

PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2020

The Porter County Council met on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

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

Members present were Council Member Whitten, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Mike Jessen, Council Member Jeff Larson, Council Member Bob Poparad, Council Member Jeremy Rivas and Council Member Greg Simms. Also present was, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing Council Attorney Harold Harper and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Approval Of Minutes

Approval of Council minutes for October 14th, 2019, October 17th and November 19th, 2019 and Budget minutes for September 23rd, 2019, October 7th, 2019, October 10th, 2019, October 14th, 2019 and October 17th, 2019.

Mr. Whitten, The next thing on the agenda is a lot of minutes including budget minutes to be approved. Has everyone had the opportunity to review those? Has anyone not has the opportunity to review those? Does anyone wait for a motion and then say they haven't seen them?

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and second, all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Election of Officers

Mr. Whitten, Election of Officers. Let's start with the office of President can I get a nomination?

Mr. Poparad, I'll make a motion for Jeremy Rivas to be President and Mike Jessen to be Vice President.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Any other nominations? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, I'd like to make a motion to remove Jeremy Rivas (Laughter)
(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, I haven't touched it yet.

Mr. Whitten, Congratulation Mr. Rivas.

Mr. Rivas, I thought that would come from Jessen. Let's entertain a motion to adjourn...

(Laughter)

Mr. Poparad, Did we vote on the minutes?

Mr. Whitten, We did.

Mr. Poparad, Thank you.

Mr. Whitten, Your welcome.

Attorney Contract

Mr. Rivas, Alright the Attorney Contract is next so it's the same Harold?

Attorney Contract Harold Harper, Same as it was last year just the dates were changed. It's the same rate same everything.

Mr. Whitten, I'd like to make a motion to approve the attorney contract legal services for Harper and Harper.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second any further discussion on that? Roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Surveyor Agreement

Mr. Rivas, Surveyor's Agreement. Anything different other than the adjustment to reflect the salary?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Just the adjustment in the salary.

Mr. Whitten, So this agreement matches what we passed in our budget session?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, For the last twenty years

Ms. Graham, Motion to approve.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second...

Mr. Whitten, Wait you have been here twenty years?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Not bad.

Mr. Rivas, Further discussion?

Mr. Poparad, I seconded it.

Mr. Rivas, Let's get a roll call on this?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Thank you

Mr. Rivas, Are there any seats available on the end?

Mr. Whitten, There is no seat that would be far enough away.

(Laughter)

Citizen Appointments

Mr. Rivas, Alright Citizen Appointments.

Porter County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Rivas, Porter County Redevelopment Commission and we just have one.

Ms. Graham, I make a motion to reappoint Don Ensign.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to reappoint Don Ensign?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Second or do we need a second?

Mr. Whitten, It's a nomination you don't need a second.

Mr. Rivas, Alright so there is no-one else that's turned in an application so all in favor for Don Ensign for the Redevelopment Commission signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Ms. Graham moved to nominate Donald Ensign to the PC Redevelopment Commission, term to expire December 31, 2020. Mr. Poparad seconded.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Mr. Rivas, ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Commission)

Mr. Jessen, I move that we accept Thomas Swihart, as the ABC representative.

Mr. Rivas, Alright that is our current representative.

Mr. Simms, Second

Mr. Whitten, Any other nominations for anybody else? All in favor of Tom Swihart for ABC signify by saying Aye? All opposed same sign?

Mr. Jessen moved to nominate Tom Swihart to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, term to expire December 31, 2020. Mr. Simms seconded.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Tourism CRV

Mr. Rivas, Tourism looks like there are a couple we have Mitch Peters as our current and Susan Jayde McAloon are there any nomination?

Mr. Whitten, Well

Mr. Rivas, Now taking nominations?

Mr. Poparad, I'll nominate Mitch Peters.

Mr. Rivas, Any other nominations for Tourism?

Mr. Whitten, Harold do you know off of the top of your head is this one where party affiliation counts?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I believe it does and I was going to check on that one before the meeting today...I know that with regards to the Park Boards it certainly does. But I would have to double back with that.

Ms. Graham, Maybe we need to table this?

