

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 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, August 23, 2016 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

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

**Call to Order/Pledge**

**Approval of Minutes – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Com. Blaney moved to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Payroll – July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

Com. Good moved to approve the payroll of July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Com. Blaney seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims – July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Com. Blaney moved to approve the claims for July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Com. Good seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Longevity**

Com. Evans, Any discussion?

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

Com. Evans, I am going to deviate a little bit here from the printed agenda. I've had a conversation with many of the fire chiefs and 911. Five years ago this County hired a new 911 director. He has subsequently left and we have another new 911 director in the short period of time that C.J. has been here I think he has done a good job, but we've had somethings that have fallen through the cracks and through that process we went back and looked at what we did when we hired John Jokantis, who C.J. took his place and we discovered we had an advisory body in place at the time helped C.J. with 911 and helped the departments fire and police with what they needed to do and we got away from that. We are going to back to it. The chiefs are all in agreement that this is going to be a good thing. They have talked to C.J. the first meeting of that advisory body will be on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. It is going to be here in the classroom at this building. Chief Pfeifer you wanted to address us to on that issue.

Chief Pfeifer, On part of it. As you guys know whenever I come before you guys and talk, I'm talking radios. As we talked about the advisory board and we went back and were looking at the very first minutes from that meeting we accomplished everything but the money part of that. The things that were cost money to the County and one of the biggest components of that was moving on to 800 megahertz. As you guys know I approached you before we've been filing grant after grant after grant moving in that direction trying not to burden the County with the cost of that. We were successful with two grants in 11 to 12 for a little over a \$1.5 million. Since then we have filed for five more grants that we have been unsuccessful. In 2011 when we came to you guys we were leading the area in moving towards 800 and today we are the last as moving towards 800. So what I have here today is we have a presentation from IPSC which is the State counterpart that runs 800 and their distributor which is Motorola. So if I can take a few minutes of your time to have IPSC and

Motorola speak to you guys on what 800 can do for us and why we need to go in that direction I would appreciate it.

Com. Evans, Sure thing, go right ahead. The reason we're doing this and cutting the agenda up a little bit is because these guys are going to have to leave when their radios go off so we want to get them in here when we can.

Mr. Asher, Good afternoon Commissioners. Good afternoon everyone. Let me take a second to set up a presentation I have for you.

Chief Pfeifer, John can you introduce yourself to everybody while Jay is firing up the presentation.

Mr. Ashter, Hi, I'm John Ashter I'm the director of Field Services for the Integrated Public Safety Commission down in Indianapolis. Our task has been for the last ten years to provide inter-operability for the State police, fire, EMS, state, local and federal. To this date we have some 65,000 users on our system statewide first responders. We've also started a new program to upgrade the current radio system to what Jay is going to talk to you today about. It's the new E25 (Inaudible) Form. A lot of the counties are going that way with communications. The incentive for the local county is that once you pay out the initial purchase the state will pick up the maintenance cost of all of the radio sites of the Motorola equipment that is in the buildings. The state will pick up those costs for the next 20 years. We have signed a \$78 million contract for maintenance for the next 20 years between upgrades to hardware and software so we're going to be providing the upgrades and the monthly maintenance to your radio equipment once the initial install is complete if you choose to do this. Jay is the account manager. Jay is from Motorola and I'll turn it over to Jay.

Mr. Burla, Thank you for the introduction my name is Jay Burla, the Northern Indiana Account Manager for Motorola. I work heavily in the counties up north, but I also assist on the statewide radio network. As you will see through the presentation a lot of things that we're doing today is creating a system that is made for all the public safety across Indiana. That was the goal for E25 when it first came about the Gold Data (Inaudible). The government has slowly been advising and pushing everyone to move towards the 800 front. The frequencies are set aside and that is kind along the lines of what we're going to be discussing. It's a good presentation. If you have questions, please feel free to stop me. A lot of this actually started probably about a year ago when I took over this area. I met with Director Wittmer, Chief Pfeifer and Matt Melton and we discussed this is where we need to go, this is what we need to do, what are the steps to get there. Some of the steps were already taken a few years back when CJ and John Jokantis had the 911 Center upgraded with the MCC 7500, the ID counsels that was kind of step 1 on the migration toward 800. You guys know more about where you are today than I do but based on the conversation that we had what is out there today by discussions with Minor Electronics as far as the current network. Currently you're operating with a 30 year old VHF system. A lot of it has been pieced together, band aid together to keep it running strong. That is one thing will credit Minor for doing. We're keeping the system up and running and ready for the next wave. There are a few disparate systems mixed between the city departments and you have a new fire simile cast (Inaudible) for the fire departments and that is what is currently what is being utilized today. As far as the state is concerned or the Integrated Public Safety Commission or IPSC you have one 800 tower with 6 channels that are currently in it. I put a little note at the bottom there as far as the County's responsibility. When you have a mix of systems you're responsible for your T1 circuits which CJ can talk about later about the annual cost for a T1 in order to run these networks. You're responsible for all maintenance and all upgrades. What was good 30 years ago today it's not the newest systems? It's not the IT base, switches, servers that has all been replaced. Replacing all of the circuits and the older technology that was out there. Today you have your FCC 7500 at your dispatch center and you have your radios that integrated in with that. What is available and what becomes standard expectations so kind of the way of the future of public safety it goes way beyond radio. Now it's integrated voice and data. You hear P25 inter-operability; you'll hear PURS Net which is public safety broadband. That will be coming down the line that was mandated by the government giving public safety officers, basically take the typical

broadband cell phone and in the event of an emergency you're not going to be able to get out. Well in the future there is going to be a dedicated band that is just for public safety. So that is being integrated with the land mobile radio that we talk about or LMAR and also with the self-carriers today. As you can see we went from radio and counsels to radios with blue tooth. You have blue tooth microphones, you have blue tooth body cameras, you have a lot of different things you can do with blue tooth. Sensors are being enabled into the system. You have radios with GPS outdoor location, so before in the event of an emergency when you try calling out on your radio or you hit an emergency button and that is your only notification that "Hey we're in trouble". So now with the newer technology with the State having integrated voice and data how great would it be that the moment that an officer require a department anyone hits their emergency button on the radio it's alerting back at the 911 Center. On top of it they're showing on the screen exactly where they're at. So it is giving them that extra counter intelligence. It goes more into newest adoptions, things that are going out, analytics, network to network. Really what it is saying is it's no longer radio, there is a lot more that goes into these systems today then what was out there 30 years ago things have changed. You see your technology advancements, pace of adoption; you guys see this in your daily life. Cell phones 6, 7, 8, 9 years ago was not a necessity. Wi-Fi throughout the entire house was not a necessity. Things change. I was giving my dad an example a couple days ago how a fridge 20 years ago would do one job keep your food cold, keep your frozen foods frozen. Now a days there are T.V.'s on the fridge, you have your icemaker, you have water. What used to be convenient is no longer convenient. So again we go back to what is public safety today. You have your fire department, EMS, EMA; you have your police departments. They are all interacting with the 911 Dispatch where you have your counsels in the back and you have your LMAR Network. I'm sure a lot of you have your data cards or MBT's that are running CAD throughout the County that is something that has changed over the past couple of years. You take it to the next step and I mentioned the Public Safety LTE Network, now you're getting a lot more integrated voice and data so you are doing a lot more with your technology then you can today. What it gives you is actual intelligence and I will talk a little bit more about that on the next slide. As you know we're working on different video, bringing in video feeds. Whether it's live from a fire, whether it's live from there is a scene at a school something along those lines. The big thing when I talk about blue tooth some of the things that the radios do now that they didn't do before whether it's a deputy or a captain from a police force down on a scene and all of a sudden they draw their weapon. How great would that be with the sensors that are being built into the systems today that CJ's 911 Center is all of a sudden notified that a weapon was just drawn. Take it the next step further you have body worn cameras. As soon as that weapon is drawn or an emergency button is activated now the body worn camera is going live and it's being recorded. Take it to the next step further with First Net the Public Safety Broad Band you're actually able to stream that video back to 911. So instead of before it might have just been a mayday call now you have actual intelligence. You know what the perpetrator looked like. You understand the scene of what was going on and all of this could be utilized throughout public safety. Whether it's fire, police, EMS there a lot of things going on with the medical field where through blue tooth you can send body vitals back to the hospital without even getting there. No longer do you have to worry about calling over the radio that could be something that is sent through these systems. That's where it is advancing today. Departments as yourself under pressure need to do more try more effective services, improve safety, reduce costs. Of all those possible things you can do and then I say reduce costs. It seems pretty impossible to reduce costs with all of the things that are out there today. Do more with less. I know Indiana a few years back went through and they decided to do a consolidation of PCAPS. That is where they say it no longer makes sense for everybody to have 5, 6, 7 as far as your counter parts next door in Lake I think they had 18 dispatch centers when they decided to consolidate it. It no longer made sense to have all of these different disparate systems they are too expensive to run with the technology out there. When I was approached by these guys I think the biggest question is and John alluded to it earlier, will your next investment last 20 years. You're sitting on a 30 year old investment for some of it IPSC. With the Motorola contract has dedicated 20 years of service for this piece of the puzzle. There are currently over 64,000 users that is expanding. One of the reasons it stopped at that is because there are limitations on the amount of users. With the new system they are going to they are going to more than double eventually the amount of users. You go from 64,000 to the capacity of up to 128,000 users on the system. Chief Pfeifer alluded a little bit to grants for P25. It is easier to get P25

grants 3, 4, 5 years back it became harder and harder. So my question to them was what happens if it's none P25. It's very tough for the government whether it's assisting the fire fighter grant, the burn justice assistance grant to pass out money when it's not tied inter-operability and that is really what P25 was made for. Narrow banding, that happened a few years back. I think everybody experienced the pain points of narrow banding. You basically had your signals cut in half. You had to add a lot more repeaters throughout the system just to get back to status quo. There have been talks and there will always be talks whether they will expand again for another narrow band. As you know the systems will be obsolete without a lot of additions. I want to mention double tax. John you can probably speak a little better about this. As far as the IPSC funding it's all coming from the taxpayers as far as license plate renewals and license renewals in general.

