

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, March 15, 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 16, 2016 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners Laura Blaney, Jeff Good, Commissioner John Evans was not in attendance; County Attorney Scott McClure; Administrative Assistant Michelle Strader and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle.

Call to Order/Pledge

Vice President Blaney called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Payroll

Com. Blaney moved to approve the payroll of February 22nd, 2016, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Com. Good moved to approve the claims of February 18th, February 25th and March 3rd, 2016, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Dennis Murzyn will replace Jim Dyer on the Animal Shelter Technical Review Committee from April 9th through April 23rd while Jim is out of town. Dennis will be present for the presentation on April 14th and the April 21st evaluation and ranking meeting.

Com. Blaney, Dennis Murzyn is a Senior Project Manager with Berglund Construction. He has over 30 years in the construction industry so he should be a good replacement. He will be present for our presentation on April 14th and the April 21st evaluation and ranking meeting.

Com. Good moved to approve Dennis Murzyn to temporarily replace Jim Dyer for the April 14th and 21st, 2016 Evaluation and Ranking Meetings, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

An Ordinance Drainage from Citizenship to County Commissioner - Revised – 2nd Reading

Com. Blaney, This is the ordinance that puts the County Commissioners on the Drainage Board with Kevin Breitzke our Surveyor.

Atty. McClure, The only revision was if passed this will be effective June 1st, 2016.

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

An Ordinance Establishing Fund 1182 for the Deposit of Proceeds for Storm Water Management – 2nd Reading

Com. Good, I would just like to clarify for everybody as transparency has been the key to what we've been trying to do on the Storm Water Fee going forward. The revenues that will start coming in around June for the Storm Water Fee will go into this fund which we're establishing now. For the record this money that goes into this fund can only be spent for Storm Water improvements, nothing else.

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

Amend Storm Water Fee Appendix – 2nd Reading

Bob Thompson, There is really two amendments in this ordinance and it's dealing with the Storm Water user fee ordinance that was adopted. The first amendment was a discussion of an appeal and how we set up the appeal process going in for the rules and procedures that

has been adopted by the Storm Water Utility Board. The other item was is the appendix and this was a request coming from the Auditor's office as far as making our spreadsheet a little easier for everybody to understand and read.

Atty. McClure, But no substantial changes to the actual.....

Bob Thompson, No changes to the fee.

Com. Good, moved to approve the Water Fee appendix and the Storm Water Ordinance on 2nd Reading, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Amend Storm Water Ordinance Regarding Payment for an AG Class Code Parcel – 1st Reading

Bob Thompson, Through the actual test runs that LOW is working on with the Auditor's office as far as the user fee. Vicki happened to catch the fact that some of the Agricultural parcels that we had set up with the \$2.75 per acre some of the parcels were coming in low especially if they had homestead on that so we changed the fees so that way if they do own an AG parcel with a homestead on it the minimum is \$120.00. Basically it goes back to the acreage where you looking at a break of around 44/45 acres, when using the \$2.75 is where the break is when it hits up to around \$120.00. So anything that is above that acreage it does stay at the \$2.75 per acre rate, but anything less than that will be the automatic \$120.00 minimum.

PUBLIC HEARING

Com. Blaney, All of those in favor of the change to the ordinance regarding payment AG Class Code Parcel. Is in anyone wanting to speak in favor? Anyone want to speak in favor? One more time. Anyone opposed the change? Anyone opposed? Third time anyone opposed?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Good, moved to approve the amendment to the Storm Water Ordinance regarding payment for an AG class code parcel on 1st Reading, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Leigh Westergren, Anton Insurance and Troy Scott, R & R Benefits

- **Service Agreement with I.U. Health**

Troy Scott, We want to take this opportunity to give you an overview of some things we set in motion over a year ago. We have had roughly 1220 participants that includes employees, spouses and children. 217 was employee only coverage and 321 was family coverage. We had a very good year. We had to change direction a few times with some strategy but a lot of the success we've had this year is through the reference based pricing that we presented about a year ago. In working with INETICO on that reference based pricing and also the provider agreements that we completed directly and indirectly through INETICO. We had (Inaudible) pricing for Franciscan Alliance that included facilities Crown Point, Michigan City, Dyer, Hammond, Munster and Porter Health Care System. Those agreements provided a very needed discount and savings to the client. We also had secondary agreements one I want to circle back to is the I.U. Health. We also had direct letter of agreements with Community Health Care Systems, Indiana (Inaudible) Services. Aside from the agreements and the cost plus pricing we had single case agreements. (Inaudible) agreements that were negotiated and we negotiated both Franciscan, St. Elizabeth, Lafayette, East Lafayette, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and (Inaudible) Liberty Children's Hospital, Marshall County Hospital, the (Inaudible) at Central States and Riley Outpatient Surgery Centers. Why that is important is it shows the involvement and the detail that went into managing this (Inaudible) both at a reference based pricing, direct contract, secondary contract and civil case agreement. All those proved successful. In your packet we do have a secondary agreement that is pending your approval with the I.U. Health report that we would ask that it be approved today. To go along and to basically bolster the already in place agreements that we already have with the other hospitals. Are there any questions regarding that secondary agreement with I.U. Health that is pending?

Com. Good. For what period does this cover?

Mr. Scott, This will be the calendar year 2016.

Com. Good, This will take affect May 1st with INETICO then?

Leigh Westergren, April 1st.

Com. Blaney, Did you hand us anything today that is different than what we have regarding this?

Ms. Westergren, No. Actually I would like to rescind that it will actually go back to 4/1/2015.

Mr. Scott, So it is retroactive.

Ms. Westergren, This will enable us to go back and redo all of those other claims that were issued.

Com. Good, Do you have a ballpark amount of what those claims are going to run us?

Ms. Westergren, A couple of meetings ago we were here talking about the 26 County employees that had I.U. Health claims and I'm sorry I don't have the actual numbers, it was in the vicinity of \$300,000.00.

Com. Good, Are there any other retro balances that are outstanding? For any other accounts that we have, some people of have been coming here talking about how much we're saving but that number in my opinion is not final yet, because now we have retros, we have other things we need to add on to it. So I'm trying to get to the real number.

Ms. Westergren, The claims have all been adjudicated and paid. The ones that had issue were the I.U. Health, Community Center, University of Chicago. For the most part there won't be any additional payments on those claims because these agreements are going to go back and satisfy the payments that were already made. The only provider that we are having any issues with right now is University of Chicago.

Com. Good, So these were paid out?

Ms. Westergren, Correct. The CPA's didn't sit on claims, they went ahead processed them per (Inaudible) pricing and then went around and now we're getting the providers (Inaudible).

Com. Good, So what we paid them out at versus what this new agreement is, is there any retro credit back?

Ms. Westergren, No.

Com. Good, So it's pretty much just a pass through?

Ms. Westergren, Correct.

Com. Good, So there wasn't much negotiation that took place?

Ms. Westergren, Well there were huge negotiations because had there not been any negotiations then we would be looking at 100 of 1000's of dollars from all of those providers that we didn't pay. So paid per the referenced base contracting that INETICO put into place a year ago.

Com. Blaney, So you paid them as if there was cost base pricing?

Ms. Westergren, Correct. As we did with all of the providers other than the original two that we have the special agreement.

