you a little history of this the Gregg's have been opening up the Zona Wildlife Sanctuary for quite some time. When we had gotten a request into our office for payment for that there was some discussion as to if we had any type of contract or any record that would substantiate this and it was a pretty old contract that had been around for quite a long time. So what we decided as the Board is to bring this up in front of everybody, revisit it, re-enter it into the records so we have a current record of what is going on up there so this is more from my perspective a housekeeping situation that we need to take care of.

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

**Stephen Kromkowski, DLZ – Application and Certificate for Payment #6 from Larson-Danielson for the Porter County Animal Shelter**

Mr. Kromkowski, Good Morning, Stephen Kromkowski with DLZ. I have submitted from Larson-Danielson who is the design builder on the project payout #6 for the amount of \$455,202.07. That represents a little over 80%. They do have the floor down. It is accessible now there is a meeting actually this Thursday so things are progressing fairly well. There is a new preliminary punch list that is expected March 3<sup>rd</sup> so if things continue to be on schedule (Inaudible). Two items to note; 1 is that we still have a \$40,000.00 allowance that has not been touched yet. We ended up getting a change order when we added things back in rather than tap into that. Also, there is another credit that is in the process of getting processed, it's more (Inaudible) wait until the very end so we're not doing 2 or 3 different change orders at a time. So financially we're in good shape with the project.

Com. Biggs, So we're in good shape financially and slightly ahead of ourselves in getting it opened. It's a pretty good deal.

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

**Petition of IN Dunes National Lakeshore to vacate subdivision right of ways in Westchester Township for Dunewood Subdivision, Hawleywood Subdivision and Pottawatomie Vista.**

Mr. Thompson, Good Morning, (Inaudible) we've advertised in the newspapers. This petition was before the Commissioners a number of year's back 2012 I believe it was. They added some additional items but at this time it's just the 3 subdivisions. I had the ordinances written up but we never followed through with the ordinances as far as actually vacating the roads within these 3 developments. The National Lakeshore owns all of the lots within these developments all of the land. They could have easily vacated the entire subdivision themselves. This was probably the quickest and easiest way to do this here so I'm just presenting it for them. There is nothing built inside of these. They have torn down all of the structures that were inside of them. I know for a fact Pottawatomie Vista they've got the gates going across because we had problems and they had problems with people dumping trash in there. Hawleywood North there are no structures in there and Dunewood Subdivision if you could find it good luck its (Inaudible).

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

**Umbaugh & Associates General Services Contract**

Com. Good, I don't think we have anyone from Umbaugh here. Scott would you like to give us a brief.

Atty. McClure, This is a general service contract that would allow ourselves and the Auditor to be able to utilize Umbaugh on a project by project basis. I think the idea was to go ahead and get a general service contract with Umbaugh and then whatever department that wants to use it would pay for whatever they're using for. We want to use Umbaugh for some planning issues that we want to deal with. I believe the same thing with the Auditor also had some planning issues that she wanted to use Umbaugh with too. So we did one general service contract with Umbaugh.

Com. Good, And this would also cover in case the Council wanted to use Umbaugh as well too. This is a services agreement for sort of the fiscal body of government if we needed to do some scenarios. I know they were very helpful with us in determining the Storm Water fee and how that all worked through and it went very well. I think our last service agreement had expired so we're today to renew. Any comments or questions from the Commissioners?

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

### **MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD**

**A request for an Additional Appropriation from Fund #4915 in the amount of \$13,000.00 to Account #3950 Contractual to move funds received from the Dunes Tourism to pay for marketing specialist, Amanda Dietrich's contract.**

Com. Blaney, Scot contacted me before the meeting he has a case of laryngitis so I will tell you what I know. This is an additional that would include the additional funds from the tourism to pay for his marketing specialist.

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

Com. Good, Thanks Scot doing great work down there.

### **EXPO CENTER – LORI DALY**

**A request for an Additional Appropriation from Fund #4005 in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Account #3340 Advertising to Increase Advertising Account to reflect additional Tourism Support**

Com. Good, Speaking of great work Lori Daly Expo Center come on down. Good Morning Lori.

Ms. Daly, Good Morning.