Mr. Ashter, \$1.25 from (Inaudible) transactions. It brings about \$14 million a year.

Mr. Burla, Currently you're paying for this system as it stands today. That is one of the benefits of county joining is it's already been paid for in some respects and that is where the money is coming from. The world in general is shifting to shared services. We have shared services across the State of Indiana with the license bureau. These are the biggest points that really hit home. They signed a 20 year contract with us. The equipment the upgrades, everything is paid for the next 20 years. Any systems you invest today three, four, five years down the road you would have to update. Things have changed a lot with the servers and the different things that are working this equipment where no longer can you set it and forget it and 20 years later it's time to replace. So all of those costs of any state add-ons are being paid for by IPSC and that is contracted through us. The T1 costs that is a burden I know CJ sees on a daily basis. Some of the T1 costs are \$500 to \$600 per month. When you start adding up how many times the T1 connection is connecting your radio network and that is your responsibility today. IPSC takes care of that as well as part of the plan. So any of the network that is connected that is all a monthly fee that they take care of. Maintenance costs are 20 years on any of the radio equipment that we install. Not the radio that you have in your pocket, it's the radio equipment that actually activates the system and makes it work. We know very well that 20 years from now what we install today is not going to continue working. So what we did is through the maintenance of what we call a maintenance software upgrade agreement we're making those changes progressively for the next 20 years so the system they bought is not a 6 year old system, an 8 year old system, it's a 10 year old system. Every 2 years the system is being upgraded. Some of it is just software but as you get further into it there is hardware that is being replaced and that is a cost that the County is not responsible for. The way Porter County would look at it is a onetime investment. Some of the recent add-ons LaPorte County they were in a similar boat EMS, EMA, Sheriff they had a very old system. They were looking to upgrade they decided it was a lot better idea to join the State. Jasper County recently added their own site. St. Joe County has expanded their system. They were a stand-alone system tied to the State network. Mishawaka had their own radio system. Mishawaka decided to close down their system and join the State because they realized that the yearly cost they no longer wanted to pay for to maintain the system. Steuben County was another recent one that decided to add their own system into the State integrated network. A lot of this is changing because as we finish the upgrade the time to act is the time to be able to utilize it. If you're going to utilize the system for 20 years it's better to be in year 1 then in year 12. So what does this mean for Porter County a lot of words based on the facts and what we've seen there needs to be a change in the current system that you see today. There needs to be some sort of upgrade. Your initial investment on upgrading transmitters, receivers everything is your responsibility. Maintain, upgrade, oversee the operation that is something that you have to worry about whether it is network intrusions, whether it's security. There is a lot of things taken care of from the State side that if you decide to go and expand on your own that is a responsibility that you must take on. New equipment is far more advanced. Whether its software or hardware needed every 5 years, circuits replaced with switches, boards. The things that are running your system today are no longer manufactured. That was just the technology as it goes today. We talked about narrow banding; we talked about T1 back hall. Currently you have the M1 for the purchase that is running the radio system. There is no upgrade agreement on that. So any future upgrades or any future enhancements that you're looking to do on the system that still needs to be purchased. When you join the State what you would be doing is you would be

abandoning your core that is currently running your system and joining on to the State's core that they have. You also reduce your burden. A typical M1 core is about \$150,000 a year. If you look at it over the next 20 years if you want to have a state of the art core you're going to be looking at about \$3 million investment just in that piece of equipment that is what is running the centers today. At minimum purchasing three new radio systems and they are not brand new radio systems but there is a lot of upgrades that go into it. Obviously the other option is one time investment to join the State. Part of what we looked at would be adding towers into the County. That way you could get better coverage throughout. I can show a little bit about what that looks like. There is always a possibility for rental income on the towers. That is something I throw out there depending on how you guys do it. You probably have great coverage whether it's Verizon, Sprint or what have you but there is always need for more data. The more time people are logging to Facebook, YouTube, watching ESPN, watching CNN, watching the debates that's taking up (Inaudible). The carriers are constantly adding more data and data sites so there is always need for towers. A little bit about Motorola I know you guys use Motorola quite a bit throughout the County. The Number 1 Global leader in public safety systems. Over 64,000 users on IPSC, over 2 million of these P25 radios that we talked about (Inaudible). We have over 350 of our P25 trunk systems in 34 countries and we have 7 alone just in Indiana. Some of the counties decided to go out on their own and maintain it, such as Lake County or Tippecanoe. Mishawaka at the time but like I said they are joining the State. It just kind of shows our presents in Indiana alone. This gives you a look at statewide so Indiana is not the only one using Motorola for statewide radio communications. As you can see in the darker blue that is going to be anything that is P25 or moving to P25. The light blue is more of the old systems that working on upgrading as we speak today. I'm going to be selfish here I'm the Northern Indiana account manager so I want to focus on Northern Indiana. I would like to give you a snapshot. Since 2014 a little after when IPSC decided to go ahead and upgrade their system the amount of changes that have happened. I put Porter in there, you guys have obviously purchased your M14 you have the 7500 counsels which work on the State. You have standalone systems in Lake County, Allen County and Tippecanoe County. You have system add-ons in LaPorte, St. Joe, Steuben and Jasper and then you have counties such as Pulaski, Fulton, Cass and Miami looking to be backups of each other so they have their MCC 7500 which are just the dispatch counsels tied to the core. In the event of an emergency they have to abandon there are they can pop up their screen on one of the neighboring counties. It is a lot easier on for some of the smaller counties to have backups next door then to fill their own dark side. Wells, Adams, Jenny and Dafter did the same thing then Delaware is also looking. All and all we've had 165 counsels added to the core and we've had 11 new tower sites that is just in the last few years. There has been a lot of excitement around the P25 upgrade. The proposal that we were looking at again changes the trajectory of communications, inter-operability what would it look in Porter County, what could we put together? Based on the studies we did we realized it would be 5 sites would be your system and I'll talk a little bit more about the sites in a second. There would be one prime site which is kind of your controller for the entire thing. You would twelve channels Project 25 – P25, 8 back up counsels that would be for the dispatch center and then a control station combiner and what we had put through input from the folks I've been working with is there are 1444 radios that is getting a county wide picture of what would it take, what would be necessary. Another thing to think about you're not just a 5 site system. An everyday operation let's say everything is running perfectly right, you have your 5 sites but you also have Lake County they have their own TMA system. These radios would be capable of TMA so you can interoperate with Lake County which after everybody switched I'm guessing is a little bit of a hassle. Anytime you guys have any large incidents. On top of that the State alone has 4 sites in Lake County, Cedar Lake, Lowell, Gary, Hammond. So now you take your 5 sites and you have an extra 4 that you're getting a little bit of coverage you have 9. I said LaPorte had added on so Michigan City is getting a tower site. There was already one in Summit and Wanatah so now your 5 sites goes to 9 goes to 12 sites. You add Medaryville and in northern Rennselaer they recently added a site too. Now you're looking at a full picture that goes from 5 sites to 9 sites to 12/14 sites. You are paying for the initial purchase for one set of it and everything else has already been there. To your point you are a little behind but at the same time you're coming in at a good time because everybody else paid for everything else which is helpful in that aspect. The white circles show are current radio sites throughout the State. I want to say there is about 158 and growing. I don't know how you guys do your share of transports but if you are taking

somebody down to Indianapolis now you have direct communication as you bounce from county to county to city to city.

Com. Evans, Jay I don't want to interrupt you but we have a very full agenda. I think I'm going to ask you the burning question. How much?

Mr. Burla, So based on the system we put out there today and I have some pamphlets to pass out the full blown cost with everything is a little under \$9.8 million, \$9,794,516.00. That is everything all combined.

Com. Good, That is not maintenance though, because it is another \$1,650,000.00 for maintenance correct?

Mr. Burla, Correct, that is for the 7500 counsels and to be honest that's something that is necessary in the future for no matter what you do. I actually did do some printouts of what this whole thing looks like so I could pass it out.

Com. Evans, Obviously we're going to have to take this under advisement.