Com. Good moved to approve the agreement with I.U. Health, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Scott, All of the agreements I just recapped we had 11,540 (Inaudible) the bill amount was \$17,705,438.00. We (Inaudible) came in at \$5.2 million and total savings to the plan cost plus repricing for the direct contract is a little over \$10.1 million. The total cost (Inaudible) for the fiscal year was \$8,761,235.00 that is an all in number. That includes facility claims, physician claims and our fixed cost. That is a significant savings over what this group is trending to prior to this year. We think it's a great number, hopefully you guys think it's a great

number. Where it's truly reflected is what I'm going to talk about next in the agreement service renewal and this without actuarial standpoint of an underwriting standpoint because they look at all of the claims and when we take it out for the stop loss renewal this is really the true test of how well the plan is trending or doing. This year we took it out to 12 companies. We had 7 companies decline that's usual in this industry and this market. Of those 5 that quoted we had one firm quote from incumbent Sun Life. It was a flat renewal (Inaudible) almost a 15% reduction and that's where the vote of confidence is. When you have an actuary underwriter from the stop loss company that has access to all of the claims and they come in and they say your aggregate exposure is reduced that's adding confidence (Inaudible) on how those claims were formed. The estimated annual maximum cost reduced to all most 15% and again I need to add that there are no lasers generally when they're (Inaudible) people out and they did not laser anyone out and we've maintained the discount for the organ transplant policy.

Atty. McClure, Why don't you take a moment to explain the laser issue.

Mr. Scott, The laser issue is when you're underwriting there is a particular claimant that is expected to be seen. The speck amount in this particular case is \$150,000.00. The company will say we are going to laser or cut them out or carve them out of the plan and assigned them a new specific amount meaning instead of \$150 we're going to treat this person to \$225. Meaning the County will be on the hook for the first \$225 instead of the first \$150. In this particular situation there were no lasers and that's a good thing. It's to the claims and the overall health and (Inaudible) the program we had employees that we've been able to get a hold. We had the strategies put in place (Inaudible). Sometimes we had two or three lasers that would come back for other clients. There are no lasers here so that's a vote of confidence.

Atty. McClure, I would also ask you to spend a little time on is the specific deductible versus the aggregating specific.

Mr. Scott, Okay. The specific deductible as I stated earlier is \$150,000 per individuals need. The first \$150,000.00 per individual (Inaudible) is the responsibility of the County. The specific deductible a lot of times what you have to look at is what are the charges going to be for this deductible and how much is it going to reduce your premium. In this particular situation having a \$100,000.00 aggregate specific reduces the premium by \$100,000.00 so it's almost a dollar per dollar. What that means is the first \$100,000.00 over \$150 per specific individual is paid for by the County but since we have a dollar per dollar premium reduction it's a no brainer. If we only have say \$50,000.00 over the \$150 (Inaudible) \$100,000.00 the County is going to come out ahead \$50,000.00 and at dollar per dollar again it's a no brainer. Where you really have to weigh in is when you take the aggregated specific and it doesn't reduce down to the amount of the aggregated specific or dollar per dollar then you have (Inaudible). As long as we don't have \$100,000.00 in spec (Inaudible) above the \$150 the County will come out ahead.

Ms. Westergren, The difference between the two deductibles is the specific deductible is a per person. The \$150,000.00 and the aggregating specific is a one-time deductible. So if one person has a \$250,000.00 claim that wipes out the aggregating specific deductible.

Com. Good, I want to go back to something that you had mentioned. If you go down to the total annual premium for the reinsurance which last year we let it at \$772,678.00. This year the renewal came in at \$773 which was \$700 more on the premium for the year, but yet the annual aggregate is down about a \$1.6 million. Your showing a 14% decrease in the aggregate but the premium stays the same. Why wouldn't the premium follow the aggregate if you're doing all of the things that we're supposed to be doing? That's where the wheels fall off for me.

Mr. Scott, The first thing you look at if you go back up to the specific coverage you look at the estimated policy premium. That's the premium you're paying just for the stop loss policy and that is the (Inaudible) flat. Now if you go down to the your aggregated coverage this is basically your maximum exposure that if Armageddon were to hit and we had a number of spec claims per individual the most that the County will pay is \$9.8 million and some changes versus the \$11.5 million. The underwriters stated they will reduce that exposure because of the way the plan is trending. So that is where the savings comes in and then you go down to the fixed cost. The fixed cost is (Inaudible) TPA, network fees all of those costs so roughly that is just a slight increase, includes a premium. So that is essentially the same you would have an estimated annual maximum cost. Basically what's reflected in that reduction is the aggregate deductible amount that was reduced by \$1 million.

Ms. Westergren, There are two levels of insurance. There is the specific that is the \$767,000.00 and then there is the cap point or the max cost and that is the number that went down.

Atty. McClure, Just so I'm clear and everyone else is. If we happen to budget \$9,813,120.00 we couldn't go over that am I understanding that right?

Ms. Westergren, Correct.

Com. Good, And then that's Armageddon.

Mr. Scott, Correct. That \$9.8 million that's the vote of confidence, that's what you want to see.

Com. Blaney, It sounds like we're a little healthier overall and that's a good thing.

Mr. Scott, A lot of times when the costs go down is generally a reflection of the overall health of the employees. I think what we've done really aggressively this year is attack process, with the agreements, with cost (Inaudible), with the negotiations, with the RX contracts. Overall I think that the group is healthier, but this year I think we need to focus on health. It has a two prong approach. Attack the pricing, get control of it, get the contracts in place now we've got that it's proven success now let's work on the overall health of the population. We're going to continue duplicating the footprint here, but we're going to really focus on improving the overall health of the population.

Com. Good, Can you give us an overview of the other bids that came in and where they were?

Mr. Scott, The other bids were not (Inaudible) meaning that they felt we didn't have all of the information that we needed.

Com. Good, Why is that?

Mr. Scott, Going mid-year when we switched TPA's we had a lag in January and February, about 45 days (Inaudible).

Com. Good, So it's informational stuff.

Mr. Scott, They've had the claims all year long so they're very familiar with this case. Do you have specific questions?

Atty. McClure, Berkley Life and Health Insurance their policy aggregate deductible was \$400,000.00 or \$500,000.00 potentially higher even though they're overall estimated annual fix cost was not that much higher as an out of pocket expense as far as the payment goes but yet there was some additional exposure there. That's another reason why Sun Life is the best option and as you move down this list all of those policy aggregate deductibles are just growing some of which are growing. Some of which are almost \$2 million or a \$1.5 million higher. A potential exposure that we would have and some of the prices are.....there are two or three here that are packed pretty closely. Gerber and Berkley are waiting for claims maybe through the end of January to firm up their number, but our overall potential exposure in that Armageddon scenario is still lower with Sun Life. So Sun Life is not only lower on the Armageddon number but also on the actual price itself. Sun Life in this scenario is clearly the best choice.

Mr. Scott, And that's why we're recommending them. Also to point out that Berkley and Gerber on the third page where I mentioned that there were no lasers for Sun Life they'd still want to review whether or not lasers would come back under Berkley or Gerber.

Atty. McClure, On Option 5 where the specific deductible instead of being \$150 was \$175 and the aggregating specific was still \$100 the price was a little bit lower but let's have that discussion about why that may not necessarily be the best choice.

Mr. Scott, A lot of times when you look at raising a specific deductible from \$150 to \$175 or \$200. (Inaudible) Some of our groups we have in the 200/225 range, there are larger groups but this group size is in the area that we need to be. When you start thinking about raising the specific deductible you've got to have a pretty good grasp of the overall health and where we are with clients. Based on the fact that we are one year into this and even though our client data is firm it is a little bit immature. (Inaudible) a lot of times it takes 24 to 36 months to get a really firm grip on the health over population. We discussed this and we felt since we are in the first year with this type pricing raising the deductible would not be appropriate because (Inaudible).

Ms. Westergren, Also based on some diagnostic (Inaudible) that we have. An extra 25,000 over (Inaudible).

Atty. McClure, Over 15/20 employees could quickly get us past the savings, but that's why I just have the discussion so everybody is getting a better understanding of what we're looking at and also later on when we're looking at them we can explain it better.

Ms. Westergren, The risk is too great given the status (Inaudible).

Com. Good, Do you think that if we come in next year and we're looking a little better is this going to be an area that we can hone in on at that point and discuss?