Com. Good, Tell us what you're doing here.

Ms. Daly, So we had done our budget before the Council towards the latest additional money so this is just the increase.

Com. Good, So this more housekeeping.

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

### **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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**

Com. Good, Walter do you have any additional information you want to present? Same old same old.

Mr. Lenckos, Same thing as before.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

### **CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER – KEN ELWOOD**

#### **An Ordinance Creating a Non-Reverting Fund for Receipt of Indiana Department of Corrections Grant for the Porter County Public Defender's Office.**

Atty. Elwood, Thank you, Porter County is a pilot county for a program through the Department of Justice to release non-violent low risk offenders from jail to essentially reduce the cost. I have been meeting for about a year and half with the judges or a designee of the judges, Judge Jent, PACT, the Jail, Prosecutor, Probation and we applied for a grant and we received one so this is to create that fund. I will pay multiple public defenders that cover this position on a contract basis and not create an employee position in case it's not funded going forward.

Com. Good, Thank you, good move.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

Com. Good, Do we have anybody that is willing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Do we have anybody wanting to speak in favor of this ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> time? Do we have anybody in speaking for this ordinance 3<sup>rd</sup> time? Do we have anybody in the room that is willing to speak against this ordinance please come forward? Is there anyone will to speak against this ordinance please come forward 2<sup>nd</sup> call? Third call and final call do we have anyone willing to speak against this ordinance?

### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

Com. Biggs, How exactly is the grant money utilized?

Atty. Elwood, The Sheriff's Department also received a grant, the Public Defender received a grant, the Prosecutor did not, but it basically is \$52,000.00 to cover the initial bond hearings. There will be a public defender at each initial bond hearing to have input on setting bond for those individual defenders. There is a risk assessment that is done through PACT called IRAZ so they ask certain questions and obtain certain static data like prior criminal arrests. Then they are rated moderate, high, low risk. The judge now has that information. The judge is still making the decision on bond it's just giving them more information.

Com. Biggs, I'm sure you have made some projections as to what percent of the existing population can we expect to be released?

Atty. Elwood, This first phase is really about gathering data. There are really no projections as of yet. Again, Indiana is one of six pilot states that the Department of Justice selected and Porter County is one of six pilot counties.

Com. Biggs, So we're in the infancy stages of all of this.

Atty. Elwood, Exactly, ironically the Supreme Court of Indiana undertook their own pre-trial release program at the same time and now they've kind of merged together. It's movingly along but maybe next year will be able to report back to you.

Com. Biggs, Look forward to it.

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

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, Do we have to do two readings?

Atty. McClure, Yes.

Com. Blaney, So that is 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Atty. McClure, If you want to you can suspend the rules, get a unanimous and just do it in one.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve suspending the rules and approve the ordinance in one reading, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, Thank you Ken, thanks for all of the work you're doing out there.

### **CORONERS OFFICE – CHUCK HARRIS -Tabled**

#### **Porter Hospital – Amendment to the Hospital Services Agreement for X-Rays.**

Com. Good, We found out that Chuck has not received his contract back yet so we're going to pass on that.

### **TREASURER'S OFFICE – MICHELLE CLANCY**

#### **LOW Associates – Proposal to Create Tax Information and Maintenance Agreement**

Ms. Clancy, This is to improve our tax information website. Actually replace the one we have with a LOW website which is our tax software vendor our current vendor. So it would be a seamless information swapping between what's in house and what would be displayed on the website. Our current website is becoming antiquated very quickly and this would allow access pretty much to the whole public, mortgage companies, title companies everyone would be able obtain information off of the website.

Com. Good, Vicki is this in conjunction with everything we have going on?

Ms. Urbanik, Yes it is and I totally support this project. It's been in discussion for more than a year to have some other vendor provide the services other than the current (Inaudible) program. This is the one where you have to download the (Inaudible) program and my office has received a lot of complaints about it from the public that they just can't access it very well.

Ms. Clancy, Actually Microsoft is not even supporting their own product any more so they are deleting out Silver Light. So everything that this website is based around is becoming obsolete.

Com. Good, So we're getting ahead of it excellent, good to hear. Any other questions from the Board?