Chief Pfeifer, Can I add just a few things though? If this was a perfect world then you guys could do something today, we're looking at 18 months down the road to get this done. A year from now we will not have communications with Lake or LaPorte County. They have both gone to the 800 and we will not be able to interact with them. This is something that time is going to push us into a corner. The other thing is when I came to you guys in 2010 and in 2011 when we got those grants is because of narrow banding. The next round of narrow banding is going to be to 2018. So if we want to beat that round of narrow banding we need to figure this out. I have no idea and I'm sure CJ can throw numbers at you on what it's actually going to cost us to meet the next narrow banding. I think you guys have an idea what it costs for the fire radio to meet the last narrow banding. I know that \$9,800,000.00 is a huge number I think that it's something that we have to do.

Com. Good, Well I also think from the County's perspective we're contractually obligated for the infra-structure that we have right now until 2018. We're looking at it from our perspective is that sort of a sun set sort of a time for us. That is the bogie that we need to work back from which is getting close to that 18 months maybe more like 24 but in the same breath \$5 million of the \$9 million cost is in radios. I think that from our perspective what part of the discussion as we go on forward is that what is the County going to be responsible for and maybe what are the other municipalities and some of the other areas are going to have to step up and help us out on the radio side. I don't know what that is but we need to have the dialogue.

Chief Pfeifer, I will say this on the fire side we have done our fair share and we've gotten \$1.5 million in grants already which took care of 7 fire (Inaudible). We have applied for roughly, we just did a transit grant for \$1 million which we got denied. South County we just did for a radio grant which I believe was very similar to the grants that I asked for which was about \$800,000.00. We're trying our best to not be a burden but at some point if you go with a system and there is no radios then we didn't do anything or if we buy all of the radios and we don't go with the system then didn't do anything. When I go back and look at the very first advisory board meeting that we talked about and getting dispatch to be the most efficient it can 800 was on that list and 6 years later we haven't really talked much about it. My one question to the Motorola gentleman if this were to be in-acted does this put us on a single band?

Mr. Burla, You would be on 7/800 frequency which as far as a radio is concerned is a single frequency but there are multiple frequencies built into the 12 channels. As you are keying up you might be on a different channel each time but the user itself doesn't realize it. They are on their same talk group that they are going to be utilizing. One thing I will add too is there are power of numbers and it shows that there actual list price on the equipment is about \$15.5 million just for being part of the quantity purchase agreement with the State of Indiana that dropped it a couple million dollars. Power of numbers we did a bulk incentive and we put some other discounts in there to bring it down to that \$9 million mark.

Com. Good, It's still a lot of money and that is where I think we're trying to look at our contracts. We're trying to look at how we're managing our multiple frequencies that we do today which I think eventually down the road could make it a little bit easier to operate the 911 then we are today. A lot moving parts in here and I don't think there is any disagreement that we need to move in that direction it's just about when and how are we going to pay for it. I think that is like everything that comes in front of us up here that's what it all gets down to at the end of the day.

Chief Pfeifer, I think one of the things that every time I come before you guys and talk I want you to never have to worry about radios for the next 20 years Number 1. Number 2 I think what we need is permission from you guys to keep moving in a direction to get this done. So far we've just been a group of people working on our own and I think somewhere along the lines it needs to be something that says yes to the County moving in this direction. I don't know what that looks like right now.

Com. Good, I think formalizing this board that John brought up and re-engaging that and getting that going again I think we are hoping that some things will bubble up sooner rather than later. I think that is what we're looking to the group to help us do. I think that is the purpose of it.

Chief Pfeifer, Well the down side of that board is there is no financial ticket involved. There needs to be something on the financial side that could start budgeting those things.

Com. Good, You have the head of the Commissioners and the head of the Council that sit on that committee so there you go. I mean that is why it's set up.

Com. Evans, That would require moving the word advisory.

Chief Pfeifer, Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

Com. Evans, Thank you for your presentation and I know all of the fire guys have things to do so if you want to be excused that is fine. I am going to take one more liberty at this time under the Correspondence we have a request for the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation Proclamation for 2016 and I understand the lady that wanted that done has an appointment as well. Would you like to come forward and as you are doing that I will read the proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 2016**

Whereas In the past year, more than 13 Northwest Indiana children have been diagnosed with cancer and in the past year, 2 more children have lost their lives to Cancer and

Whereas Childhood Cancer is the #1 disease related killer of kids in the U.S. 1 in 5 children are terminal at diagnosis. 3 in 5 suffer like altering impacts of treatment that significantly alter their quality of life. 1 in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20 and

Whereas Childhood cancer is on the rise. Childhood cancers and adult cancers are different, yet we continue to use the downsized adult cancer protocols on kids with many times devastating effects. The lack of childhood cancer research has tremendous impact to kids and significant costs to society, now and in the future and

Whereas Despite these facts, childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded. Less than 4% of the National Cancer Institute's Budget is solely dedicated to childhood cancer research. In 25 years the FDA has initially

approved only two drugs for any childhood cancer and half of all chemotherapies used for children's cancers are over 25 years old and

Whereas The incidence of childhood cancer is on the rise with an estimated 15,700 children diagnosed every year (43 per day) in the United States alone. Of those 43 children per day, 8 will die and

Whereas Many adult cancers can be diagnosed early, in 80% of kids, cancer has already spread to other areas of the body by the time it is diagnosed and

Whereas The causes of most childhood cancers are unknown and at the present, childhood cancer cannot be prevented, and families who are or have been in treatment work tirelessly to change these alarming statistics.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Porter County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Porter County. We call upon the people of Porter County to observe this month with appropriate involvement in activities focused on bringing awareness to the children in our community, and our country, with cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, have hereunto set our hands this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year 2016.

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

Attest:/s/Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

Com. Evans, Did you want to say anything?

Ms. Criner, Yes, I do. Those are not easy statistics to hear for us who have traveled the childhood cancer journey. Mrs. Schultz is here and her son Rusty is in pretty much everyone one of those statistics, but we continue to fight in his memory and in his honor. That two children that you read on there as of August 9<sup>th</sup> became 3 and there are two young boys in Porter County currently in hospice. There is another young boy who has a cancer that has a zero percent survival rate so probably in the next year he will be in hospice as well. It is the number 1 disease killer of our children and so you need to tell somebody and be aware because we do get less than 4% of the NCI at annual budget but our numbers are going up they are not getting better. The NICK Foundation supports local families who's kids are in treatment and we also support efforts for research. We cover six counties now and so for the first time this year we are having an inaugural awareness event in Porter County and we have the information here that I would like to leave and let everybody pick up. This is a wonderful day for families to come together. A lot of people have worked very hard. It is our Labor of Love event so it is on Labor Day, Sunday at Sunset Hill County Park and our goal is to have simultaneous events in all 6 counties that we support and provide assistance to for these families during the journey. So welcome aboard to our Labor of Love event. We need your support, we need all of your support to get the word out and let people know that the numbers are rising and that we need to tell somebody and we need to make an important cancer to fund. The future of our country and your state and your county. We appreciate your help and thank you for pulling us up on the....I was a little nervous so I told a lot of people I wasn't sure what time we were going to get going. Thank you again! Next year we're going more mayors and more council presidents from all of your towns to join and campaign in their individual community. We done that two years in a row now in Lake County and then the State reads their proclamation as well. So thank you very much.

Com. Evans, Thank you and keep up the good work.

**A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Porter County, Indiana Regarding Approval of Issuance of the Porter County Municipal Airport Authority, Airport Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2016 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Atty. Chuck Lukmann**

Atty. Lukmann, Thank you, Chuck Lukmann I represent the Porter County Municipal Airport Authority and I will make it crystal clear we are not here asking for anything.

Com. Good, I was wondering.

Atty. Lukmann, Not a dollar. By the way this came to me by virtue of information that was passed on by a bond council from Barnes and Thornburg to Commissioner Evans who was told that with the bond issue you approved in 2008 that was issued by the Airport Authority a refunding might save as much as \$200,000.00 to \$225,000.00 net over the remaining 12 years. As the Airport Authority studied this more it is believed that an extension of that original bond keeping the same debt payment yet inquiring new improvements that would provide more revenue to the airport such as T anchors that is one of the projects that is listed there. With the same debt service the airport could refund and acquire maybe \$1.5 to \$1.8 million of new money. Again with these unprecedented low municipal rates we're seeing just like folks getting a mortgage. That is why we're here. I submitted a slightly revised resolution yesterday a red line copy. It basically says we made into a series. We may have to do two bond issues that would stretch into 2017 issuance cost would not be increased at all and these bonds are payable solely and that is in Section 1 from revenues of the Airport System. Under the law the Authority has to get your approval to proceed with this and that is what we're asking for today. I asked Kyle when he made his list to exceed his amount of money we know will be available, he did that and then you be (Inaudible) to the Airport Authority to prioritize projects and they'll do what they can to maximize the amount of money. But again not payable by you, not payable by anyone it's just an extension of what we've done in 2008 to try to take advantage of what we have out there.

Com. Evans, You just want our okay to go get some money and it's not going to cost us a thing what a deal. It's not an ordinance it's a resolution. Do you have a copy?

Atty. McClure, I do.

Com. Evans, Why don't you read it for us Scott.