Mr. Scott, We start here but based on a hypothetical information that we (Inaudible). It sounds kind of funny coming from an insurance guy but the less insurance you can have the better. (Inaudible)

Com. Good, Well thanks for giving us that narrative obviously what we're trying to do is through these public meetings is to make sure that we have a record that other people were reached out to, discussed we're just trying to open it up so the public knows that we're bedding this properly. The question that I had, this thing here that you gave us is there going to be any analysis either by INETICO, Anton whoever, R & R is there going to be any analysis on this document to what we need to do. Now that we have outcomes right, what's the analysis going to be on areas that we specifically need to target to hone in on. I'm just trying to understand how that process is going to work and how it goes from there.

Ms. Westergren, Well I appreciate that question, because that is exactly what I was about to lead into. In regards to the executive summary report the aggregate wellness program. This is based on this year's wellness screening. We have 811 people who are eligible to participate in the program between the spouses and the individuals. And we had 271 participate in the onsite wellness screening, that number is very low in my estimation. However, it is a 33% increase over last year. Before I get into this too deeply I'm going to need to come back with a more thorough analysis. I wanted to ask the Board of Commissioners how you felt about offering an additional wellness screening perhaps in May or June to give those people who did not take advantage of the opportunity that chance to do so. I know that last time we had a conversation that you wanted to see an increase and that was communicated very well. We had several departments that had a much greater increase and this was the Sheriff's Department.

Com. Good, So of the 33% increase year over year what is the percentage based on our insured population, 50%, 40%?

Ms. Westergren, Well if our insured population is eligible it would 881, we have 270.

Com. Good, So it's still low.

Ms. Westergren, 35/40%.

Com. Blaney, And it was only about 31%.

Ms. Westergren, I spoke with the wellness provider of our onsite (Inaudible) and they are willing to do an onsite wellness screening again. It's not any additional cost because had everybody gone to it initially then the County would pay (Inaudible).

Com. Good, So it's an additional cost?

Ms. Westergren, It will be cost but it would have been cost that would have been paid out had another 100 people had done this (Inaudible).

Mr. Scott, (Inaudible)

Com. Good, I think you almost have to. You have to keep pushing this program.

Com. Blaney, Can you let us know in the meantime what the participation numbers are for the department?

Ms. Westergren, I absolutely can.

Com. Good, Then if we need to go to them and start.

Com. Blaney, I don't need names.

Ms. Westergren, No, I have the names I wasn't given actual departments. I just have to create a document so I can go through sort them. Last year we had 295 participate in the wellness program overall. That would be attending Lunch and Learns, doing the screening etc. Which is actually a number that is well (Inaudible) in 2014. I'm not sure what the story with that is. If they're getting tired of the topics or.... 2014 was a year we had a lot of no shows. It's really been kind of an issue for me. But we would like to move forward with that. Overall we found based on this aggregate report that there are pretty substantial cardiovascular disease risks. Of the people who participated in the wellness screening 44% of them would be classified as obese and pre-diabetic. Almost 37% of people are pre-diabetic. Diabetes is a risk factor for a number of comorbidities so what I hope to do this year is fill up the wellness program addressing these issues. We actually have a wellness program next week at the Lunch and Learn. Not in regards to diabetes but it is in regards to healthy living and I'm looking forward to the outcome. Any questions?

Com. Good, Well I mean from my perspective I'm willing to move forward into the next year, but I also think that as we're going through this next year if we can't get these participation numbers up. We've given our employees two years to meet this target and if we can't get our participation numbers up then from my perspective next year we're going to start taking this into our hands at this point. We've got to make this thing work and if we can only get 30 to 40% of the people to the trough. We still have a lot of heaving lifting here so I think we've been generous, I think we've been trying to manage this the best way we can without trying to jeopardize our employees or making something more come out of their pocket. Health insurance is a two street and the street has got about a mile left here and we're going to wait and see how we go. I would encourage if there is any department heads to get the word out. We've got to get these numbers up and if not we're going to have a decision to make next year as to how we go about this as to how to get these numbers up. This is how this whole plan is designed. I think we've done a good job today more work to do, but we're coming quickly to the crossroads here.

Mr. Scott, It is a collaborative effort from your side to the employee's side, to our side. Everybody needs to get involved we need another 20% we need a little higher participation with PHA. This type information is what we need to organize and put strategic initiatives in place to attack and arm us with this type of information we can do great things. When the culture starts shaking and the (Inaudible) starts shaking it's very impactful. We do need to increase this. We've had success with raising deductibles (Inaudible) and the deductible says when you participate in the PHA and it remains flat no increase. When we've done that we've 92 to 95% participation. Now we have the information to really have an idea of what's going on and it is very simple. Obesity is prevalent in all of our clients. It leads to diabetes which leads to end stage renal failure which is your largest cost driver. Get ahead of the game early intervention prevention. Again, fairly simple you just have to get people to buy in and this is one great way but I agree with you it does need to increase.

Ms. Westergren, One of our studies to the far north along the lake shore doubled the employee premium for those who did not participate in the wellness program.

Com. Blaney, Those are tough decisions but we need participation, we need help. It's not fair to the taxpayers.

Ms. Westergren, With your permission we will go ahead coordinate an additional onsite wellness screening for May and be able to provide the aggregate data, the overall aggregate data to you by the end of the summer.

Com. Good, One more question on the NERD report. Now that we've switched over to BAS does this become more real time on outcomes once you pay the claims? Because BAS is more technology driven where Stewart C. Miller was not. Does that feed into this with INETICO?

Ms. Westergren, This report was created by Porter Regional Hospital and is not coordinated in any way with BAS. In a couple of weeks I would like to come back and provide you with a summary of this. I actually just received this from Porter so I haven't had too much of a chance to really dig into it. Also, at that time I would like talk to you about the 2016/2017 COBRA rates. You have in your packet a document which shows projections on what the COBRA rates might look like. I will need some time to look that over and allow me to come back and formalize and have a conversation. Then you will have the opportunity to choose what you would have as your (Inaudible) rates for 2016/2017. In the past we have used the

100% the actual rate which is illustrated. You will note that the rates have actual gone down this year and that's again based on the performance of the plan.

Com. Good moved to approve the Sun Life Health Insurance renewal for 2016, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Bob Thompson

- **Petition to Vacate Willow Street Right-of-Way in Pine Township**

Bob Thompson, This is a petition to vacate Willow Street right-of-way within Pine Township South of U.S. 20 just right on the border of the Town of Pines in the unincorporated area of Porter County. The petitioner on this DDALT Corporation and the reason for the request is because they have monitoring wells to the West of them in the Town of Pines. They do own the land adjacent off the subdivision lots. They are next to Willow Street on the East and they also own the land to the West. Their request for this is mainly to be able to put in monitoring wells in this location because they have to monitor the ground water and the water run-off on the surface on this site to the West. So they are asking for this right-of-way to be vacated. One of the things that we did do is we asked the petitioner to ask for locates there. We want to make sure that there are no utilities there. While I was out there I took pictures to make sure they said everything was okay as far cable television, gas, electric. They also had a little clear sign out. I also forward this petition on to Ray Riddell at the Highway Engineering for his comments in your report. His report is also attached to this staff report. We did go through the normal procedures as far as notification on this since this is a public hearing and we also did send out certified mailings on this and we also advertised it in the local newspaper. I believe the petitioner is here.

Com. Blaney, I want to be clear the right-of-way of the street there is not a street there?

Mr. Thompson, There is absolutely nothing matter of fact if you go to the end of it there is a sign back there that says classified wildlife habitat.

Com. Good, So this is has planted for a while.

Mr. Thompson, Yes it goes back a long ways.

Com. Blaney, Isn't that Bartlett's or something?

Mr. Thompson, Yes, Lake Shore unit #2.

Com. Blaney, We need a public hearing on this?