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

### **ITS – DON WELLSAND**

#### **Adams Remco Copier Maintenance Agreement for Clerk's Office 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. The Clerk has voided the previous maintenance agreement from 200,000 copies to 100,000.**

Mr. Wellsand, There is a quick change to the maintenance agreement for the last copier we had for the Clerk. She wanted it changed from 200,000 to 100,000 copies.

Com. Good, I'll open up the floor for the Commissioners.

Com. Biggs, Can we just go through all of these Mr. Chairman?

Atty. McClure, That's fine.

**NCI – Invoice to Install 4 Network Cables to be plugged in and terminated at the new Animal Shelter**

**NITCO – Quote for new Internet Service for Prosecutor's Child Support Division at 15 N. Franklin. This will be replacing the old wireless equipment.**

Mr. Wellsand, The last one are wireless between the Courthouse and the IV-D Prosecutors died a couple of weeks ago so we had an emergency to bring in some fiber into the building. This is just a contract from NITCO to (Inaudible).

Com. Good, Any questions from the Commissioners?

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the Adams Remco copier maintenance agreement for the Clerk's office, NCI invoice to install 4 new network cables and NITCO quote for new internet service for the Prosecutor's Child Support Division, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

**FACILITIES DEPARTMENT – MATT STECHLY**

**Gertzen Water Management Co. – Sewage Screening Management Service Agreement for the Jail.**

Com. Good, Good Morning Matt. Why don't you give us the low down on this I was glad to see this on the agenda.

Mr. Stechly, I was happy to see this door closed.

Com. Good, I was too.

Mr. Stechly, Com. Blaney you and I were in on some of these meetings but I know Jeff and I had some additional meetings and we've been really trying to get on top of this probably for about 8 months. Basically what this is so everyone knows we have the Jail Sewer Screen which filters additional garbage that may make its way into the system. It makes flushing towels, garbage, rags, and sheets so this sewer screen captures all of this garbage. This is a maintenance agreement with Gertzen Water. They're out of Valpo. I met them onsite extremely competent vendor. They knew what they were looking at this is really specific equipment. It was really nice that they knew what they were looking at and what they were talking about. This is a 3 year service agreement basically turnkey monthly, semi-annual, annual inspections and then a labor rate as well if anything is needed in terms of repairs. This big project that you took on a few years ago to install and now its working but it definitely needs maintenance and this is definitely a good thing for Valpo, the sewer system and for the Jail.

Com. Good, I also thought that the price for what we're paying was very fair as well too. I think it's \$4800.00 a year, \$400.00 a month to come out. What I think a lot of people don't understand is if this goes down this affects the sewer system pretty much on the whole east side of Porter County.

Mr. Stechly, And that sewer screen was over \$1 million to install so this \$4800.00 a year is nothing.

Com. Good, Just to maintain it. Again, I'm glad to see this being in some competent hands now. The only thing that I would ask is that when they're reports come in that you share it with our office. I know you will be the keeper of these reports,



but also make sure that we let the Jail know too as to what is going on so they have some maintenance data. Share the information is all that I'm trying to say, which I'm sure you will.

Com. Biggs, It's just an extremely expensive obligation to run a jail isn't it.

Mr. Stechly, I should know, yes. We're doing a good job it works.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the Gertzen Water Management agreement, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ANDY MCKAY**

**A request for an Additional Appropriation from Fund #1135 in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Account #3950 Contractual Services for additional bridge invoices.**

Com. Good, What invoices are those for again Andy?

Mr. McKay, They're for Bridge 1008 for Clem Road and for Bridge 62 over the Kankakee River.

Com. Good, The Clem Bridge was part of the Heritage Crossroads.

Mr. McKay, Yes but we couldn't use that money for it because of engineering and design.

Com. Good, Any other questions from the Board?

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

Com. Biggs, Andy I'm sure that you have talked about the north area highway. If you could put on your list the painting of McCool Road, stripping and Meridian Road.

Mr. McKay, Yes Meridian we've already had several calls on. Also there is talk about State or Federal Government coming in to make it mandatory for it all to be reflective. I don't know if it's going to pass or not but if it does we'll have to change everything.