Mr. Whitten, I guess my other question is...not that I have a problem with Mitch but my other question is I know that...I don't know if he has announced yet but I have heard that he is running for Judge and I want to make sure that his candidacy for Judge doesn't have an impact on this but I want to make sure that this doesn't have any impact on that with the Judicial rules on electioneering.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I can certainly check into that.

Mr. Whitten, I don't care if you guys want to proceed tonight that's fine.

Ms. Graham, Can we just table that one particular one?

Mr. Rivas, Is there any kind of timeline on that?

Mr. Whitten, Well when do they meet again?

Ms. Graham, Vicki do you know?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I'm sorry?

Mr. Whitten, Do you know when Tourism meets? You probably don't know that do you?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I believe they meet on the third Wednesday of every month...I'm not sure I can look it up.

Ms. Graham, Yes I think she is right.

Mr. Whitten, So when is our next meeting?

Ms. Graham, January 28th.

Mr. Whitten, Do we have a regular meeting on the 28th? So maybe we want to table this over until the 28th Mr. Chairman and deal with it then?

Mr. Rivas, Well I going to need a motion to table it?

Ms. Graham, I motion to table it just to make sure for legal purposes

Mr. Rivas, We have a motion to table on the floor.

Mr. Whitten, I'll second it.

Mr. Rivas, With a second any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Ms. Graham moved to table Tourism (CRV) to the next meeting term would expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Whitten seconded.

Motion to table carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I will check into that.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you very much and if it's a party affiliation would you just double check into for us if you would?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes.

Park Board

Mr. Rivas, Park Board so we have to do this by party here?

Mr. Whitten, Yes and I guess I have a question Mr. Chairman if I could?

Mr. Rivas, Sure

Mr. Whitten, So we have the two positions and we are basically starting from scratch right Harold?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, The only rule so to speak that we have to abide by are one nominee or appointment has to be democrat and one has to be republican and they can't be on the Council or on the Commissioners but barring that and the nominees the Council is to consider the nominee's prior Park Board history in making their appointments.

Mr. Whitten, So one of them is a two year and the other is a four year correct?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Right and then one is a two year and one is a four year which is the same with the Commissioners and then at the end of those terms they all are four year appointments so that takes care of the stagger.

Mr. Whitten, So we should probably designate which one we are going to make the two year and which one we are going to make the four year. Do you care which is which? What kind of time do they have left on their terms?

Ms. Graham, Well...

Mr. Whitten, The terms that no longer exist but where in effect.

Ms. Graham, Oh that was all changed?

Mr. Whitten, Yes that is changing and we are starting from scratch.

Mr. Rivas, So one of these two are four years?

Mr. Whitten, Yes so let me see something...

Mr. Jessen, It looks like Drew's was extended out to 2021 so we should probably give the second one the four year?

Mr. Whitten, So Drew has got two years left on his term so maybe he should be the two year and then we would basically be reappointing Craig for four years anyway if we wanted to keep him. So maybe we should have Drew do the two year appointment because that runs consistent to what he would have had and then Craig Kenworthy for four yours?

Ms. Graham, Bob made a good point he saying that they don't expire until 2021 and 2023.

Mr. Poparad, No I'm talking about the Library.

Mr. Rivas, We are starting all over.

Ms. Graham, Oh it's wiped out?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

Mr. Poparad, I'm talking about the Library they don't expire.

Mr. Whitten, Yes they are both done for Park Board and we are starting from scratch.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Mr. Whitten, So I would like to make a motion...

Mr. Rivas, Shouldn't we do them both what does it matter?

Mr. Whitten, Yes well one of them is two and one is four year by the statue.

Mr. Rivas, Yes ok.

Mr. Whitten, So let's designate it. So I would like to make a motion...I am going to make this a joint motion that we have George Armstrong for the two year appointment and Craig Kenworthy for the four year appointment.

Mr. Jessen, I second that.

Mr. Rivas, We have a motion and a second...

Mr. Larson, That was Drew right?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Ms. Graham, It was Drew...

Mr. Whitten, It's George and Drew and he goes by the name of Drew.

Mr. Larson, Alright.

