

PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2018

The Porter County Council met on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mr. Jessen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Council Member Mike Jessen, Council Member Dan Whitten, Council Member Karen Conover, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Jeff Larson, Council Member Andy Bozak and Council Member Jeremy Rivas. Also present was, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely. Not present Council Attorney Harold Harper.

Mr. Jessen, Welcome everyone to 2018 we have a big crowd of people here interested in what we are doing and I appreciate the last minute of the scheduling of the meeting to get reorganized and get things rolling for the first of the year and of course we will have our regular meeting at our regularly scheduled time later on in the month.

Election of Officers

Mr. Jessen, The first order of business is the Election of Officers which we do annually to prepare the officers and at this time I'd like to open up the floor for nominations for President of the Council.

Mr. Rivas, I'll make a motion to nominate Andy Bozak for president.

Ms. Graham, I'll second it.

Mr. Jessen, Motion on the floor that has a second to nominate Andy Bozak as President of the Council, any discussion? Do we do roll call typically?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah I would.

Mr. Rivas moved to nominate Andy Bozak as President of the County Council for calendar year 2018 and Ms. Graham seconded.

Mr. Jessen, Ok roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	No
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 1 affirmative.

Mr. Jessen, Ok so at this time I turn the gavel over to Mr. Bozak.

Mr. Rivas, I nominate Dan Whitten for Vice President.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Jeremy I think you should take it.

Mr. Rivas, The knowledge...

Mr. Whitten, I think you should take it.

Ms. Graham, Do you want it?

Mr. Whitten, It's up to you?

Mr. Rivas, Alright.

Ms. Conover, I make a motion to nominate Jeremy Rivas.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Then I will withdraw my motion to nominate Dan.

Ms. Graham, And I will withdraw my second.

Mr. Rivas, You can withdraw my second Sylvia...pick a side.

(Laughter)

Ms. Graham, I like both of you guys.

Mr. Rivas, I know...I am just teasing.

Mr. Whitten, I think that you will do a fine job Mr. Rivas.

Mr. Rivas, Dan I worry when you....

(Laughter)

Mr. Bozak, Ok we've got a first and a second, roll call please.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0 affirmative.

Mr. Rivas, I almost voted no.

(Laughter)

Attorney Contract

Mr. Bozak, Alright next on the agenda we have the Attorney Contract and after talking to the attorney this afternoon he said that here was no changes in the contract...just as a heads up.

Mr. Whitten, I'll make a motion that we approve the contract as presented.

Mr. Jessen, Second on the motion.

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and a second and does that require a roll call?

Mr. Whitten, It does and just so that everybody knows Attorney Harper did text message myself and Mike indicating that he was in a deposition and he would be available if we needed him. We indicated that we wouldn't it's just a reorganization meeting otherwise he would be here.

Mr. Bozak, Vicki roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Surveyor Agreement

Mr. Bozak, Next we have the Surveyor's Agreement.

Mr. Rivas, And it is the same you said?

Mr. Whitten, Except that you put the raise in here that we gave?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, Alright.

Ms. Conover, I make a motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, We've got a motion and a second, roll call please.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Bozak, Ok next up we have....

Mr. Whitten, Congratulations you still get paid.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Not much, but you still get paid.

Citizen Appointments

Mr. Bozak, Next up we have the Citizen Appointments, how did you guys want to tackle this go one by one?

Mr. Whitten, Yes I think that's best.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Porter County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Bozak, So first up we have the Porter County Redevelopment Commission it looks like Don Ensign is currently...

Mr. Rivas, I'll make a motion to keep Don.

Ms. Graham, I'll second that motion.

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and second, Vicki roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	No

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 1

Mr. Rivas moved to nominate Donald Ensign to the PC Redevelopment Commission, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Mr. Rivas, You don't like Don?

Mr. Larson, I hate him...no I don't I'm just kidding.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Please let the record reflect...

Mr. Rivas, His first comment...