Atty. McClure, Yes.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Blaney, All those in favor of the petitioner to vacate Willow Street right-of-way in Pine Township please come forward. All those in favor. All those in favor. All those opposed. Is anyone opposed to the petition to vacate Willow Street right-of-way in Pine Township? All those opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Atty. McClure, Bob as a staff rep. do you have a recommendation to the Commissioners?

Mr. Thompson, I would recommend approval with the fact that there are no utilities there, there's no infrastructure in place. I would recommend approval for everything South. I think there is a parcel to the very North end it's owned by Faye Horner. The very Northeast corner of this it's just a small area, but everything South of Faye Horner's parcel I would say vacate the total right-of-way.

Atty. McClure, Basically from the South lot line of Lot 4 all the way down from there?

Com. Good, To #13.

Mr. Thompson, I think it is #16 at the very South end. It's just a little small area. Another reason to is if you were standing up on U.S. 20 there is a significant grade going down immediately.

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

Mr. Thompson, At second reading I'll have the actual ordinance prepared.

Kyle Kuebler

- **Airport Project - Hospital Interest in the amount of \$317,197.00 regarding the Airport.**

Mr. Kuebler, Good Afternoon. I think both Commissioners were present at our meeting with the Town Council on February 23rd. I provided for the Commissioners the same packet that we had at that meeting. If you have any further questions and you'd like to discuss.

Com. Good, For the record for our meeting can you give a brief overview as to what is going on Kyle for our audience and for the public record.

Mr. Kuebler, Yes, what we're talking about is reconstruction of the primary runway infrastructure at the Airport. The East/West runway running 927 and it's parallel taxi way system. Just a brief history that runway was originally installed in 1966. It went 17 years to its first overlay in 1983. The FAA looks for a design standard, a twenty year life cycle update. When we did that overlay in 1983 we actually had to replace some of the crown to that runway close to 16 inches in some places which gave us very thick pavement. They were doing work on U.S. Highway 30 at the time so remanufacturer materials were used to FAA specifications there which may be some of the problem we had with the material because it wasn't virgin (Inaudible) material. That overlay only lasts 16 years until 1999 when we extended and overlaid again (Inaudible). Right now we're in condition 15 or 16 years that it's just as bad or worse with over 200,000 (Inaudible) cracks. We did a lot of due diligence to determine if it was worth wild to just to another rehab which is just a (Inaudible) overlay or to full gut restoration of the runway and (Inaudible) not only to convince ourselves as the Airport Authority but our partners with the FAA and the State to contribute much of that funding towards that. We did that work and really this is the culmination of four years of working with the FAA trying to come up with what was going wrong and how best to replace it. Now within the last year working hopefully with our partners to (Inaudible) match that project.

Com. Good, Give the audience an idea of the total dollar amount here and then breakdown from the Federal perspective, from the State perspective and then the local/County Government/RDA perspective.

Mr. Kuebler, Your normal airport improvement program participations is 9% Federal, 5% State, 5% Local so the entire project was estimated at \$12.6 million which is at 90% \$11.4 million in Federal Share. The 5% match of that would be \$634,000.00 for the State of which the locality would have the same. Just to try to give some size to this project the \$11.4 million that this project is proposed to in Federal participation is 93% of the total Federal participation we've had since 1983. So it's a very large project which caused us to have to go out and look for partners with this. We proposed a 2 ½ % match with the RDA and then followed with the format with the County for another 2 ½% match which would total \$634,000.00.

Com. Good, And the RDA has already approved their match, it's contingent upon our approval and this the last step for you to get the money.

Mr. Kuebler, Yes, the project as far as timing we're eminent. We just had a pre-construction meeting on this a couple weeks ago. We're looking to close that East/West runway as early as April 4th if weather permits, because with this whole depth restoration we will be unearthing for the most part right down to the base materials. So if it looks like it's going to be raining for the next few weeks we may delay that but right now we're on target for April 4th. Just to give you the rest of the story for the most part we have two-thirds of this project really in place right now from a grant and a bid standpoint. This summer we will be looking to do a bid on the remaining taxiway portion that has not been done with the first two phases of work that would be connected with a future grant that would come out sometime before September 30th before the end of the fiscal year. That is really the only piece of the puzzles right now unknown but we've been getting good bids and seeing some cost reductions even though I'm going into the largest portion of this work right now. We're hoping that there won't be any major flaws found as they do this. They did have one of the dump trucks in the first phase with seven inches of material (Inaudible) actually go through the pavement. So we found the soft spot at the right time. I'm hoping that we're not going to find any more of those. We seemed to be coming under bid and staying on track and we just have that last piece of the puzzle to do this year with a grant to follow this fall.

Com. Blaney, It looks like on your numbers here it's 39 to 1 ratio. That's pretty amazing.

Mr. Kuebler, Yes, the RDA is always looking to leverage additional money into the area and with this match 39 to 1 is going to be very hard beat.

Com. Blaney, Yes.

Com. Good, One of the things I wanted to let you know in Airport report later in today's meeting will be visiting a watershed study that the new Storm Drainage Board and we've actually met with the City of Valpo to talk to them about some discussions about participating with us and starting to study some of the watershed areas which would be North of you, the Hotter Ditch, which actually runs right under the middle of the Airport runway. Now that we're putting all of this money into our Airport we want to make sure that we develop and plan the appropriate upstream of the Airport to make sure that we can accommodate that water correctly that comes down through Hotter. That will have a lot to do with the life of your new surface that you're putting in and Hotter is a very shallow situation. So when we get that study obviously we'll share that with you folks and let you know what is going on. A lot things are going on around this area right now.

Mr. Kuebler, With the development of the Airport in the mid 90's we directed parted of Koselke Ditch that actually holds more water and became a throttle for water going from the North side of U.S. 30 south of U.S. 30 as you mentioned with the Hotter Drain coming through the Airport. As we develop the Airport more to the North towards State Rd. 2 we have that same accommodation there where we can also improve the Koselke Ditch and perhaps help them from having drain problems to the North and throttle your large water events and let them have a steady drain to its destination.

Com. Good, I'm not an engineer but my guess we're probably talking along the lines of some regional detention basin that is going to have to be put in or maybe one that can be expanded or something but we'll know more of that but we're trying to do our best to keep that water off of you out there.

Com. Blaney, The only other issue with how the Council did this is they voted on using hospital interest money and I think we'd prefer to Major Moves money. We've had some discussions with them so they're willing to go back and use Major Moves. I wanted to make sure with you you don't have a deadline that's this month that you need this approval do you?

Mr. Kuebler, With work starting it's probably going to be a month or two before we start getting in large bid requests.

Com. Blaney, They have another meeting this month and they said they're happy to have it back on the agenda.

Mr. Kuebler, Ultimately as we go through this process the RDA has requested some sort of resolution or ordinance or letter of understanding that we can show the County's involvement and I can continue my work as far as getting that portion of the grant set up.

Com. Good, I think the money is there, we're just trying to arm wrestle out of which account it's coming out of.

Com. Good moved to approve \$317,197.00 for the matching portion for Porter County for the Airport runway renovation to be paid out of the Major Moves account, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Kuebler, Thank you very much.

Office Holders/Dept. Heads

Jon Snyder - Assessor

- **Award for the 2016 New Land Order for Reassessment.**

Mr. Snyder, We discussed approximately a month ago bids for our new land order which are due every 5 years. We reviewed the bids I spoke to the Portage Assessor, Miss Neri and we both concur that we would like to pick Appraisal Research to facilitate our need for this land study.

Atty. McClure, Jon do remember the amount of the contract off the top of your head?

Mr. Snyder, I do not actually.

Com. Blaney, What did the other bids look like by comparison? There were two bidders and they were fairly close in price. We were just more comfortable with Appraisal Research. We had some experience with one of the prior bidders, we were more comfortable with this proposal, when it comes to representing the Assessor at the Board if there are appeals and things like that it included some fees that would go towards representing certain issues at the appellate level and we're happy about that. They were both relatively close in price, I just don't know off of the top of my head what.....