Mr. Rivas, Alright any other nominations because there is another one for the democratic? So all in favor for Craig Kenworthy for four years on the republican side

and Drew Armstrong for two years on the democrat side signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Drew Armstrong (D) for two years, term to expire December 31, 2021 and Craig Kenworthy (R) for four years to the Park Board, term to expire December 31, 2023. Mr. Jessen seconded.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Graham, I have to say that I am very encouraged to see other people coming forward and putting in their applications that is great.

Mr. Whitten, They are not getting the job but...

Ms. Graham, Well but that is still...

Mr. Whitten, It shows they are trying. That's good we need more of that.

PTABOA

Mr. Rivas, Alright let's do PTABOA we just have one in, Scott Williams is our current appointment.

Mr. Whitten, I would like to nominate Scott Williams for another term

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, We have a nomination and a second, all those in favor of Scott Williams being reappointed signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign? Scott's it.

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Scott Williams to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2020. Ms. Graham seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Chesterton EDC

Mr. Rivas, Chesterton EDC there is a couple Nick Walding is the current appointment and Lindsey Stauffer applied also.

Ms. Graham, Do you know who this is?

Mr. Whitten, Have we received any letters from the town?

Council Administrative Assistant, We did not.

Mr. Rivas, Jeff? Bob? Are you guys familiar?

Mr. Poparad, I know Nick but I don't know the other one.

Mr. Larson, I don't know the other one either but I do know Nick.

Mr. Rivas, Well would somebody like to nominate...

Mr. Larson, I nominate we keep Nick Walding at that position.

Mr. Rivas, We have a nomination on the floor to keep Nick.

Mr. Poparad, I'll second it.

Mr. Rivas, And a second any other nominations? All those in favor of Nick Walding signify by saying Aye? All opposed same sign?

Mr. Larson moved to nominate Nick Walding to the Chesterton EDC, term to expire December 31, 2020. Mr. Poparad seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Portage EDC

Mr. Rivas, Portage EDC there is one Mike Sarver.

Mr. Whitten, I'll nominate Mike Sarver.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Rivas, We have a motion and a second to nominate Mike Sarver and there is nobody else so all those in favor of Mike Sarver signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Mr. Whitten moved to nominate Mike Sarver to the Portage EDC, term to expire December 31, 2020. Mr. Larson seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Valparaiso EDC

Mr. Rivas, Valparaiso EDC Pat McGinley is the only one.

Mr. Larson, I'll nominate Patrick McGinley.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have any input on this one Mr. Jessen? Any thoughts? I know you understand Valparaiso very well.

Mr. Jessen, About as much as you and the Portage...

Mr. Whitten, About as much as my Portage one.

Mr. Rivas, We can table this to give you time to get in there? Alright sorry was there a motion?

Mr. Larson, I motioned.

Mr. Rivas, So we have a nomination to keep Pat McGinley. All those in favor of Patrick McGinley signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Mr. Larson moved to nominate Patrick McGinley to the Valparaiso EDC, term to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Council Appointments

Mr. Rivas, So we now have the Council Appointments. I am trying to multitask but I'm not very good at it.

Mr. Whitten, Now you tell us.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Mr. Rivas, Alright so we have Community Corrections Advisory Board and it is Larson and Harper. We have Harper there to make sure Larson doesn't get in trouble.

Mr. Larson, That's right. I am going to give that position up if somebody wants it?

Mr. Rivas, Does anybody want Community Corrections Advisory Board?

Ms. Graham, When to they meet?

Mr. Larson, That is a good question.

Mr. Rivas, Well...

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, That is a really bad sign.

Mr. Larson, Because they don't schedule many meetings.

Mr. Whitten, I know Jeff

Mr. Larson, So it's up to you.

Ms. Graham, Is it during the day?

Mr. Larson, I'm going to be running for office so I am going to try and limit my exposure to as many boards as I can.

Mr. Rivas, You can't announce here.

Mr. Larson, I have to announce.

Mr. Whitten, Right here right now you said you are going to be surrounded by...

Mr. Rivas, Alright, alright where is this gavel at?

Mr. Poparad, Jeremy do you need a motion?