**RESOLUTION No. 16-6**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA REGARDING APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF PORTER COUNTY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AIRPORT REVENUE REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

WHEREAS, the Porter County Municipal Airport Authority (the "Authority") has heretofore established, constructed, equipped, installed and financed airport, aviation and related facilities (the "Airport System") in Porter County, Indiana (the "County"), pursuant to the provisions of Indiana Code 8-22-3, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to issue revenue bonds pursuant to the Act to (i) refund certain outstanding revenue bonds of the Authority (the "Refunding") and (ii) finance certain improvements, extensions and additions to the Airport System (the "Project"), as more fully set forth in summary fashion in the Authority Resolution (as hereinafter defined) attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Authority has determined that the Project is

necessary and that the Refunding will enable the Authority to obtain a reduction in interest payments, effect a savings to the Authority and provide the Authority with greater flexibility in the issuance of debt; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 8-22-3-18.1 requires the Board of Commissioners of the County (the "Board") to approve the issuance of revenue bonds by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016, the Authority adopted its resolution ("Authority Resolution") preliminarily determining to issue revenue bonds of the Authority (the " Bonds"), to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000), pursuant to the provisions of the Act, for the purpose of procuring funds to apply to the cost of the Refunding and the Project, together with expenses on account of the issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested the approval of the Board for the issuance of the Bonds pursuant to Indiana Code 8-22-3-18.1, and the Board now finds that the issuance of the Bonds should be approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section 1. The Board does hereby approve the issuance of the Bonds of the Authority, in one or more series, payable solely from revenues of the Airport System pursuant to the provisions of the Act, including, specifically, Indiana Code 8-22-3-18.1, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000), for the purpose of procuring funds to apply to the costs of the Refunding and the Project, together with expenses on account of the issuance thereof. The terms of the Bonds shall be as set forth an approving ordinance to be adopted by the Authority in accordance with Indiana Code 8-22-3-18.1 prior to the issuance of the Bonds, but in any event the Bonds shall mature no later than January 1, 2036, and shall be sold at a price equal to not less than ninety eight percent (98%) of their par value.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY of August, 2016.

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

ATTEST:/s/Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

**An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Deposit of Proceeds from the National Association of Realtors to the Porter County Park Department – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Atty. Dave Hollenbeck**

Atty. Hollenbeck, Good Afternoon! I have both a daughter and a son-in-law who are pediatricians who treat kids with cancer. We are here today pursuant to the State Board of Accounts desire that when we receive a grant we open up a separate fund into which those monies are deposited. In this case Walter has succeeded in securing a grant from the National Association of Realtors for the hiring of a consultant to conduct the community needs assessment portion of the Park Department's comprehensive plan that is in the process of being developed right now. This facilitates the segregation of those grant monies and pursuant to the Auditor's desires to fulfill as our obligation to maintain a separate fund for the grant proceeds. I may editorially say Walter this is one of the latest

versions of the efforts that have succeeded by Walter to obtain multiple grants from multiple sources on behalf of the Park Department activities.

### **Public Hearing Opened**

Com. Evans, Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance come on forward. Name and address please.

Mr. Hudson, My name is Rich Hudson, 574 N. 50 W., Valparaiso. I am the current Park Board president and I am in favor of this ordinance.

Com. Evans, Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Third and final time for anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Third and final time anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance?

### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

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

### **An Ordinance Authorizing and Creating the Porter County Highway Rainy Day Fund – Legislative Update - Ed Charbonneau and Ed Soliday**

Com. Evans, You guys are welcome to come forward. Thanks for being here and we appreciate you sitting through our first hour.

Com. Good, I think to set these gentlemen up a little bit the ordinance that we're looking to authorize or approve sets up a Rainy Day Fund which is in compliance with the matching fund program from the State of Indiana. Porter County after the Commissioners have sat down and looked at our funding and our obligations for Highway we have pretty much determined that we do not feel that Porter County needs a wheel tax right now. So what we have done is the actions today will set us up to create this Rainy Day Fund which will be able to pull our matching portion of our paving projects or road maintenance projects through the state matching grant. So this action here takes that precedent to set us up for our funding match for the County as long as we have funds in the Rainy Day account. I think one of the things that we obvious this is subject to the Council but one of the things that we plan on doing through the help of you gentlemen is that we plan on moving our major moves money which is something that this County has very frugally spent and I commend the past Commissioners for setting us up in that position that we are today to be able to do that. I believe that is right around \$5.5 million that we'll be moving over from our Major Moves money into this Rainy Day Fund. As soon as that action takes place we're pretty much set up for just those funds for the next several years for our paving programs for the County. Along with all of that set up I can't even begin to tell everybody how much assistance we received from these two gentlemen here in getting this done down State. With that I'll let you gentlemen have the floor and you can go from there.

Mr. Soliday, Thank you Jeff. Jeff asked me to talk a little bit about some other things we've been able to do that is very near and dear to my heart. Harry Truman said that the secret of politics is friends not enemies one sure lack that you will pick up all of the enemies you need. One of the things that I have been thankful for is the friendship of the Council and the Commissioners. Sometimes you disagree. Both Ed and I try to not get in your hair but when you have come to us we try to be responsive and 8 years ago I drafted a bill to create the ability a tool for you all to use the hospital funds in a foundational way. A huge push back from the then Commissioners and Council so I put it in a drawer and then there was another effort about 6 years ago some folks were interested and again pushed back and put it back in the drawer. A few years ago the Council and Commissioners in a bi-partisan way said would you do something. There are two theories I have to subscribe to one. One is the government should never save money, Illinois is a real good example of that. The other is there are opportunities in life that only come along once in a generation, once in a life time and one of those was the sale of the hospital. So I commend the Commissioners and the Council for the wisdom in using those funds. Once they are gone

they're gone. So we work together Ed and I and you all to create a tool that you've been able to use. I thank you for that and I take the opportunity to thank you. Commissioner Blaney came down and testified and found what an exciting (Inaudible) can be but thankful for them. The second thing I would like to say in an legislative update way. The fundamental belief I have and that is that the government should not take people's property without an overwhelming compelling public interest. Now I have stayed relatively quiet because that is how things get done but Senator Charboneau and I he will carry it in the Senate, I will add it in the House clarifying our law that says you must have and it will be a little more detailed then this and we've already met with the railroads, the major ones. That you must have a compelling interest to take people's property. That law was last dealt with I believe in 1888, a different time a different place. I know Ed and I would hope that you would be supportive of us and go forward with that. To me that is the fundamental belief of our democracy. The third thing is what you're here for today. When I became chairman of the House Transportation Committee it was a lot of noise as there is across America about the state of our roads and bridges. There was one school of thought that said you know they will never be satisfied they will always want more. There was another side to this that said things are getting pretty bad across the Country. You can read articles in the Economist and all kinds of things. If we compare ourselves to other states I always like to bench mark but why should we be proud of being valedictorian in a class of dunces. We took the first year in the infra-structure study committee. I created the bill that year and Ed may have carried it to the Senate. We created an Infra-Structure Study Committee and did nothing but gather data. There was a huge human cry, there are two schools of thought and again I'll share with you mine and I believe held by most of the legislature. Every time there is not enough money the State should take care of it and the locals will spend it. It's a wonderful world but it doesn't exist. I was fairly straight forward. I cheered that committee shared the chairmanship with the Senate counterpart for the last 6 years. We were both very clear. We're going to include locals but the problem is the local data set is very very weak and again you are (Inaudible) of what you're doing today and the application which I believe is approved for a \$1 million match from the State, we should know very shortly but I'm fairly certain you've been approved. What we said was that we'll help you get the tools but we're not going to pay for it all by the State. There needs to be local accountability. It's much tougher to do your job then it is to do mine, but that is how it is. There needs to be some local accountability so we said we'll create some tools, we'll find the problem and decide how much it is going to cost, but the more we looked at it the weaker we found the data from the locals. The city is probably the worst because of the Farm Bureau and (Inaudible) looks fairly close but still not great as compared to what the State had. The best we could tell at that time locals need about \$460 million more a year. \$3 billion over 10 won't even scratch it if you thought you could do it. \$460 million that number has now grown with greater data to about \$528 million a year just for locals. That's counties and cities. Most folks don't understand people would say to me why do they have to charge tolls after the bonds are paid off. Well there is a really good reason concrete lasts about 30 years, asphalt about 15 years and just about the time the bonds are paid out the concrete falls apart. We have cities on 70 year paving schedules. They keep re-skinning the expense goes up. In 2013 we did a bill which took all of the diversions of gasoline tax out. No State Police, no BMV out no nothing it's all going to roads and bridges. At the same time we said we want you to create for us a tool and it looks like a spreadsheet across the top is all of the ways you could fund roads, good better and best. We're not going to compete with Florida who has tourist money and we're not going to compete with Texas who has oil money but we can certainly be in the top quarter. So we got that tool and it was enlightening. We all get it in serious trouble when the café standards kick in 2025. 54 ½ miles to the gallon more electrics more alternative fuels. We will right now, the gasoline tax which hasn't been raised since 2003, the diesel tax since 1988 yields about \$.11 in buying power. By the time this is over just to continue the decline at the current rate we would have to double the gasoline tax. Hence it is a gasoline tax short term measure. The part for you all was the creation of a very efficient match in grant system. You don't have to do much. The day you sign the contract you get the check. If you're under budget good deal you get some more road money. If you're over budget you've heard this before it's your problem. We wanted it efficient. We want to get the money out there. We had over \$193 million available this year in the Matching Grant Program. All of the tools we gave out and we know one size doesn't fit all. For you to raise a wheel tax actually folks won't want to hear this but you do a pretty good job of managing the business here. You have your choice of