Com. Good, \$47,500.00?

Mr. Snyder, I believe so.

Com. Blaney, And what was the other one?

Mr. Snyder, Mary is here she may remember.

Ms. Dembek, (Inaudible not the near the microphone) Analytics \$47,000.00.

Com. Good, And they have continuity. Where does this money come from?

Mr. Snyder, It comes out of our reassessment budget.

Com. Good, That's your money.

Com. Good moved to approve the proposal from Appraisal Research for the Porter County Assessor's office, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, In the future would you mind giving us a sheet to compare the two.

Mr. Snyder, Yes.

Com. Blaney, Thank you.

Sheriff David Reynolds

- **Porter County Jail Chemical Dependency and Addictions Program Agreement 2015 & 2016.**

Edie Hahn, There are no changes. It's our co-dependency program that Porter Starke does the counseling. We have two full time and one part time teachers that come in and do classes. It's definitely something that's helped.

Com. Blaney, With recidivism?

Edie Hahn, Quit a bit of percentage in there is drug related, but nothing has changed, no clause changes or anything.

Atty. McClure, Then we need to do the 2015 and the 2016 contract. It looks like the 2015 got missed last year.

Com. Good, So we're voting on 2015 and 2016? Do you want to do it separately or together?

Atty. McClure, Let's do separate just so it's clear.

Com. Good moved to approve the 2015 agreement with Porter Starke Services and the Porter County Jail and Porter County Commissioners, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good moved to approve the 2016 agreement with Porter Starke Services and the Porter County Jail and Porter County Commissioners, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Auto Clear Annual Maintenance Agreement for 2 X-ray machines.

Ms. Hahn, Auto Clear is the company that maintains the X-ray machines in the two Courthouses.

Com. Blaney, When you come in the door?

Ms. Hahn, Yes.

Com. Blaney, And there is no auto renew?

Atty. McClure, No.

Ms. Hahn, They basically won't bill us until they have their first service (Inaudible).

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

2016 Evidentiary Breath Test Instrument Maintenance Agreement.

Ms. Hahn, The State comes in and maintains it. It's pretty much mandatory.

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

Sharon Lippens – IT Director

- **Adams Remco – 911, Voters, Council & Prosecutor Portage Agreement. Voters Return Agreement. Prosecutor Portage & Voters Maintenance Agreement. HR cabinet Purchase Agreement.**

Ms. Lippens, We have new copiers for Voters Registration which would be replacing an existing lease which has been extremely expensive for the County. That was purchased before the Commissioners put in place that IT was to be consulted over copy machines. So they were in extremely predatory lease that cost us a lot of money. It would be much better to get rid of it. There is a \$350.00 return fee to return that leased piece of equipment back to the company. We got a better price from our current vendor Adams Remco to perform that return for us then to use the leasing company of the existing lease holder. That is a separate agreement for \$350.00 to return the existing equipment, cancel that lease which rolled over to a month to month after it expired in December. And the agreement to purchase the new machine for them. The next one is to replace an existing piece of equipment at the Portage Prosecutor's office. We would be looking at putting a replacement piece of equipment at 911. I was informed, I'm not aware of the details but I was informed that 911 discovered that their maintenance was cut off when they went to call for maintenance on their existing machine and they weren't notified. They were left with nothing so I don't know how that occurred with the Sheriff's Department. I guess the Sheriff always paid it before. They decided at the end of the year they weren't paying it anymore and nobody told anybody. So when they went to call for service they were told they didn't have service. The machine they are using right now was discontinued in 2004 so that gives you an idea of how old it is. We've looked at a new machine for them as well including maintenance. The total cost to them is only going to be \$120.00 (Inaudible) so they will be able to cover that. We're looking at purchasing a copier for H.R. Their needs are relatively small. I was looking at purchasing one that's very similar that was used in the Council Chambers. After speaking with Scott on some other matters he had made a comment about the machine in the Council not meeting their needs. I wasn't sure if it was not performing well or just not meeting their needs. I spoke with Joy she said no it performs well but it really didn't have some of the features and functions that she needed. Rather than purchase a small one for H.R. we purchase a little bit larger one that would meet the needs of the Council for the Council and we're going to reallocate the one in the Council to H.R. The purchase of the cabinet is to allow that to be a walkup copier, because right now it's a desk top.

Com. Good, Are we sending that to the Council as an additional?

Ms. Lippens, They are actually going to have to ask for an additional because every year they go over their clicks. So those are the new machines that we will be purchasing and each of the maintenances that go along with them have been approved to be paid out of those department's budgets based on their (Inaudible).

Com. Blaney, How many copiers do you think we have left?

Ms. Lippens, Just the ones at the Sheriff's. There is one at Juvenile but they really don't use it. So that's about it, I've asked them if they wanted it replaced and they said no it's unplugged in the corner they don't use it.

Com. Good, Can we get some credit for it?

Ms. Lippens, They had a dollar buy out so at the end of their lease as far as Juvenile they own it. That's why it's just sitting in the corner, there is no maintenance on it, it doesn't cost anything just sitting there.

Com. Blaney, What about the one at the Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Lippens, The ones in the Sheriff's Department are quit old. They were used when they got them and they are in a lease with Copier Consultants. Just looking at the models they have and what they're paying it seems extremely high based on what we're using in the rest of the County. They've always been a separate entity that took care of their own. If you would like me to I can go in there and approach them.

Com. Blaney, I'm sure they wouldn't mind having some extra money.

Com. Good, So I've been here 15 months and I see you a lot regarding copiers are we at the end of this gravy train?

Ms. Lippens, No, copiers are going to last normally between 4 and 5 years. It's just a recurring thing that we'll have refresh all of the time. We currently have an inventory of about 39 county wide and I have been looking at those per Scott's direction now that we know they are all 5 years or less old excluding the Sheriff. I'm looking at those to see what sizes we have, how are they being utilized, are they being over utilized so they're breaking down quicker. Are they being underutilized so that maybe we could look at moving something around like we did with the Council to better make use of the equipment. With the next agreement that we're going to talk about the CPC agreement that actually leverages our entire fleet so we would have flat price regardless of the age of the machine. Normally the older the machine the more expensive the maintenance, that isn't the case because we've leveraged the entire fleet. So that will help us be able to take the equipment that's older and reallocate it to other offices without having to necessarily replace it.

Com. Good, Do you bring desk tops in front of us too?

Ms. Lippens, No, desk top printers?

Com. Good, Yes.

Ms. Lippens, No and our policy has been in the County if a desk top printer dies it doesn't get replaced. They get pushed to either a copier or a network printer that's in place and they're in every department. We do get push back. There have been a couple of departments where they do really need it where they're located physically. There's certain exceptions but we've been trying to hold that policy in place and if the department head really throws a fit we refer them to the Commissioners and usually they back off because those are extremely expensive.

Com. Good, We're trying to move towards network printing is what we're trying to do. I know that's just in my own office which is small its World War III.

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

Ms. Lippens, The next agreement for Adams Remco is it's called a CPC. CPC stands for Cost Per Click so each time the machine clicks and prints a copy that's considered one. That is how the maintenance is drawn up based on how many clicks or how many prints you do per year. As part of the RFQ last fall when we went out to renew our agreement we added this which has never been done before and basically this leverages the entire the fleet so that we can get bulk price rather than an individual price per machine. So were able to drive that price down. What this will do is take any existing agreements that are higher in cost then what this agreement quoted us and it will lower it to this price. I did do a spreadsheet and the overall County wide savings will be about \$3800.00. So each department's budget will see this decrease in the General Fund.