(Laughter)

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Mr. Bozak, Alright next up we have the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Mr. Whitten, I would like to nominate Thomas Swihart, he is our current appointment.

Ms. Conover, Second

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and second, roll call please for Thomas Swihart?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Tom Swihart to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Conover seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Tourism (CRV)

Mr. Bozak, Next we have Tourism (CRV).

Ms. Conover, I'd like to nominate Mitch Peters.

Mr. Whitten, I'll second that nonmination.

Mr. Bozak, Ok, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Ms. Conover moved to nominate Mitch Peters to Tourism (CRV), term to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Whitten seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Park Board

Mr. Bozak, Ok, next the Park Board.

Mr. Whitten, I'll nominate Drew Armstrong...George Armstrong.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and second, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate George Armstrong to Park Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

PTABOA

Mr. Bozak, Next we have the PTABOA board, we have two applicants.

Mr. Whitten, Scott is our current. I'll nominate Scott Williams again.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and second, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Scott Williams to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Chesterton EDC

Mr. Bozak, Chesterton EDC Board currently Buck Kittredge is sitting on that.

Mr. Whitten, I will go ahead and nominate Buck Kittredge for another term.

Ms. Graham, I'll second it.

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and second, roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes

Mr. Bozak - Yes
Mr. Rivas - Yes
Mr. Jessen - Yes
Mr. Whitten - Yes
Ms. Conover - Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Buck Kittredge to the Chesterton EDC, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Portage EDC

Mr. Bozak, Next we have the Portage EDC.

Mr. Whitten, I'll nominate Mike Sarver.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, First and second, roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Larson - Yes
Mr. Bozak - Yes
Mr. Rivas - Yes
Mr. Jessen - Yes
Mr. Whitten - Yes
Ms. Conover - Yes
Ms. Graham - Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Mike Sarver to the Portage EDC, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Valparaiso EDC

Mr. Bozak, Ok last we have the Valparaiso EDC.

Ms. Conover, I'll nominate Patrick McGinley for this appointment.

Mr. Whitten, I'll second that.

Mr. Bozak, First and second, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bozak - Yes
Mr. Rivas - Yes
Mr. Jessen - Yes
Mr. Whitten - Yes
Ms. Conover - Yes
Ms. Graham - Yes

Mr. Larson - Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Ms. Conover moved to nominate Patrick McGinley to the Valparaiso EDC, term to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Whitten seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Bozak, Joy would you notify all of them?

Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Council Appointments

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Mr. Bozak, Next we have the Council appointments. Do we want to start and work down the list as well and do the same thing?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, who is our Community Corrections Advisory Board? Who is that?

Mr. Bozak, We have Larson and Harper right now.

Mr. Whitten, I make the motion to keep those guys.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Bozak, Motion and a second, do we need a roll call for that?

Ms. Conover, I don't think so.

Mr. Whitten, No we can just roll through it and then we can just vote on all of them.

Mr. Bozak, Sounds good.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Jeff Larson and Harold Harper to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Jessen.

NIRPC

Mr. Bozak, Ok, next we have the NIRPC board, we have Mr. Larson serving there.

Mr. Whitten, Do you like it Jeff?

Mr. Larson, Yes it's a nice board.

Mr. Whitten, Do you want to stay on it again?

Mr. Larson, Sure.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, I'll nominate Jeff.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and a second.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Jeff Larson to NIPRC Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Seconded by Ms Graham.

NICTD

Mr. Bozak, Next we have the NICTD Board, currently I am serving on that and to be honest with the new responsibilities that I expect from the new position I don't feel that I will have the time to do that.

Ms. Graham, I'll nominate Dan Whitten.

Mr. Rivas, Do you like trains Dan?

Mr. Whitten, I do like trains.

Mr. Larson, Trains, Planes and Automobiles.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Bozak, We've got a first and second, so we will write Mr. Whitten's name down there.

Ms. Graham moved to appoint Dan Whitten to the NICTD Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Seconded by Ms. Conover.