what tools to use and you're doing just exactly what we all talked about and hoped you would do. Use good judgement and wisdom and move forward. We only had \$147 million worth of applications so that money will roll over into next year. We thought next year would probably be only \$65 million but we never could predict what sales tax is going to do. We are taking a piece of the gasoline sales tax. Then the following year and the years there after there is \$100 million for certain in matching money. So what you're doing today has, now remember unless it's in the Constitution Legislatures change every 2 years and we're seeing some pretty scary proposals out there right now that really haven't looked at what it costs. You take care of what we got which is the number I shared with you at the local level. When we add the State and just finish things that we started that is a \$1 billion in new money every year. To bill for the future and make no mistake when that Panama Canal opens we're all going to see the projected growth is about 3% in traffic per year compounded to see where we're at going into the future. So to bill for the future is just what we know the number is probably \$1.3 billion. \$3 million over 10 years or a \$1.3 billion annually the numbers don't match. We're trying to work through that right now, but I commend you on the vision, we're being responsible and I thank you for all of the support you've given over the years. I will say this that nobody does anything alone. You think it's tough to get three votes together you ought to try to get 51 in the House and 26 in the Senate. Ed has been my partner through it all and I can't thank you enough for that. Thank you!

Mr. Charboneau, Thank you! I'm going to use good judgement and wisdom sitting next to the emperor of roads and infra-structure for the State of Indiana I'm going to (Inaudible). We're just trying to explain where we are, what's going on. We're in the business of people. I think you folks understand the importance of the bi-partisanship, working together. I think that both Ed and I scribed at policy quite well and most of all our legislation at any time has both parties on the (Inaudible). Thank you very much!

Mr. Soliday, Jeff asked me to mention one other thing, which I think is an example of people working together from the Sheriff to the Jeff, the Commissioners, Valparaiso is building a new grade school. The parties wanted a stop light, the law is very clear lights have to be warranted. That means there has to be there has to be a traffic count. That bill is being re-written right now I happen to have the draft already done sitting into get re-elected. The answer was no for the traffic light. I spent some time with INDOT and they said we can't do a light but we'll pay for a round-about. That ought to be worth some noise right there. I said wait a minute I'm not doing that without getting the State voters together. We had a room full, just as we did for the County Fair. We had Commissioners there, the Sheriff was there and in both cases we wound up with unanimous votes bi-partisan but there is going to be a round-about. I would say this about the round-about. One is \$1.5 million the State is going to pay. The County has been very cooperative and very helpful and those folks who hate round-about all I can tell is this, you don't get killed in a round-about. It slows traffic down. Long term they are cheaper to maintain. And third of all when the electricity and power goes off the round-about still works. I thank you again for the cooperation. It took two phone calls and we had a room full of people who all worked toward a solution not for what we disagree about but what we agree about. Thank you!

Com. Good, No thank you Ed because that was a lot of heavy lifting. That was a big ask and thank you!

Com. Blaney, As someone who heads into Valpo from the South on Highway 2 every day thank you!

Com. Evans, Just make sure they are big enough to get a school bus through.

Mr. Soliday, So glad you brought that up. We actually do a class for folks who don't believe that you can get a fire truck or a semi through. There is a way to do it. Actually those are Purdue engineers. I have a friend of mine I went to school with who called and yelled at me about who is in charge and he thought it was politician. They are actually Purdue engineers. The State is more than happy to show you the truck line. We had that argument here in Valparaiso. Even when the fire department drove the fire truck around people still didn't believe it they thought it was done by magic. As long as the magic works.

The light is not going to happen. We're going to have little kids there and there is a curb the site line is not good. Again we decided as a team I think we got to the right decision.

Com. Evans, They've been in use in Europe for 100's of years so I think they are fairly efficient.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

Com. Evans, Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Last time anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance?

#### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

Atty. McClure, John I just want to point out not only does this create the Porter County Highway Rainy Day Fund but it's also asking that the initial contribution come from the restrictive portion of that Lowett Special Distribution. We would ask the Council also to then move the size of the Major Moves money a little over \$1.3 million into this Rainy Day Fund and also the Major Moves portion to get us closer to maybe \$7 million.

Com. Evans, I might add to that as Jeff mentioned earlier the foresight in preserving the Major Moves money. 80% of that credit should go to Bob Poparad from the County Council because he was adamant that that money go to that fund. That being said with your caveat I'll entertain a motion.

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

Com. Evans, Thank you for your service and everything you do for us. We really appreciate it.

#### **An Ordinance Creating a Non-Reverting Fund for Receipt of Charitable Donations for Capital Projects for the Porter County Animal Shelter.**

Atty. McClure, The Animal Shelter had a donation fund. This one is for large capital projects. This is obviously created first and foremost to handle the \$1 million donation that we'll be getting for the building of the Animal Shelter. So that is what this was created for and also to keep it separated from the other donation fund was dealing with smaller numbers for much smaller issues.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

Com. Evans, Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Last time anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance?

#### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

Com. Blaney, moved to approve an Ordinance Establishing a Fund for the Charitable Donations for Capital Projects for the Porter County Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund. Com. Good, seconded, motion carried.

#### **An Ordinance Amending Title 17 Zoning Regulation Campaign Signs.**

Atty. McClure, Again I think there was some confusion over the last several years to exactly what the County campaign ordinance sign stated. This is to clear it up, it's pretty straight forward, brings us into line with the local municipalities. The highlights would be 30 days before an election they can go up. Come down 7 days after. The sign should not

exceed 32 square surface feet out of the public right-of-ways etc. I would ask that you would approve it on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

Com. Evans, Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance? Last time anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this ordinance?

### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

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

### **Mike Anton & Leigh Westergren, Anton Insurance Revised Plan Document & Summary Plan Description of the Group Health Care Plan.**

Mr. Anton, Thank you! I'm by myself today Leigh over scheduled herself. I'm going to move quickly I know it's a long agenda. Forwarded to you by digital transmission you received a copy of a revised Summary Plan Description of the Group Health Care Plan for the employees of Porter County Government. There are really just two significant revisions to this plan. One is simply was to insert in the Plan Description references to reference base repricing so that was incorporated. The other major addition to the plan was on the utilization review on page 32 but simply that a number of additional precertification requirements were included. Simply the purpose of that is to maintain an insight from INETICO in terms of our large case management and disease management. So we have somewhat greater control in the pricing and the handling and making sure that the employees that would fall into those classifications are getting the best services available. So I ask you to approve that one document that would be distributed to the employees participating in the plan.

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

### **Overview Report on XL Benefits**

Mr. Anton, Thank you! I just want to make another statement if I may. At the last Commissioners' meeting that I came before you Commissioner Good asked what the total spend was for the calendar year 2015 and I didn't have the answer for you. I just want to report that under the health insurance claims account for the County that total disbursement was \$8,912,040.24.

Com. Good, So we were \$88,000.00 under the budget.

Mr. Anton, Yes.

Com. Good, Thank you!

Mr. Anton, Actually when you asked me that question I didn't we were quit there.

Com. Good, Well I didn't know that is why I asked.

Mr. Anton, I thought we were a little higher. If I may take a few more minutes I would like to share a few observations drawn from a historical look back over the past 3 years. The 2 prior years to 2015 total claims were \$10,770,000 and some change and \$10,576,000 in some change. Versus \$6,047,987.00 for last year representing your claim reduction and total expenses over \$4 million. Enrollment changes can often distort this representation though so the underwriters focus on groups per employee per month claims spent. Porter County's per employee per month claims for the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 claim years was

\$1520.00. The per employee per month claims for the 2015/2016 year was \$927 or a 39% reduction so that is pretty significant. Large claim frequency also dropped dramatically from the previous 4 years Porter County has averaged 11 members with claims over \$150,000.00. The 2015/2016 Plan year only 2 claims exceeded the specific deductible and one of these claimants were primarily a result of a run in claim from the prior year and under the first health network. A severity of large claims also decreased with 2015/2016 Plan year. The largest claim was \$208,000.00. Each of the prior 4 years had claimants exceed \$350,000.00 in paid claims. What jumps out to us is that the Board of Commissioners decision to move the reference based pricing along with (Inaudible) in a large case and disease management issues. In addition to meaningful wellness program that has come to these outcomes. Going forward it is believed that the additional pre-serve requirements that we just referenced in the SPD will bolster continue downward trending. Plan incentives to increase wellness participation, revue of life choices disincentives i.e. smoking and the establishment of a 2 tiered network that encourages participants to utilize contracted facilities would have a positive effect and control the claims spending. So that is a report. We are certainly opened to discussion to any recommendations of the Commissioners. We will certainly follow through on your directive on any issues you want to discuss.

Com. Good, Thank you for that.

Mr. Anton, You're welcome.

Com. Evans, Good news, very good news.

Mr. Anton, We're certainly moving in the right direction. That is all I have I thank you for your consideration and appreciate the timing was perfect I can still make a tee time.