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, I make a motion on Sylvia and Harper.

Mr. Larson, That's a good call.

Mr. Rivas, Alright there is a motion to put Sylvia on the Community Corrections Advisory Board and Harper to keep her out of trouble.

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Anybody else want it? Alright all in favor of Sylvia as our Community Corrections Advisory Board appointment signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Mr. Poparad moved to appoint Sylvia Graham to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2020

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

NIRPC

Mr. Rivas, NIRPC...Larson is on...

Mr. Larson, I'll stay on there unless somebody else wants it?

Mr. Rivas, You are going to be running are you going to have time?

Mr. Larson, That's one time a month.

Ms. Graham, That's sounds great.

Mr. Whitten, When do they meet Jeff?

(Laughter)

Mr. Larson, Usually around the 11th of the month in the morning

Mr. Rivas, Anybody else want it? Alright all those in favor of Jeff Larson signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Ms. Graham moved to appoint Jeff Larson to NIPRC Board, term to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

NICTD

Mr. Rivas, Dan they got rid of NICTD to get rid of you?

Mr. Whitten, Gone they got the Governor to fire me.

Mr. Jessen, They knew that's what it would take.

(Laughter)

Plan Commission

Mr. Rivas, Plan Commission.

Ms. Graham, I'll make a nomination for Bob Poparad.

Mr. Rivas, Alright all in favor of Bob for Plan Commission signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Mr. Simms, Opposed. I opposed and I know it's a big surprise.

Ms. Graham moved to appoint Bob Poparad to the Plan Commission, term to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion carried on a majority voice vote.

Recycling & Waste District

Mr. Rivas, Recycling and Waste District.

Ms. Graham, I'll stay on there.

Mr. Whitten, Sylvia does a good job on that board.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, You can't hardly get a conversation with her that's not Recycling & Waste.

Mr. Rivas, Anybody else?

Mr. Simms, Yes I would

Mr. Whitten, How many appointments do we have?

Ms. Graham, They meet at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Mr. Poparad, Maybe they can change it.

Mr. Whitten, No they can't change it.

Mr. Rivas, You would have to have the majority of the Board.

Mr. Whitten, Do you want to stay on Sylvia?

Ms. Graham, Well I kind of would I have been on a year.

Mr. Whitten, I nominate Sylvia Graham.

Mr. Rivas, Any other nominations for Recycling and Waste? All those in favor of Sylvia Graham staying on signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Sylvia Graham to the Recycling & Waste District Board, term to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

EMA

Mr. Rivas, EMA we have Graham and Larson.

Mr. Larson, Yes Sylvia and I. Do you want to take that?

Mr. Simms, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Greg is interested?

Mr. Simms, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Sylvia do you want on with Greg?

Ms. Graham, Yes I will be on with Greg.

Mr. Rivas, Alright.

Ms. Graham, I will tell you why...well that's another story but it's not bad to be on it.

Mr. Whitten, I nominate Sylvia and Greg for EMA.

Mr. Poparad, I second it.

Mr. Rivas, Alright all in favor of those two signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Mr. Whitten moved to appoint Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms to the Emergency Management Agency, term to expire December 31, 2020. Mr. Poparad seconded.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Porter County Council on Aging

Mr. Rivas, Porter County Council on Aging. Dan just don't even do it.

Ms. Graham, I will stay on it.

Mr. Rivas, Alright Sylvia is there anybody else? All in favor of Sylvia staying on signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Board moved to reappoint Sylvia Graham to the Council On Aging Agency Board, term to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

Mr. Rivas, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, currently we have Graham and Larson.

Mr. Jessen, I would like to jump on that board if I could?

Ms. Graham, That good I wouldn't mind.

Mr. Larson, That's perfect.

Mr. Rivas, So we have Graham and Jessen? Is that where we are at?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Mr. Larson, I don't have a problem with it.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion to nominate Sylvia and Mike.

Mr. Rivas, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed same sign?

Mr. Poparad moved to appoint Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2020

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Storm Water Advisory Board

Mr. Rivas, Storm Water Advisory Board

Mr. Larson, Do you want to stay on that Jeremy?