Plan Commission

Mr. Bozak, Next we have the Plan Commission, Mr. Jessen was serving there.

Mr. Whitten, Do you like it Mike?

Mr. Jessen, I enjoy it yeah.

Mr. Whitten, I'll nominate Mike.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Worst board ever....

Mr. Bozak, First and second, ok.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Mike Jessen to the Plan Commission, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Graham and Ms. Conover seconded.

Recycling & Waste District

Mr. Bozak, Recycling and Waste District, Ms Karen Conover is currently on it.

Mr. Whitten, Karen do you want to stay?

Ms. Conover, I'd like to.

Mr. Whitten, Alright I nominate Karen, even though she nominated Rivas over me for Vice President I still going to nominate Karen.

Ms. Conover, You said that he should do it so he did it.

Mr. Whitten, Turned on me like a snake.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Bozak, Ok so we are looking at Ms Karen staying on the Recycling & Waste District.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Karen Conover to the Recycling & Waste District Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Larson seconded.

EMA

Mr. Bozak, Next we are looking at the EMA appointments....

Mr. Rivas, Why does it say two in there?

Mr. Whitten, Because there is two of them.

Mr. Bozak, I think we added two so some of them that didn't have one last year.

Mr. Whitten, Who is on it now?

Ms. Graham, I'm on the EMA board.

Mr. Bozak, Currently Graham and Larson.

Mr. Larson, I'd like to stay on it.

Ms. Graham, I'll stay on it.

Mr. Whitten, I'll nominate those two.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Bozak, Great.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson to the Emergency Management Agency, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Conover seconded.

Porter County Council on Aging

Mr. Bozak, Porter County Council on Aging.

Mr. Rivas, Dan let's just go with Sylvia.

Mr. Whitten, Now typically that goes with the oldest person on the board.

Ms. Graham, I am glad we have such a audience to watch this.

Mr. Whitten, I nominate Sylvia.

Mr. Rivas, Second.

Ms. Graham, I enjoy being on that it's very important appointment.

Mr. Larson, That's your voter base Sylvia.

Mr. Bozak, Ok we have a first and a second.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Sylvia Graham to the Council On Aging Agency Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Bozak

Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

Mr. Bozak, Next we've got the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, currently I serve on that and if no-one else wants to...I found it pretty rewarding.

Ms. Graham, I'll nominate Andy for that.

Mr. Rivas, Second.

Ms. Graham moved to appoint Andy Bozak to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Rivas seconded.

Storm Water Advisory Board

Mr. Bozak, Next is the Storm Water Advisory Board, with Mr. Rivas currently sitting on this.

Mr. Whitten, I'll nominate Jeremy even though he stole the Vice Presidency I'm with him.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Jeremy Rivas to the Storm Water Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2018. Ms. Conover seconded.

Mr. Bozak, Ok and next we...

Mr. Rivas, Aren't we going to vote on all of them?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, I want to make a motion on all of those that we just went through on Council Appointments.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Bozak, We have a first and a second, can we get roll call please?

Mr. Whitten moved to approve all the Council appointments and Mr. Jessen seconded.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

E-911 Policy Board and Porter County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Whitten, For the next two Andy...

Mr. Bozak, Yes

Mr. Whitten, By default go to the President, it's up to you if you want to proxy somebody.

Mr. Bozak, I would be interested in proxying if somebody would like to do those positions.

Mr. Jessen, I would like the Redevelopment Commission.

Mr. Bozak, Absolutely...

Mr. Larson, I'll take the E-911 Policy Board unless Jeremy wants it.

Mr. Rivas, No I would like the Redevelopment Commission myself too. Well...maybe we could...Mike what do you think? Let's talk.

Mr. Jessen, I'm on it now as we have kind of resurrected it and enjoy it and I think we have a lot of great opportunity going forward with it so...

Mr. Whitten, Well that's a straight up appointment of the President so it can be changed at his whim. Andy you don't have to do it now, you can do it later...