Com. Evans, Well wait a minute we're not done.

#### **Mike Jabo, DLZ**

**Jail Security Project – Videotec Application & Certificate for Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$40,000.00. (\$12,000.00 of which is from a previous approved change order.)**

Mr. Jabo, Good Afternoon Commissioners. Before you and I've got the original pay applications here. You have Pay Application #4. Work is progressing well. (Inaudible) there is a meeting at the subcontractor, Videotec that is designing the system. The Sheriff's staff will get to review the system to make any tweaks or changes while it's still in their shop. Then sometime in September they will be scheduled to come up, send the system down, install the system about a 2 week process and then it will be up and running.

Com. Good, So you're thinking the first of October is your bogie to get her up and running?

Mr. Jabo, That's what the hope is we're working on fine tuning the schedule right now. The Sheriffs have been very involved the logistics while the system is down. Tomorrow will be a continued discussion. You do have Payment Application #4 and I do believe the bill of sale went to the bank.

Com. Good, Just so everybody knows again to recap this this is a \$1.1 million project to upgrade the security system at the Porter County Jail. It is something that was needed very desperately and we're almost there. \$1.1 million. Thank you!

Com. Good, moved to approve Payment Application #4 in the amount of \$40,000.00.  
Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Evans, Less the \$12,000.00 I know the \$12,000.00 had already been approved before.

Atty. McClure, No this is to...we had approved the change order but this is the actual agreement. I just want to point out because at some point at the end here we're going to have to circle back around here and payoff the change order it's beyond the financing.

**Kevin Pazour**

**Appointed Porter County Historian by the State of Indiana.**

Com. Evans, Which is quite an honor, come on up Kevin.

Mr. Pazour, Good Afternoon Commissioners. Good Afternoon Everyone. I will make this very brief as this has been a long meeting and I don't know how you put yourselves through this so often but thank you for it. I've had the privilege of being by the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana History and Historical Bureau as Porter County Historian. I am the youngest in the State of Indiana and I hold the distinction of the being the first to be born after the program was founded in 1981. I try to not look the part but I'll tell you I'm working very hard to make my predecessors proud. The folder before you has a bit of information on the left side a little bit about the Porter County Museum where I served as Executive Director for the last 8 ½ years. The right side is a little a bit of an explanation of what my goal is as an unpaid historian for the State of Indiana. I will tell you I have great passion for Porter County's history and I do feel what we are doing is significant. Especially the bicentennial year Mr. Soliday made reference to once in a life time moments and I feel like we're in the business of celebrating all of those once in a life time moments so that people don't forget the great history that Porter County has. I've taken the initiative to get out of the Museum building and circulate throughout Porter County. I've presented to town councils in Ogden Dunes, Chesterton, Porter, Burns Harbor, Beverly Shores, Dune Acres and we plan to see the rest of councils throughout the County in September just simply introducing myself and letting people know we have a great history. I think that is due in part to the great people who have lived here and continue to live here. Thank you for the privilege to serve not only in this role as historian but to be at the helm of the Porter County Museum.

Com. Evans, Thank you Kevin you do a great job. We truly appreciate it.

Com. Good, Thanks Kevin.

**Approval of American Structure Point General Service Agreement**

Com. Good, Scott have you reviewed that?

Atty. McClure, I have.

Com. Good, And everything looks...?

Atty. McClure, Everything is order, just a normal general service agreement.

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

**Office Holders/Dept. Heads**

**Edie Hahn – Sheriff's Dept.**

**Frontline Foundations Contract – Substance Abuse Treatment for the Jail**

Sheriff Reynolds, This is all pursuant to a grant that we received from DOC and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to start a treatment program through the community concept in the jail. Then we expanded it with the Caring Place. The first one is Frontline so we contracted out the (Inaudible).

Com. Evans, People may not know what Frontline does but they work a lot with youth in rehabilitation and drugs.

Sheriff Reynolds, Correct. They've expanded now. In our jail it won't be with youth it will be for adults, primarily male adults in the jail.

Com. Evans, Is there a dollar amount on the contract?

Com. Good, \$11,920.00, is that for the whole thing?

Ms. Hahn, Yes.

Com. Good, They gave you a breakdown, I was looking at it wrong. That is the total.

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

### **Approval of the Sheriff's Pension for the amount \$443,795.00 from excess LOIT from State**

Com. Evans, What period does that cover?

Ms. Hahn, Half the year.

Com. Good, The second half right?

Ms. Hahn, The second half.

Com. Good, And that is coming from the LOIT, the excess from the LOIT so the other portion went into the Rainy Day and this is the remainder that is going to pay pension.

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

### **The Caring Place – Agreement to provide Inmate services**

Sheriff Reynolds, We have a representative from the Caring Place but what have done is expanded what they are doing in the Caring Place involving females who are now included involving domestic violence in our therapeutic. They won't be a part of the therapeutic community but it will be part of our programs that we are offering the inmates.

Ms. Hahn, This will be paid by the DOC grants (Inaudible).

Com. Evans, So it's not costing us anything.

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

### **CJ Wittmer – 911 Director Criticall Pre-Employment Testing Software**

Mr. Wittmer, I appreciate you allowing us to do that demo with Motorola and the State. The Priority Dispatch Maintenance Agreement there is a piece of the puzzle that I'm still waiting on from the vendor. Scott and I talked about the one piece that I was waiting on and they didn't get to me by this meeting so I would like to table Priority Dispatch to maybe the next Commissioners' meeting. The hiring process software we use we've had for probably about a decade now. We're just ending a 4 year maintenance agreement that will be up this year. We are pleased with the software. We run all of our candidates through that. We look at certain skills that we require in our line of work and we really rely on this software to get us really good candidates. You see on the handout that there are some options for multi-year and single year. (Inaudible) There are 4 options there. One for 1, 2, 3 and 4 years I don't know that I have a preference other than there is money to be saved (Inaudible) and maybe we'll look at (Inaudible).

Com. Good, We were also trying to talk about lining up our event days for our contract. So if that is the case we would want to look at a 2 year option here correct?

Mr. Wittmer, Absolutely.

Com. Good, So then all of our contracts with 911 all basically end within a 90 day period. If we are going to buy new we have to would you guys.....?

Mr. Wittmer, And then at least we do see some savings over the single year then too.

Com. Good, moved to approve the CritiCall Lead Service Plan with the 2 year contract option, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Evans, The only thing I would encourage you to do is to fill all of those seats before budget time because I don't want to see the Council take any of your people away. You can't spare them. Get them aligned, get them trained and get them in the seats.

Com. Good, John we're actually setting up a meeting with the Council to go over our 911 staffing requirements and talk about some of the things that need to be done over there. We will be meeting with them sooner rather than later before we present our budget.

Mr. Wittmer, Thank you for your time.

### **Priority Dispatch – 1 Yr. Renewal Contract - *TABLED***

#### **Vicki Urbanik – Auditor**

##### **Award the Financial Payroll Software bid**

Ms. Urbanik, Good Afternoon Commissioners. Just to recap some of the history that has gone into this I'll try to be brief I can talk for hours on this topic. Back on May 17<sup>th</sup> we formed a committee charged with the responsibility of analyzing our financial and payroll software. You also asked us to look into a Time and Attendance Record Keeping System for the County employees. Both of these proposals have been discussed off and on over a number of years. Hopefully we can finally make progress on this. Proposals were written, an RFP was prepared and advertised and you opened up the proposals on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Our committee met a number of times. We tended to have very involved and intense meetings. We asked a lot of questions of each other and we did a lot of research I think. It's fair to say we did our due diligence. We approached this topic very seriously. We know that it is major investment that is going to positive impact for many years to come. This isn't just about a short term upgrade. Our last committee meeting was August 10<sup>th</sup> and we firmed up what we hoped to do and I am prepared to make the recommendation today. First off the way the committee approached our job was to look at the financial and payroll software upgrade separately from the time and attendance system with the idea of getting upgrade in place first and then adding the time and attendance system. Of the proposals we received and reviewed we are recommending that we upgrade our financial system to go with the LOW Associates program. LOW is an Indiana company and they service Indiana entities. In fact they currently serve 57% of Indiana counties in one capacity or another either with a financial system or the tax system or both. In fact most of their cliental have both of the two systems. We have the tax system with LOW so we're already a client of LOW's. We know these people we know their professionalism and we know their response for technical service. In conjunction with the recommendation to go with LOW I am also recommending that we retain our former IT Director, Sharon Lippens on a contractual basis. There are 2 parts to the data conversion. We're not just converting from a Windows system to another Window system. We're converting from operating system to (Inaudible) system. So there is going to be a lot of data conversion that is necessary. It's a two prong data conversion. We have to get our files from our system that's dating back from a very long time into a file that LOW can use and translate into their system. Admittedly most of the heavy lifting with data conversion is on LOW's end but we have to supply these files. Sharon has been very instrumental in this process and she also is what seems to be an expert with the I Series and from what I understand not many people in the IT world are as knowledgeable about the I Series. Most of us know the Windows System, which is what we're moving towards. So we will discuss what the cost is and how are we going to pay for it? The LOW proposal can be broken down into 2 components. One is a onetime component which is an

acquisition cost. You're essentially buying the software. There is also a onetime cost for the training the setup and the data conversion. So the onetime acquisition cost is just under \$160,000.00 and then the one time setup and training cost is \$57,234.00 a grand total to LOW \$206,722.00. Our local conversion contract the one that I'm proposing with Sharon Lippens is \$6,000.00 so that is a pretty small amount when you look at the total. Then there is the annual maintenance fee and the annual maintenance is \$40,652.00. That is the maximum and it could go down depending on how much we use the technical support and the training. To pay for this I am proposing to use my ineligible Homestead Fund, the Auditor non-reverting for the bulk of the purchase, which would be the onetime acquisition cost of the software. In other words this investment will not have an impact on the General Fund for the most part. I'm proud to say that because of a State law change a few years ago the County Auditor's now have to return a portion of the money that they collect for Homestead violations to the General Fund. Last year we returned just under quarter of a million dollars to the General Fund. That is more then what would be needed to cover this project but I'm not proposing using the General Fund for the bulk of this. I think that the Auditor non-reverting fund needs to be protected, needs to be preserved for special purchases. It should not be used for ongoing operating costs. I can think of no other better project at this time then to upgrade our software.