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

Mr. Rivas, I'll stay on it if nobody else wants it.

Mr. Larson, I wouldn't mind being on it but go ahead.

Mr. Rivas, Alright you have to give me one somewhere in these.

Mr. Larson, Yes that it you are there.

Mr. Rivas, Alright.

Mr. Larson, I nominate Rivas for that position.

Mr. Rivas, Alright does anybody else want on it? All in favor of Jeremy Rivas signify by saying Aye? All opposed?

Mr. Larson moved to appoint Jeremy Rivas to the Storm Water Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

E-911 Policy Board Policy Board

Mr. Rivas, Alright E-911 Policy Board.

Mr. Larson, That's you.

Mr. Whitten, Ipso facto baby it's you.

Mr. Rivas, Alright when do they meet Dan?

Mr. Whitten, When do they meet? Jeff was my proxy.

Ms. Graham, They usually meet in the morning.

Mr. Larson, They try to but they haven't all they have been doing is sending letters out.

Mr. Whitten, Yes that is exactly right.

Porter County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Rivas, Porter County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Whitten, It's you now.

Mr. Rivas, Yes it's me now and I will continue to go to that.

Mr. Rivas, Council Liaisons...the fun liaison list.

Ms. Graham, I nominate Don Ensign.

Mr. Rivas, For liaison list?

Ms. Graham, Oh for Redevelopment.

Mr. Whitten, No it goes to the President of the Council.

Ms. Graham, Oh ok.

Mr. Whitten, Ipso facto.

Mr. Jessen, Do we also have Don on there for some reason?

Mr. Rivas, He's a citizen appointment.

Mr. Whitten, He is our citizen appointment.

Mr. Jessen, Oh got you but we don't need a citizen appointment?

Mr. Whitten, We already did it.

Mr. Jessen, Pardon me?

Mr. Whitten, We already voted on that.

Mr. Rivas, It was like the first one...it was the first one.

Mr. Jessen, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, You were too busy signing in the wrong spot.

Mr. Jessen, It just seem like there were two separate items sorry.

Council Liaison Appointments

Mr. Rivas, Al right Liaisons. Adult Probation.

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

Mr. Rivas, Sylvia?

Ms. Graham, Yes?

Mr. Rivas, Do you want to stay on there?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Is anybody else interested? Airport...what?

Mr. Whitten, Can we keep it all the same unless somebody wants to jump?

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Ms. Graham, That sounds good.

Mr. Rivas, Greg are you interested in some?

Mr. Simms, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, What are you looking at?

Mr. Simms, Airport, Coroner, Emergency EMA.

Mr. Whitten, Alright let's just go.

Mr. Simms, Facilities, Highway.

Mr. Rivas, Alright we will go back

Adult Probation

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeff Larson

Airport

Council Liaisons are Greg Simms and Dan Whitten

Animal Shelter

Council Liaisons are Greg Simms and Dan Whitten

Antabuse

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms

Assessor

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Jeremy Rivas

Auditor

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeremy Rivas and Dan Whitten

Circuit Court

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

General Courts

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

Superior Court 1

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

Superior Court 2

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

Superior Court 3

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

Superior Court 4

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

Superior Court 6

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

Clerk

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeff Larson and Jeremy Rivas

Commissioners

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen, Bob Poparad and Jeremy Rivas

Tourism

Council Liaisons are Jeff Larson, Jeremy Rivas and Greg Simms

Coroner

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Greg Simms

E-911

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeremy Rivas and Greg Simms

Election Board

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeff Larson and Jeremy Rivas

Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeff Larson and Greg Simms

Expo Center

Council Liaisons are Jeff Larson and Greg Simms

Extension Office

Council Liaison is Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms

Facilities

Council Liaison is Jeff Larson and Greg Simms

Family Youth & Services Bureau

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Jeremy Rivas

Health Department

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Greg Simms and Dan Whitten

Highway

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeff Larson and Greg Simms

HR

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Mike Jessen

ITS

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Greg Simms

IV-D Court

Council Liaisons are Mike Jessen and Dan Whitten

Jail/Sheriff & Sheriff's Garage

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Greg Simms and Dan Whitten

Juvenile Detention and Juvenile Probation

Council Liaison is Mike Jessen

Memorial Opera House

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeff Larson and Dan Whitten

Museum

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms

Opportunity Enterprises

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas, Greg Simms and Dan Whitten