Com. Good, Is that a bill down State?

Mr. McKay, Ray sent me the literature on it. It might be coming they have to vote on it still.

Mr. Riddell, 2019/2020 and it has to do with (Inaudible sitting in the back of the room.)

Com. Blaney, Is it Federal or State?

Mr. Riddell, I believe it's Federal (Inaudible).

Mr. McKay, That will cost a lot of money.

Com. Biggs, Thank you.

## **HIGHWAY ENGINEERING – MIKE NOVOTNEY / ROBERT THOMPSON**

### **1. All Districts**

- **LPA Claim #23 for Bridge Inspections for reimbursement of \$24,760.00.**

Mr. Thompson, We received this claim in the Auditor's office already for reimbursements for bridge inspections asking for your approval on it.

Com. Good, I'll open the floor to the Commissioners.

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

- **Supplemental Agreement #2 for Phase 2A of Bridge Inspections.**

Mr. Thompson, This is under water inspections and also scour inspections. This is all part of the requirement that INDOT has for all bridges that they have potential to scour.

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

## 2. South District

- **Supplemental Agreement #1 for Construction Observation of Smoke and Division project.**
- **Change Order #1 for Smoke and Division project.**
- **Change Order #2 for Smoke and Division project.**
- **Supplemental Agreement #4 for Bridge 62, 625 West over the Kankakee River.**

Mr. Thompson, We've increased \$31,600.00 for a total of \$191,000.00. We also need to let you all know that this right now cannot be reimbursed by INDOT. We've exceeded the cap. Supposedly there is a cap on this and with this construction observation cost this is 100% us.

Com. Good, And how much is that amount? Is that for both change orders or just one?

Mr. Thompson, No the other change order we have for Smoke and Division I believe is no charge on that. No I'm sorry there is one that is safety related where there was no charge. There is another change order on Smoke and Division where instead of doing the lime treatment for the sub base they had to do a concrete treatment on it. That one is for \$9,000.00.

Com. Good, That's number 2 I believe.

Mr. Thompson, (Inaudible) yes that's \$9940.00. I do not know if that is covered under the original design. I asked the Beam, Longest and Neff representative to be here if you have any questions. That I guess I do not know if that up for reimbursement. I do know for the supplemental agreement for the construction observation the \$31,600.00 we will not get reimbursed on that one right now it's looking like.

Com. Biggs, And how much have we expended?

Mr. Thompson, The total agreement I believe was in the neighborhood of \$150 some thousand, \$158/\$159,000.00. I have it on the next page I should say, no I don't. Item #2 is where we're requesting to pay for the construction observation up to \$136,000 of the original contract. We haven't paid for construction observation since June of last year.

Com. Good, Well I think going forward here we need to have a little bit better communication from our consultant here as to when change orders happen and we need to figure out a way to get it further up the food chain a little quicker. These things should have come to the Board much sooner. I don't know why we're dealing with this almost a year and a half later. I know your office has been working through all of this since it's been given to you. Do we have any questions for the Board for the consultant Beam, Longest and Neff? Does anyone want to bring them forward?

Com. Biggs, At the very least if you can go back and tell them that we would like written explanation as to what all of this is.

Mr. Thompson, As far as the Supplemental Agreement #1 with \$31,600.00 INDOT has said there is pretty much set that there is no reimbursement on that, because there is a 12 ½ % cap from what I'm understanding. I started getting all of this this morning. There is a 12 1/2% cap on this so we've exceeded that. The contract stated 18 weeks of construction observation and it ended up exceeding that and going to 23. So what you're looking at here is them exceeding what was originally in the contract of 18 weeks.

Com. Good, Did you want to come forward you keep raising your hand. Why don't you come forward state your name and who you represent.