Com. Evans, That's great.

Com Good, Thank you.

Ms. Urbanik, And then the rest of the cost will come out of your General Fund Budget.

Com. Good, Also for the record too it sounds like a lot of money but again remember we're coming off a DOS base system. This system is old for us to make this move it's time. It's way past time.

Com. Evans, Plus it is going to provide the services to every office.

Com. Good, This is a big, huge upgrade for everybody and I think it is well overdue.

Com. Evans, And Sharon is the best one to do the integration as well.

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

Com. Evans, Thanks again and thank your committee.

Ms. Urbanik, The committee was made up of H.R., IT, Treasurer's Office and the Auditor's Office. The time and attendance system that is a separate component we did bring in the Sheriff's Department and E-911. They are scheduling their payroll. It's a little bit more complexed then a clerical office, like my office where the people are expected to work 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. So we wanted to bring their knowledge and their needs into the decision. Of the vendors that we looked at, we had a number of demonstrations and there was one company that seemed to be head and shoulders above the other vendors. So the committee would like to recommend that we proceed with discussions on the company Right Stuff. I don't think we are prepared to move forward with a contract at this point. We haven't analyzed exactly where the funding for this would come from. There are some technological issues like time clocks. We would like some more direction from the Commissioners and maybe you would like to sit in on a demonstration on the system, but we have time. The data conversion to go to LOW is going to take us months. It will not be an overnight project so we do have time proceed with the time and attendance system, but the goal is to get it in as soon as possible.

Com. Evans, Is Right Stuff the fingerprint people?

Ms. Urbanik, They do have that component. Their time clocks can facilitate a numbers of ways that employees punch in. We could do the fingerprint, we could do the badge slide. Also, the other component is that employees would clock in right on the

computer. There is also a proposal for the scheduling component where the department heads schedule the employees and that is how their time is recorded. Then all of this gets integrated with our payroll system. So instead of having employees type in or write in Suzy Que took 3 vacation days this week and John took 4 sick days, whatever it would be all automated and it would move in seamlessly.

Com. Evan, I could swipe someone else's name badge, I can enter somebody else is in the computer, but I can't cut off somebody's finger and use it to clock in. Actually I could.

Com. Blaney, Do have any idea of how much the difference in expenses between the systems or are you still working on it?

Ms. Urbanik, (Inaudible) and that is one thing we want to look at, but right now we're looking at a base one time total cost if we go with the more sophisticated time clocks of \$96,000.00 and then there is an ongoing maintenance fee of about \$36,000.

Com. Blaney, Have we figured out how many we need?

Ms. Urbanik, Well tentatively we were budgeting for 28 but we did not do a formal survey with all of the departments. Some departments may not want to use the time clocks. However, you may want to tell the departments that everyone is using the time clocks. That is where we need....

Atty. McClure, And the other thing we have to keep in mind with the first step we have to get all of this data converted into LOW which is going to take us until June of 2017, May? What's the fastest possible Vicki just give me the short answer?

Ms. Urbanik, April maybe.

Atty. McClure, We also simultaneously or after we have to get all of our payroll moved over and get that in the new system. So I do think this a great time for us to be able to figure out what we want, how we want to pay for it so it works with it. But the truth is if we approved it today it's still the third thing on the track.

Com. Good, Plus also we are in the process of our third or fourth draft of our employee manual and so we're actually going back and redoing our entire employee manual and it's pretty sophisticated with some of the different departments and we haven't quite figured out if we're going to split them out into the different departments and have three manuals. We're still working through that so that is something else that needs to be folded into this discussion as well too.

Ms. Urbanik, And Pam and I and the committee have all discussed that this might be a perfect opportunity to implement some other changes. Like moving our pay schedule so we are away from the pay current schedule. We do have time to analyze the time and attendance system.

Com. Evans, Thanks again Vicki.

Com. Good, Great job!

**Don Wellsand – ITS Interim Director**

**Adams Remco - Purchase and Copier Maintenance Agreements for Storm Water**

Mr. Wellsand, Good Afternoon. The first one we have a new copy machine for the new Storm Water Department. They are paying that out of our own funds and the maintenance out of their own funds too.

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

## **Videotec Quote – 2 FOB Controller Doors for Storm Water Management Dept.**

Mr. Wellsand, This is also part the agreement for the Storm Water Department. We're installing two badge locks on the two hallway doors and another one on the interior door between the public and the back offices.

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

## **Commissioner Lisa Moser – IV-D Court JDC Dossett Consulting – Consulting agreement for reimbursement claims**

Atty. McClure, Commissioner couldn't be present but basically what this is part of the Commissioner, sometimes we call her Magistrate but basically for Dossett does the paperwork and the figuring on our reimbursement from Federal IV-D program for the money they utilize for the resources we expend on collecting child support. So this is that agreement. We've done a couple of these because there was one actually from the IV-D prosecutor, there is one for the Auditor for the other expenses. This one is for the court for those type of expenses. This all comes together and this is what we ask the federal government to reimburse and I believe the reimbursement rate is 66 2/3%, something along that range. I would recommend that we approve it.

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

## **Matt Stechly – Facilities Director Belfor General Service Agreement - Disaster Recovery Services**

Mr. Stechly, Belfor is an organization basically for disaster recovery. As a safe guard for the County for our assets. Car goes through the building, a pipe breaks in the middle of the night on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor somewhere basically in the event of a disaster that they are a one call stop shop. It would assist me and help me with the resources I need to deal with a disaster. It's basically just a general services agreement.

Com. Good, This is just a T & M?

Mr. Stechly, Correct. It's one that you hope you'll never have to use but if something major happens I would definitely need their support and assistance.

Com. Evans, Do we pay for that as we use it, when we use it, if we ever use it?

Mr. Stechly, Correct.

Com. Evans, So there is no cost for the agreement.

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

## **KOLE Audio - Change Order**

Mr. Stechly, The new audio system in Level 102-A and these Chambers here have been completed. There were two items that came up. The workstations that IT were to provide in-house were not compatible. They had problems installing and converting the software. While on site they had to provide their own to work their own internal equipment. So basically that is part of the change order was 2 desktops, workstations and the other was in 102-A where we designed that room for multiple meetings but specifically Storm Water. Being the number of members on the board at the front table we needed few additional wireless mics to really record everything the way it should be. Instead of moving a microphone around or where there are loud spots and quiet spots in the audio.

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

## **Award RFP for back up cooling for IT server room (Admin.) - Circle R Mechanical**

Mr. Stechly, I have discussed this with IT when I first came on board. Your industry standard is more than one piece of equipment that backs up the cooling. The IT server is basically over 88 degrees you start losing switch. We've got over a \$1 million invested in our IT infrastructure and there is only one source of cooling and this has good down three times in the last seven months.

Every time we've been able to fix it quick. It's just wise to put a backup A/C system here and at North County. So I'm asking for approval for both systems for the proposal before you.

Atty. McClure, Matt you got 3 quotes.

Mr. Stechly, I have 3 quotes, correct.

Atty. McClure, And when you originally quoted it out you had both North County and this building on the quote and this was on this email you gave us and Circle R was the lowest quote of \$23,340.00, Mechanical Concepts and Precision Controls both also bid and were slightly higher. You originally contemplated just doing this building and that is why it originally got on our agenda just for the North Building. When you originally did it you quoted all 3. I mean you quoted both.

Mr. Stechly, Correct and then I was talking to IT (Inaudible).

Com. Good, So they are having issues at North County too.

Atty. McClure, Right. I just wanted to be clear how we got to where we are at.

Com. Good, That is a breakdown John.

Com. Evans, Are these like Mitsubishi units?

Com. Good, That is exactly what they are.

Com. Good, moved to approve the Belfor quote in the amount of \$23,340.00, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.