Com. Good, Make sure when the budgets come out next year you keep an eye on that for us. Usually we don't see the movement come through on the budgets when it comes to returning on the General Fund side. So if you can keep an eye out for that during the budget times I would appreciate any assistance.

Ms. Lippens, I can actually give you the spreadsheet to show you by department what the reduction is.

Com. Good, There you go, that's what I want.

Com. Blaney, With a copy to the Council.

Com. Good, Yes give it to the Council too.

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

NITCO Service Agreement – South County Highway Garage.

Ms. Lippens, Lastly we have an agreement with NITCO. This is for the South County Highway Garage. They currently have NITCO internet. It's what we call slow DSL, it's the old DSL. This is for faster DSL. They aren't eligible for the really high speed one, but this one is somewhat comparable. By moving to this it's actually lowering price and it also gives them the ability to have County phones and dial County extensions and they can have activity with the County that all of the other departments have. So it's a bonus there. Net savings for them per year is \$1441.00.

Com. Good, So the turn around and everything from the Highway Department on the South District ought to be phenomenal after this, right David.

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

Ms. Lippens, Lastly I did want to point something out I did mention it to Kathy. At the last meeting you approved an agreement with Comcast for the North Highway Garage. That has been voided. The reason was when we submitted the signed contract Comcast came back and said we forgot to tell you there's a built in price to get the line to them for \$45,000.00. We said no. So NITCO is looking at providing services to us for that location via wireless or something extremely less costly. They understand that we're looking for good speed, low cost there was no way a \$45,000.00 fee was going to come in and it upset me that we went to them. They actually quoted us \$199.00 installation fee and \$199.00 a month price and then after it was signed they said oh no. So that contract that you approved has been cancelled.

Com. Good, Good work, thank you Sharon.

Scot MacDonald – Memorial Opera House Director

- **Sapphire Entertainment Contract for Performance – Pump Boys and Dinettes.**

Com. Blaney, Looks like you've got a contract from Sapphire Entertainment.

Mr. MacDonald, We're bringing in a one weekend production of Pump Boys and Dinettes. It's a show that we did several years ago at the Opera House. The actors play the musicians, it sold out. So we're just looking to add some revenue to our season by adding these bonus shows. We're considering something later in the year as well. (Inaudible) approached us they needed us to cover the artists costs and the remainder. It's \$3800.00 for the artists costs. The remainder is the (Inaudible) that we would be paying.

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

Kevin Breitzke – Surveyor

- **Torrena Surveying, LLC – Agreement for Transfer and/or use of Project Documents.**

Mr. Breitzke, This is the first time I've had an agreement to work out with the County that I bought the records from. In this case this is the third set of legacy records from old surveyors. This case which you have before you is \$4,000.00. I'm able to buy the records that are being held currently by Torrena Surveying that were put together by Pellar and Taige, Paul Taige and Charlie Pellar, ETGR which was bought by Bonar which was last GAI. Currently I planned to acquire these records for the legacy for the history of the County.

Com. Good, Where do you plan on storing them?

Mr. Breitzke, I will store them in my office. As I'm making sure that we identify where these are coming from and blending them all in.

Com. Good, By the State statute what are you required to do Kevin as far as keeping records like this, what are required to by law?

Mr. Breitzke, It's the perpetuation of the historical survey record of the County. This marries into the section for perpetuation that is defining sections and lines that pretty much define our properties. So this gives our citizens additional opportunities to find information as to how their land developed. The side benefit is many of these surveyors were also the people who (Inaudible) subdivisions and it enables us to figure out the development of roads, utilities, storm water and even in laying out from the physical land ownership.

Com. Good, This comes out of what budget?

Mr. Breitzke, Section 4, Perpetuation.

Com. Good, Are these the last bit of documents that you need, this will complete the.....?

Mr. Breitzke, Anytime somebody comes and says they have historical documents I'll see what I can do to acquire them. Currently in addition to the County records Bill Tankey's records which he had a couple other surveyors that he bought when he was in private practice. Also he had the records of C.J. Metzcur, who laid out all of Ogden Dunes and Portage and Jim Moore with him down (Inaudible) work over in Pine Township. There is just a number of surveyors to inquire records from. It's better than being put in a warehouse some place or in a landfill.

Com. Good, The reason I'm asking the questions is that is one of the huge tasks that we will have in front of us here as the Board of Commissioners. Not your records but other records that have within the County and where they're being stored. We've had a lot of things around here that have been put into storage rooms and rooms that aren't supposed to be storage rooms. We're trying to figure out how we're going to consolidate a lot of our other records. Then you have different offices that have different requirements so it's another project out there that is looming for us. I'm glad to see the stuff that you need to do for your department.

Mr. Breitzke, For my part, I've been scanning records, matching.....people want to see the fiscal (Inaudible) of papers. The other thing I did I cleaned out our space in the basement years ago. I walked into an office and there is a ton of stuff in there. So we got rid of stuff or we blended in the stuff that was really necessary to keep. This is just a unique opportunity.

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

Lori Daly – Expo Center Director

- **Field of Interest Pass-Through Fund Agreement**

Com. Blaney, Why don't I start that one. We have a little announcement to make. While we're building a new Animal Shelter as everyone is aware and we've had so many people wanting to help and have expressed wanting to participate in something that will help push this forward. So we decided to have a Commissioners' Ball the first one in 15 years and all of the proceeds will benefit the new Animal Shelter. It will be at the Expo and Lori has been doing a lot of work to get it going along with Curt Ellis. The Ball is going to feature the Aphrodisiacs out of Chicago, which is a fun 70's disco band. It will be catered by Pikks. The date is May 20th so it's coming right up.

Ms. Daly, Sponsorship letters are going out, they should have hit the mailboxes a couple of days ago. All of the proceeds will go to the Animal Shelter. There is a budget to pay the caterer. Anything additional goes to the Shelter. All of the bills funnel through the foundation, they pay the bills. Anything leftover goes directly to the Animal Shelter.

Com. Good, We're out of it.

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

Papas – Catering Contract

Ms. Daly, Papas Catering Contract, when we were able to get Kraft Auctions over from Lake County for the whole year. That is his preferred concessioner so we allowed them to come over.

Com. Blaney, Is that the mini donut place?

Ms. Daly, Yes.

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

Civicplus – Subsite Contract

Ms. Daly, With the additional Tourism dollars for this year only we are able to get our own website, subsite off of the County's.

Com. Good, Say that again.

Ms. Daly, We're getting our own subsite. We're still under the County's website but we're technically our own.

Com. Good, When you say County are meaning PCVV or are you meaning our website.

Ms. Daly, Portercounty.org.

Com. Good, Oh us, okay.

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

Boyce – Key Ledger Contract

Ms. Daly, The Boyce contract key ledger is the internal accounting system that we used. This is what it costs us per year.

Com. Blaney, That is State mandated right?

Ms. Daly, Yes.

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

Matt Stechly – Facility Supervisor

- **Award the Custodial RFP**

Mr. Stechly, Good Afternoon. I will be quick as well. In awarding the Custodial RFP I went out to bid for the supply chain and the bids have come back in. The scope of work was a total of 19 final items. We're going to use these same 19 items portfolio wide.

Com. Blaney, You haven't gotten any pushback with that right?

Mr. Stechly, No. The four vendors were Unifirst, Zep Cleaning, Tilden Enterprises and B & B Maintenance. Unifirst was disqualified for not following the bid rules. Zep came in 3rd place, Tilden came in 2nd and B & B Maintenance came in 1st place. So we're awarding the custodial RFP to B & B Maintenance for a 3 year agreement.

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

Com. Blaney, Thanks for doing all of that work. You're going to be saving us a considerable sum.

Mr. Stechly, Yes, I looked at the past 3 years we were at \$45,000.00. So with this new supply chain and we're changing a couple of items that everyone is use to, it might be a different paper towel, but we're looking at \$20,000.00. This is a big cost savings.