Ms. Pixley, Hi my name is Kristen Pixley I represent Beam, Longest and Neff. Just wanted to fill in some of the gaps and any questions you may have. So INDOT requires that we present to the County a construction observation contract before it goes to letting. The contractor and INDOT release the schedule. So basically the contractor makes the best guess as to how long a project will take to build pre, post and to actual construction. So when we presented the original contract to you we said it would take 17 weeks and it ended up taking 23 weeks. We contacted INDOT to ask if they could provide the additional funding that is left on this project because there is actually \$16,000.00 left that should be available to the County, because they now removed that 12 1/2 % cap in a lot of situations that we've dealt with. They have denied that for several reasons. One being they're still over \$60,000.00 and P.O.'s opened on this project that the County hasn't submitted, but from what I've heard from the County they've working on bringing those up to date. They said that they were outside of the fiscal year and those funds have now been brought back into the general fund at NRPC. So they're just not available anymore and that information came from Marcy the LPA director.

Com. Good, Any questions from the Board?

Com. Biggs, I don't like it but there is nothing you can do about it.

Com. Good, Are we doing all 4 the Supplemental Agreement #1 for construction observation Smoke and Division. Change Order #1 for Smoke and Division project. Change Order #2 for Smoke and Division project and Supplemental Agreement #4 for Bridge 62, 525 West over the Kankakee River.

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

Com. Blaney, I have another question. The purchase orders that you said still need to be submitted, where are we at on those Bob do you know?

Mr. Thompson, Item #2 that we had down here under South District Smoke and Division Road the observation invoices of \$136,000.00. I was hoping we could process instead you all accepting and approving the quietus before the money coming back in from INDOT what I wanted to do is bring the invoices down to you guys and say this what we got and go forward with it, approve it and then we'll start doing all of the tracking of it and then we'll let you know when we get the money back from INDOT and what fund it's going to go into. Now that you've approved this we're going to go forward with the actual payment of this \$136,000.00. Then we're going to submit it into INDOT and we're going to try to get 80% reimbursement of \$110,000.00.

Atty. McClure, Try?

Mr. Thompson, Try.

Atty. McClure, Is there a problem?

Mr. Thompson, We're hoping there is not.

Atty. McClure, Okay.

Com. Good, So do we.

Mr. Thompson, We shall put in for the 80%.

Com. Blaney, When we do put in for 80% of any of these projects is there any kind of time line that State expects?

Mr. Thompson, The main thing is we have to put them in in order. The claim forms in order. There is another one we're working on, it's confusing we just have to make sure that we're doing it. What we're going to do we're only allowed to do so many invoices I think in one claim so we're working with INDOT on how we can put those listed down. Put it in under the next claim item number and forward it to them for reimbursement. This may have to go in in a couple but we're hoping to get it in under one claim (Inaudible).

Com. Good, Well thank you Bob for digging through all of this and hopefully we can get those off to the State and get some good news back. That is all we can hope for thank you. The only other thing before we adjourn or recess would be the right word. Yesterday we received a couple phone calls from the press. I guess they saw on our agenda in the consent portion regarding the Porter Regional Hospital Response Data. There were some questions that came to us regarding the ambulance contract with Porter Regional Hospital that I think a lot of people know over the years has somewhat been a hot button. There's been a lot of questions regarding it. The Response Data Report we received from Porter is for the fiscal year 2016. It gives us a lot of information on ambulance service calls, other data as we as the Commissioners have taken a look at. For the record Atty. McClure and myself have met with Porter Hospital. We've had an open conversation. We're exchanging information right now. We are looking at all different components of this agreement. It will take some time to vet through. As we're working through the 800 megahertz radio system and the radios believe it or not the ambulance service contract plays into that whole situation as well. So we're taking a step back and we're looking at this from a holistic standpoint. I think some of you have been in our meetings before and how we've talked about things holistically rather than just one (Inaudible). The ambulance contract is part of this relook and this total picture look at our whole 911 first response type situation. I know there has been a lot of angst between this contract but I can tell you our first meeting with Porter went very well. It was very positive. We learned a lot of things. They learned a lot of things. Now we're going to continue to meet and continue to move forward and try to resolve this issue and come up with a an outcome that is good for Porter County and good for Porter Hospital, which is really what we want. Don't really want to add more to than that. I just want to let people know that we're working through it and we're talking. It's part of what we do up here. Don't want to really get into it any more than that. It's just that we're doing our due diligence on behalf of the County. I just want to make that real clear so everyone understood what was happening. Any other comments or questions from the Commissioners before we recess?

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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