**Scot MacDonald – Opera House Director**

**Matt Shutske – Artistic Services Agreement**

**Kyle Liedtke – Artistic Services Agreement**

**Phillip Herrold – Artistic Services Agreement**

**Great Lakes sound Chorus – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit**

**Valerie Balogh – Artistic Services Agreement**

**Don Parker – Artistic Services Agreement**

**Troy Webdell – Artistic Services Agreement**

**South Shore Orchestra – Artistic Services Agreement**

**South Shore Orchestra – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit for November 11, 2016**

**South Shore Orchestra – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit for December 16, 2016**

**Debra Silvert – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit for November 16, 2016**

**Debra Silvert – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit for January 18, 2017**

**Debra Silvert – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit for May 17, 2017**

**Great Lakes Sound Chorus – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit**

**Kathleen Dominiak – Artistic Services Agreement**

**Andrew Flasch – Artistic Services Agreement**

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

Com. Good, Scot I would like to congratulate you on the recent popular press that you got and all of the good work that is going on at the Opera House. We're back in the black. We're making money and a lot of good things are happening. It's a great testament to all of the folks over there and Commissioner Blaney who rides herd over the Opera House too. It's definitely trending up. Good to see thank you!

Mr. MacDonald, I would just like to say really quickly too. The totals on season ticket presales were \$7,000.00 over where we were last year at this point when released to the general public. We're at \$36,000.00 in season ticket sales, so just unprecedented for the last 5 years. So we are very very excited over there.

Atty. McClure, I was going to say I think you are doing a great job maneuvering with the contracts. You're getting them done, you're getting them signed, you're getting them turned in and it's working very well.

Mr. MacDonald, Thank you, thank you very much.

Com. Evans, I had one other thing from the Health Department. Scott you had a chance to look at that extension lease for the North County Complex for the Porter County Health Department and it's okay?

Atty. McClure, Yes, it's just 1 year.

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

### **Report from Commissioners**

#### **South District:**

- 1 LPA Claim Form #7 for Porter County Replacement Bridge 62, CR 625W over Kankakee River, in the amount of \$6,310.20. Recommend Approval.

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

- 2 LPA Claim Form #4 for CR 100S (2000' W of CR 725W to 1000' E of CR SOOW) for intersection and sight distance improvement in the amount of \$18,279.70. Recommend Approval.

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

#### **Center District:**

- 1 LPA Claim Form #1, Kankakee Valley REMC, for Relocating Electric Facilities for Intersection Improvements at Smoke and Division Roads, in the amount of \$91,423.10 Recommend Approval.

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

Com. Good, I would like to make a quick note. I drove out to that project yesterday at Smoke and Division and it's looking very nice, very very good. That is going to be a huge improvement

- 2 Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Subdivision Per Porter County Unified Development Ordinance, for Arbor Lakes, Unit C. Recommend Approval.

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

- 3 Tower Meadows, Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No.: HACHS068460S, from BMO Harris Bank in the amount of \$176,328.00. Recommend Approval.

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

#### **North District:**

1. Easements for Nipsco Right of Way. Prepared in 2009, delivered to County in 2016. Nipsco is requesting acceptance

for execution. Recommend Approval.

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

2. LPA Claim Forms #6 and #7 in the amount \$20,018.24 and \$43,071.09 for replacement of Porter Bridge #156 Porter Ave. over Coffee Creek Recommend Approval.

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

3. INDOT Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance, for Porter County Bridge No. 156 Porter Ave. over Coffee Creek. Recommend Approval.

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

## **Correspondence**

### **Treasurer's Monthly Report - June 2016 - Filed**

**Response Data Report for Porter EMS for the period of January 2016 through June 2016 - Filed**

**Request for approval by the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation to Proclaim September 2016 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. *(Please read aloud.) Read earlier in the meeting.***

**Request for approval by Jon Miller of Porter Lodge #137, Free and Accepted Masons to place a memorial bench at the Porter County Administration Building. The bench would be similar to the Courthouse bench, with a pedestal of 34"x10"x16", holding a seat that would be 40"x14"x4". It would be made of white marble. Inscriptions would include the universal symbol of the square and compass, including a Masonic York Rite symbol, with the lodge name and date of installation. If approved they would like to install the bench in the front northeast section of the entryway, possibly underneath the tree at the street level. There will be no cost to the taxpayers.**

Com. Evans, I would just like to say that marble is not the most conducive material to put underneath a tree. It will weather and turn dark and it will not be legible. I don't think that the bench that is there is in marble I think it's in granite. I will do whatever you want but I can tell you this unless somebody washes it about every 6 months it is going to be black in 3 years.

Com. Good, Could we make the motion contingent upon them looking at another material?

Com. Evans, Yes.

Com. Good, moved to approve contingent upon the Porter Lodge #137 looking at a different material rather than white marble, Com. Blaney, seconded, motion carried.



**Request to Transfer Funds – Highway Dept.**

<b>Fund 1176</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>From Acct. 3976</b>	<b>Drainage Assessment</b>
		<b>To Acct. 2110</b>	<b>Office Supplies</b>

**Supplies to Finish Year.**

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

Com. Good, Mr. President, just to follow up I know we just finished some requests of transfers and additional for the Highway Department. When State Representative Soliday was in front of us talking about our approval getting approved for our matching funds that is \$1 million. The County is going to be getting another \$1 million that will be used for paving projects this year yet. The beginning of the year if you recall we doubled down for \$1 million because the oil prices were low and we decided to pave more while the timing is right. Now the State Matching Program came into play and we just received another \$1 million.

Com. Blaney, So what is our total for paving?

Com. Evans, How much have we paved?

Mr. James, How much have we paved so far? Almost \$2 million, (Inaudible, not near a microphone.) \$1,880,000.00.

Com. Blaney, What will our total be for the year?

Mr. James, Right close to \$4 million.

Com. Evans, And how many miles of road is that?

Mr. James, Now you're making me guess.

Com. Evans, A lot.

Mr. James, Yes, a lot.

Com. Good, It's a significant increase from what we've been doing, let's put it that way.

Mr. James, We've gone into some subdivisions where it has taken some more money than what we would get per mile on a (Inaudible) and an overlay because these subdivisions have been long overdue and over worked. Like Representative Soliday said we've got some roads that have been overlooked for 70 years. Well we haven't gotten quite that bad but we're looking at 50 year roads in some of the subdivisions. So we're having to go in there and almost start over. So we are spending more many than you have in a regular (Inaudible).

Com. Good, And we've also implemented the Pazor Road System Program so now we can look at the status of our roads, the conditions of our roads. It is all based off of the same system that the State of Indiana uses. It's all graded now. So when people decide why is that road getting paid before that road it's now all done by computers and it's all done based off of the data that is inside of this program. We are going to be able to make much more quantitative decisions when it comes to.....

Mr. James, And with your permission we'll have a power point presentation coming up soon as soon we get (Inaudible) DLZ it will be at the Commissioners' meeting (Inaudible) the first of the year.

Com. Good, I do know the additional million, we sat down and looked at it. I do believe there are two bridges that we're doing in the North once we get that money. That bridge was up for its upgrade. It's a good year with regards to paving in Porter County.

Com. Evans, The way we acquired this money is unlike Portage's Wheel Tax. We didn't have to tax our citizens. We moved the money to make this happen.

Com. Good, It was a lot of work.

## **Plan Commission**

### **Rezone – A1, General Agriculture District to RR, Rural Residential District – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Thompson, This is Plan Commission Resolution 16-05 this is a zoning map amendment request. The Petitioner is Mark Good requesting the zoning of A1, General Agriculture District be amended to RR, Rural Residential District. The Plan Commission heard this at their July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and sent it forward to the Commissioners with a favorable recommendation by an 8 to 0 vote.

## **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

Com. Evans, Is there anybody here representing the petitioner? Do you want to come up and tell us a little bit about your project.

Mr. Good, I'm Mark Good and I'm representing (Inaudible) and my wife Deb we're building a (Inaudible). It is going to be basically a 50 house subdivision. The houses will be \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00 is our projected range at this point. We think it is a great location. It has subdivisions on three sides of it already. The grade (Inaudible) right there within 350 ft. is Koselke Drain. The soils are great for septic's. I've had John McQuestion look at them already. It just seems like a good location, a good time. People are wanting to be Morgan Township. We were really excited about the 8 to 0 Plan Commission vote and we ask your favor and give your stamp of approval.

Com. Evans, Of course you set through a number of these today but we have to do this again. Is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of this rezoning? Is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of this rezoning? Is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of this rezoning? Is there anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this rezoning? Is there anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this rezoning? Third and final time anyone wishing to speak in opposition of this rezoning?

## **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

Com. Blaney, The Plan Commission was very much in favor of this development.

Com. Evans, The only negatives some of the neighbors said it was going to over tax the school or something of that nature.

Mr. Good, Yes, that was a concern.

Com. Evans, That is not in their prerogative.

Com. Good, I drove by the piece of land yesterday and it's flat and ready to go.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the rezone from A1 to RR on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Com. Good, seconded, motion carried.

Com. Evans, Can we waive it and do 2<sup>nd</sup> now? Scott can we waive 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading?

Atty. McClure, No. By statute we can't waive on the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for a rezone.

Com. Evans, Sorry.

Mr. Good, Waive what?

Com. Good, We were going to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and get you done now, but we can't.

Mr. Good, Do we have to have another meeting?

Com. Evans, No we just have to hear it one more time. You don't have to come back. Good Luck! Bob do you have anything else?

Mr. Thompson, No, that is all.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

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