Ms. Graham, Yeah.

Mr. Whitten, Anytime you can proxy somebody in.

Mr. Bozak, Ok so right now we are proxying in Jeff Larson in for the E-911 Board. Correct Mr. Larson?

Mr. Larson, That's fine with me.

Mr. Bozak, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, And I sat on it before when they didn't do anything and then I got off of it.

Mr. Bozak, Well I feel...

Mr. Rivas, Yeah and I know that it seems like some of the work is going to be focusing on the South Haven area that I know a little bit about. And that was the only reason that I expressed my interest Mike, it seems like the focus is going to go up there. Rightfully so I think it's probably ripe for redevelopment, that's the only reason.

Mr. Jessen, It also includes my district as well.

Mr. Rivas, Oh you do? Do you want me to write you a map on how to get there...

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Andy you don't have to do it now, you can do it later.

Mr. Bozak, If you guys don't mind lets discuss it after the meeting.

Mr. Rivas, That's fine.

Mr. Bozak, That way we can find out who is the best fit....

Mr. Rivas, That's fine we don't need to...

Mr. Bozak, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, Do you want me to arm wrestle for it?

Mr. Bozak, Will come back to that one.

Mr. Jessen, I'll arm wrestle you today.

(Laughter)

Council Liaison Appointments

Mr. Whitten, Can I make a suggestion?

Mr. Bozak, Absolutely.

Mr. Whitten, On these Council Liaisons unless people have some proclivity to a change that we just keep it the same?

Mr. Rivas, Motion to go with Dan's suggestion.

Ms. Graham, Yeah.

Mr. Bozak, I agree with that, do we need a roll call Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, If you want to?

Mr. Bozak, Ok let's do a roll call.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to do the same.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah, I second that motion.

Mr. Rivas, for Liaisons

Adult Probation

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeff Larson

Airport

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Animal Shelter

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Karen Conover

Antabuse

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

Assessor

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeremy Rivas

Auditor

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeremy Rivas

Circuit Court

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

General Courts

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 1

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 2

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 3

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 4

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Superior Court 6

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Clerk

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Commissioners

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover, Jeremy Rivas and Jeff Larson

Tourism

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Coroner

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

E-911

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Election Board

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Environmental

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Dan Whitten

Expo Center

Council Liaisons are Jeff Larson and Andy Bozak

Extension Office

Council Liaison is Sylvia Graham

Facilities

Council Liaison is Jeff Larson

Family Youth & Services Bureau

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Mike Jessen

Health Department

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Sylvia Graham

Highway

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

HR

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen

ITS

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

IV-D Court

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Andy Bozak

Jail/Sheriff & Sheriff's Garage

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Juvenile Detention and Juvenile Probation

Council Liaison is Andy Bozak

Memorial Opera House

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Museum

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Sylvia Graham

Opportunity Enterprises

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Dan Whitten

Parks

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Mike Jessen, Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Plan Commission/Building Department

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Portage Township Assessor

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Dan Whitten

Porter Starke

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Sylvia Graham

Print Shop

Council Liaison is Andy Bozak

Prosecutor

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Public Defender

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Jeff Larson

Recorder

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Karen Conover

Soil and Water

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen

Development and Storm Water Management

Council Liaison is Jeremy Rivas

Surveyor

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Sylvia Graham

Treasurer

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Dan Whitten

Veterans

Council Liaisons are Dan Whitten and Jeff Larson

Voters Registration

Council Liaisons are Karen Conover and Jeremy Rivas

Weight and Measures

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Bozak	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Rivas moved to keep the same Liaisons and Mr. Whitten seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Larson, So Joy you have all of those?

Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, Yes.

Any other matter that may properly come before the Council

Mr. Whitten, So, on the other stuff we have the Foundation going. Just to let you know that when I talked to the consultants here recently nothing has happened that would lead us to believe that we are not going to have a strong finish like they suggested and as a matter of fact it's a little bit better. So Mike and I had discussed it at length about some of the things that the Foundation can be doing in the next year and I look forward to working with you Mike to get those things accomplished. I think we are going to have a lot of great opportunities and I am really excited that we are coming into this year so strong and congratulations Andy.