Lionheart Engineering – Generator Maintenance Contract

Mr. Stechly, Lionheart Engineering this is one of the things that I've been working on. Not strictly with Lionheart but we're installing equipment and now I'm making sure that these big investments and capital expenditures are being maintained. We've got several generators throughout the portfolio. We have three different vendors that were servicing them. We've gotten out of all of our contracts that were in place. Lionheart Engineering is probably the best in the Midwest and they're local. All they do is generator maintenance. This is awarding them annual maintenance for every generator portfolio wide.

Com. Good, Just based on a couple of the numbers I've seen come in here independent quotes they are quite a bit less too.

Mr. Stechly, Yes and where we were, it depends on how you look at it. There were three generators that I actually didn't even know existed so we had to those on, but overall we're looking at \$500 here, \$1000.00 cheaper on this one. So it does add up.

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

CBI – Backflow Testing Contract

Mr. Stechly, This isn't really a contract. I wanted to bring it before the public and before you guys. This is another thing that I'm doing that even when a contract is not required we're locking in rates and I want to do that across all service categories. Again, with the backflow devises which have to be certified annually. We have two or three different vendors, pricing was all over the place. I went single source with CBI, which is all they do. It came out \$10.00 cheaper per backflow, I believe we have 39. So again it's small savings but one it's saving and two we now know for the next three years what we are paying. There are no more surprises and labor rates. There is nothing really to vote on. This is going to be happening a lot more across all service lines.

Com. Blaney, Is this a contract?

Atty. McClure, Let's go ahead and vote.

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

B & B Custodial Agreement – North County.

Mr. Stechly, The B & B Custodial agreement, what this is is as you're familiar with when I first came on board we restructured the janitorial division, custodial division. I agreed with the team my first week on board we all got together and we laid out every facility. Before I came on board there were 5 or 6 custodians that really were being paid and not even showing up. There was no accountability. There was a lot over turnover obviously with the new Sheriff in town. So I got together with who was left and said these were the facilities we clean, how many people are needed. We laid out everything, this facility that facility were all taken care of. The problem was when someone takes off, when someone is sick, when we have vacation we're slim on custodians. North County is a little further drive than everything being close. What this agreement does is just labor for 1 ½ custodians, a part-time and a full-time. Which is still cheaper, they're on their insurance and it's a cost save compared to bringing them on our books and we're getting North County cleaned and when someone calls off or gets sick we've got a part-timer to help the rest of the team out.

Com. Good, So you have redundancy, we have lower prices.

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

Mechanical Concepts – Change Order, Substantial Completion Certificate & Final Payment

Mr. Stechly, There are quite a few projects with DLZ and Mechanical Concepts that I'm walking into, but I'm simply here to present to you. I've been updated and I did talk to Stephen from DLZ on where we're at. So all of these two forms are is a certificate of substantial completion regarding the roof top unit and the chiller at I believe the Jail. So this simply just needs a Commissioners' signature stating that the work is done. DLZ is saying the work is done and did their punch list and Mechanical Concepts is saying the work is done.

Com. Good, Have you had on eyes on it?

Mr. Stechly, I have not. I haven't gotten into specifically what was done. I did meet with Mike Jabo from DLZ last week and kind of off the cuff as he was walking past my office, come on in. We had a conversation, what's been on my radar what have we done? Even off the top of your head, what have we done, where do we have new equipment. He gave that to me verbally and I'm going to have him email me a document of what year it was installed, what it cost, who was involved.

Com. Good, Do they have start up reports on that type of thing?

Mr. Stechly, That I don't know. Just trying to catch myself up with where we're at with this HVAC equipment. The second document is the same thing. DLZ and Mechanical

Concepts we came in \$10,000.00 under budget so we're getting a \$10,000.00 credit. Just stating it needs a Commissioners' signature.

Com. Good moved to approve contingent upon Matt Stechly going out to look at everything and report back to the Commissioners, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Precision Control Systems, Inc. – Juvenile Detention Center

Mr. Stechly, This came up last minute. What we're doing here is I was informed that we had no cooling at the Juvenile Detention Center. We needed a new cooling tower. I reached out to some new vendors, long term vendors in the area just trying to get some new relationships. I received two bids for \$40,000.00, I sent Precision as my third to go out. Precision got back to me and said a good cleaning you're going to get 5 to 10 years out of this tower. What I need you to approve is the cleaning of that tower and the total is going to be \$7,769.00. That is the one that came up last minute. We're going to clean this tower and we're going to having cooling at the JDC. That is a huge cost reduction as well. The other one from Precision is the JCD is consuming a mass amount spend on the HVAC side. The way that the facility was built why they built it that way mechanically I have no idea. There are 44 heat pumps and a heat pump in the Midwest in general, that's for Southern use why would you do that here? We've got 44 of them. 38 supposedly had issues so rather than being reactive, I still have to be reactive to a degree but this is my intent to put a not to exceed. Where I can't control the spend yet because I'm too new and this didn't break overnight. I'm not going to fix it overnight, but what I'm doing is not to exceed. Forget all of these variable invoices coming in give me a not to exceed number and this is the start of it. For \$6780.00 Precision is going to send out two to three technicians non-stop and go through all 44 heat pumps, which has been done to a degree. This time anything under \$300.00 they will repair right there on site. So if it's a contact or a small leak and it just needs refrigerant they're doing it right there. Anything that is larger than \$300.00 they're getting back to me with a full list and a not to exceed. We're basically going to get that facility done and off of our list.

Com. Good, Are these water source heat pumps buried in the drops up above?

Mr. Stechly, Yes you can't get to them. Some of them are require filters. You can even get to the filter, it's a mess. Also, good news regarding the JDC we'll have meetings on this in the future regarding the building automation overhaul. We have 3 systems and all of them are mismatched and obsolete. I'm actually removing the JDC from the building automation. We have 44 heat pumps we're going to have 44 thermostats. If something doesn't work we go right to the unit. The only thing that is going to be on a bigger more robust control is going to be the pumps, the boilers and the cooling tower. So that is going to be a huge cost savings to when we reduce this BAS. I plan on doing the same at North County as well. There is no reason to have that on a BAS system. Basically you would have to vote for these two Precision.

Com. Good moved to approve the Porter County JDC cleaning and service of cooling tower and the survey inspection of 44 carrier water source heat pumps with full condition and estimated life report, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Com. Good, Keep up the good work.

Correspondence

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – Jan. 16th through Feb. 15th, 2016 – Filed.

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

Request for approval by Gill Irfan of Paragons Promotion to have an Arial flyover for the 28th Annual Valpo-Fest Motorcycle and Car show on Sunday, May 29th, 2016 at the Porter County Expo Center.

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

Request for approval from Brandon Adkins with Discovery Charter School to block N. Tremont Road and Canonie Dr. for their “Annual Fun Run”. The event will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016.

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

David James, I've got three on MVH. \$50,000.00 for Vehicle Repair. \$50,000.00 for engine supplies and I think it was \$5000.00 for General Maintenance that was for MVH and then I also requested in a Major Moves fund.

Com. Blaney, We took that off. All of these were due to winter?

Mr. James, Yes.

Com. Good, Well I went back David to last year and you came in about the same time of the year with two \$50,000.00 additionals and it was for a wear and tear. Last year I could make the case for wear and tear I'm sort of questioning about this year. On top of that why am I looking at an additional in March? When the budget was approved for January.

Mr. James, We went through it pretty quick. We had one repair that was about \$10,000.00 because it was a crash. We backed into it and that took \$10,000.00 out of the Vehicle Repair. The cost is more on these filters and they're just going quicker.

Com. Good, Filters, what kind of filters?

Mr. James, Oil filters and the oils and stuff that is just where it all comes out of. I try not to come to often to the Council.

Com. Good, Just so you know from our perspective I know you had a conversation with Com. Blaney on the additional for the asphalt money, but going forward I think in the past you've always come in with a bigger number so you don't have to come back. Based on where we're at this year with the County we're going to be tight for cash. What I want to start seeing when you have additionals coming forward I want to see back up. I want to see what we're spending the money for. Just to give you the \$50,000.00 and go out and use it as you want as you need it, we can't do that up here anymore, we just can't. It's too tight. Obviously we want to give you everything you need to keep our roads and doing everything the way you've been doing it. But in the same breath we're trying to manage the fiscal side of this too. It's not just about the budgeting, but we need to do a little bit more work on trying to get better at forecasting and looking at our cash management up here then what we've done in the past. I'm not trying to make an example out of you or anything like that. We know you have the data. We know you have the information there. As you start bringing these requests forward we need to see the breakdown, we need to see the backup. That's just where I'm coming from going forward. I'm just going to throw it there.

Com. Blaney, I agree with you.

Com. Good, Of the two \$50,000.00's what do you need right now? Can you get by with \$25,000.00 each for now? \$30,000.00 each? If we had a backup we could arm wrestle over this.

Mr. James, I could get by with \$25,000.00. Just to clarify though you do know that this isn't out of General. This doesn't come out of any of your funds, this comes out of the MVH, which doesn't affect you folks. It doesn't have to come out of your money, I mean it's all of our money, but it's not the General fund.

Com. Good, To me it's all part of what we're trying to do here.

Mr. James, I get it.

Comm. Good, We're trying to put a bridle on it. Next time you come in and you need more just give us the back up on it. Sorry I'm getting down in the weeds but that's what we're here for. Can you get by with \$25,000.00 each?

Mr. James, Sure.

Request for Additional Appropriation – Highway Dept.

Fund 1176 \$5,000.00 Acct. 2263 Repair & Maintenance Supplies

Necessary additional due to winter maintenance depletion.

Com. Blaney, Anyone in favor wishing to express their opinion at the public hearing?
Anyone in favor of this proposal?

Atty. Todd Leath, If I could I will speak on behalf of the petitioner. My name is Todd Leath. I am representing the property owner and developer of Porter Business Park, St. Andrews Development. We filed as Mr. Thompson indicated a rezoning to allow for a 100 unit senior living center called the Senior Living Center at Valparaiso. It's development by Arden Group who is the developer of the 4.4 acres which is the subject of the rezone and the operator is Blair Mitten. They've operated over 50 senior living facilities throughout the country. St. Andrews Business Park as you well know is 109 acres immediately west of Porter Hospital. When that was developed we did not have the ability under the zoning ordinance to a planned unit development so we gerrymandered four different zoning classifications in and out through that development. One of those zoning classifications was R4 which allows for assistance living. It was our expectation that we would have an assisted living facility within the development. When Arden Group came to St. Andrews they didn't choose the R4 Section of our 109 acres. I've given you two slides of the power point that I showed to the Plan Commission. The first one is the red line of the 4.4 acres. As you can see it's essentially 5 lots from the platted subdivision that is currently office and technology under the zoning ordinance. What we want to do is change that to the institutional zoning classification which allows for the senior living facility. The preliminary plans for Journey Senior Living is to have 76 of the 100 units be assisted living with the remaining 24 to be memory care facility. I've shown you an artist rendering, the plans are very preliminary that is the second slide I have for you in the hand out. I think it is very residential architecturally pleasing site. The whole design and concept is to be just that. It's a residential facility for the 100 or so residents and that's what we're trying to accomplish. We expect and anticipate that there probably will be some variances that will be required but those will be (Inaudible) issues that will have to resolve with Mr. Thompson's office or with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Again as Mr. Thompson indicated we held a public hearing at the Plan Commission. There was one remonstrator who was concerned with regards to some buffering on the far west side of the entire 109 acres. Frankly that couldn't be further away from these 4 lots. I think we resolved the buffering issue and we have some issues to do with the plat phase II with regarding the buffering but we're not at that point yet. Again, with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission we would ask that you rezone the property to the Institutional Zoning classification.

Com. Blaney, Thank you Todd. Is there anyone else that wants to speak in favor? Is there anyone in opposition who would like to speak? Anyone opposed to the rezone?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Good, What do you think the total project cost is going to be for this project? Just curious.

Atty. Leath, First of all I don't know the representative from Arden Group, Gary (Inaudible), Sr. Vice President is here and I don't know if you choose to answer or can answer.

Com. Good, Nice looking building by the way.

Gary, Thank you, we're very proud of that and the overall budget would be \$20 to \$25 million.

Com. Good, Thank you. I just can't say enough. I think this is the type of development that we're looking for out by the hospital. This doesn't fit any better.

Com. Blaney, And sitting on the Plan Commission everyone on that board was very supportive about this project.

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

Rezone – CH High Intensity Commercial District to R1 Low Density Single-family Residential – Petitioner John and Deborah Wheeler.

Mr. Thompson, The next case is John and Deborah Wheeler. They are requesting a zoning map amendment from CH High Intensity Commercial District to R1 Low Density Single-family Residential district. This is Plan Commission Resolution 16-02 again this meeting was rescheduled due to weather and everything it was held on March 2nd, 2016 with a public hearing. The Plan Commissioner gave a favorable recommendation by 7 to 0 vote. At this time I promise I will not steal Hurley's presentation.

Atty. Brian Hurley, We have a situation which is kind of a throwback to some previous zoning that had been done. We're talking about the corner, the intersection at 900 South and 49 just south of the Town of Kouts. At that intersection there is a house and that house on the corner I'm going to use to try to acclimate you to the situation. We're not talking about rezoning the house that is right on the corner, it's actually the next 2 properties down west on 900 and it is a property just north of the house on the corner. It is owned by the Wheelers. I have with me today Larry Hitz who also has an interest in some of these properties. Some of the 3 properties that we're talking about. The history is Larry's mother and father lived in the house on 900 for years and as a result were never really aware of the underlying zoning or their residential use of the property was commercial intensive. That didn't really pose a problem until now, because now Mrs. Hitz will be moving into a care facility and obviously she wants to sell her house. Can't sell the house because no one can get a mortgage on a house that is on commercial property. So that is basically the reason why we are asking for the rezoning. I do have a handout for you, it just basically shows everything around the CH area that I have delineated everything around it is residential of some kind or another or AG to the south. There is actually even subdivision not far from the west on 900 South a multi-family detached subdivision of about 20 to 30 units. There is also to give you another little que to your acclamation there is a tower right across the street from these properties on that corner, but that tower which of course would be a commercial use is not an R1. We've got the houses on the commercial on the one side of the road and the commercial uses on the residential. So as you can see where it says subject parcels, there are three parcels there the one to the far left is the Hitz house then there is the smaller parcel which is just big enough to have a detached garage on it then you have the corner parcel and then the Wheeler home is the home is the one that is further up 49. Obviously we're not going to do anything with this property. We're not asking for zoning to put something different on it, we're just going to keep the use residential which is very consistent with surrounding area and consistent with the comprehensive plan and consistent with what we thought the zoning should probably be. We are asking for your favorable approval of our petition to rezone and change the zone maps. Thank you.

Com. Blaney, I know at the Plan Commission everyone was in support of doing this.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Blaney, Does anyone want to speak in favor of this rezone? Anyone in favor? Anyone in favor? Anyone opposed? Does anyone oppose of this rezone? Any opposition?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Good moved to approve the rezone as stated, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Thompson, Second reading will be at your April 5th meeting.

Atty. McClure, The only thing I was going to quickly say was that implemented the new agenda requirements and we had very good participation for the most part. We got everybody going in the right direction. It helped a lot putting this agenda together especially this one being so large. The vast majority 99% of this was here when it was supposed to be here. The people are filling the forms out, it made it a lot clearer for everybody.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was recessed at 3:00 p.m.

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