Mr. Rivas, Can we just get a quick update from our...I said quick. Can we get an updated from Vicki on the email that you have sent out and if things are looking good with our budget?

Mr. Bozak, Ms. Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes, last Friday afternoon we got our 1782 Budget Notice, which is the preliminary budget notice before the State finalizes all the budget orders. We were one of the first twenty-four (24) counties in the state to get the order...well the notice at this stage.

Mr. Bozak, That's wonderful.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And they take it in the order of which we certified our AV's and we were one of the first twenty-five or so counties to certify. So we got our budget order and all budgets except for one have been tentatively approved by the State as you adopted. So there are no cuts, the one is the CCD fund and if you remember we did talk about that we did anticipate some cuts. The reduction is only about a one hundred and eleven...it was a lot smaller than last year's. Last year's cut was more than one million dollars to this fund...to this budget excuse me.

Mr. Whitten, When we talked during budget time Vicki...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, we had some anticipated guesses on what the cut might be...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Right

Mr. Whitten, How far off were we on that?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I was anticipating closer to two hundred thousand dollars, I tried to be conservative. Meaning I tried with the revenues I try to be as pessimistic as possible so that we're not...we can be braced for a budget cut. But it actually ended up at about one hundred and eleven thousand dollars.

Mr. Whitten, So have you gotten and I know that we talked a little bit with the Commissioners and County Attorney at budget time again with respect to what we might do if the CCD fund is cut. Have you gotten any feed back because I know in your email you said you were going to reach out to the Commissioners and see where they might be...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes...

Mr. Whitten, anticipating where they would like to make cuts?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Right.

Mr. Whitten, Have you gotten any feedback from them yet?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, This afternoon they said they would get back with me.

Mr. Whitten, Well that's something.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, A response that they are going to respond.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Yea Team...we're good to go. Alright that's good would you let us know when you get that?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Because I'd like to keep our fingers on the pulse.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok, very good.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

Mr. Bozak, Good work with that.

Mr. Rivas, Your office is running great.

Mr. Bozak, Is there any other business?

Mr. Whitten, You're a well oiled machine.

Mr. Rivas, I can't believe the State term limits you.

Mr. Bozak, Is there any other matters of business that comes before us.

Mr. Whitten, Move to adjourn.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Ms. Conover, Should we look at our next meeting date?

Mr. Bozak, Is that set Mike did we set a meeting date?

Mr. Jessen, Yes, is the last Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Rivas, The last Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.?

Mr. Jessen, It's set for 5:00 p.m. but we can make it whatever is the pleasure of the board.

Mr. Rivas, Let's just keep it there.

Ms. Graham, 5:00 p.m.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5:00 p.m. ok.

Mr. Whitten, Somebody tell Larson it's at 4:45 p.m.

Mr. Bozak, Dan can I say something real quick?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah.

Mr. Bozak, I just wanted to tell everyone here that I'm very excited for this opportunity to help move the County and the Council forward and I feel like we did a really strong 2017 and it help us set us up for a really good 2018. Personally my goals is as the President is to continue to work with the departments, the constituency and the rest of the Council and Commissioners as well to make sure that we are communicating well and moving the county forward. You know that's a big goal of mine is to foster good communication and continue they communication that we've

seen. This Council needs to continue to be a force of responsible action and I plan on helping you guys to continue to make that happen. So thank you guys for that vote of confidence.

Mr. Whitten, And Andy you have a very strong Vice President all kidding aside, you've got Jeremy with a lot of institutional knowledge and I think as much as Mike and I talked this last year we were able to bounce ideas off of each other and build on that. And I think that you will have that opportunity with Jeremy if you take it.

Mr. Bozak, Absolutely, thank you gentleman and ladies.

Mr. Rivas, Alright here we go 2018.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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