Parks

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Mike Jessen and Jeff Larson

Plan Commission/Building Department

Council Liaisons are Bob Poparad and Greg Simms

Portage Township Assessor

Council Liaisons are Jeremy Rivas and Dan Whitten

Porter Starke

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Dan Whitten

Print Shop

Council Liaison is Greg Simms

Prosecutor

Council Liaisons are Jeff Larson and Dan Whitten

Public Defender

Council Liaisons are Jeff Larson and Jeremy Rivas

Recorder

Council Liaisons is Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms

Recycling and Waste Management

Council Liaison is Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms

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 Sylvia Graham and Jeremy Rivas

Treasurer

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Dan Whitten

Veterans

Council Liaisons are Jeff Larson and Dan Whitten

Voters Registration

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham, Jeff Larson and Jeremy Rivas

Weight and Measures

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms

Wildlife Management

Council Liaisons are Sylvia Graham and Greg Simms

Mr. Rivas, Is that it?

Mr. Simms, Highway if I could get on highway?

Mr. Rivas, Graham and Larson put Simms on highway. Is that it did I miss anything? Did I mess anything up?

Mr. Larson, No.

Mr. Rivas, Alright.

Mr. Whitten, And we did our Park appointments.

Mr. Larson, And we only tabled one right?

Mr. Rivas, Yes we just had one.

Mr. Rivas, Can I get a motion to approve all liaisons.

Mr. Larson, Move to approve

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, I have a motion and a second, all those in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Rivas, Attorney's report?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, The only thing new to report is do we want to do the Executive Session on the 28th?

Mr. Whitten, Don't we have a Foundation meeting?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes it would be three on one day.

Ms. Graham. (Inaudible)

Council Attorney Harold Harper, What's that?

Ms. Graham, I thought we were going to have...we are talking about the meeting?

Mr. Whitten, Yes

Mr. Rivas, On the 28th we have our regular Council meeting, we have our Foundation and I know that Mike has asked just to get caught up all on that date.

Ms. Graham, Yes and update on legal things.

Mr. Rivas, Yes is that a problem? So we meet at 5 and 5:30 p.m?

Mr. Poparad, 4:30 p.m.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes it would be at 4:30 p.m. if you wanted to do the Executive Session it would be up to you. I just wanted to get some kind of confirmation with the others...

Ms. Graham, Sure.

Mr. Whitten, It's unlikely that I will be there at 4:30 p.m. but it doesn't preclude you guys from meeting.

Ms. Graham, I'd like to.

Mr. Jessen, Yes I am with you.

Mr. Rivas, With so you want to do it?

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I talked to Scott and he will be there as well.

Mr. Poparad, Is a half an hour enough time Harold?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I think so at least to answer the initial questions and if there is anything more then we could...

Mr. Rivas, And if you can't make it everybody here has Harold and Scott number. Alright so we will do that then.

Mr. Poparad, 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. are the schedule times?

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Any other matter that may properly come before the Council

• **Porter County Auditor Vicki Urbanik – Approve 2018 Encumbrances**

Mr. Rivas, Alright so we have encumbrances Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes you should have received a copy of a list of encumbrances that you should have received. These are carry forward appropriations from the 2019 and they have all been or are still going through review by our office. According to the State Board of Accounts you must approve this list. And I do want to emphasize that even if you approve these carry forward appropriations the departments still have to provide our office with the proper documentation. We won't approve the claim without that.

Mr. Whitten, So we talked a little bit about last year about how much money you think that we are going to have carryover, does this effect that?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Ok.

Mr. Poparad, Can I ask a question?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, What was are carry forward cash balance outside of the encumbrances?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, For just the General Fund?

Mr. Poparad, Yes for that?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok we haven't yet closed the year so this is draft but \$7.1 million dollars.

Mr. Poparad, That's fine, that's close enough I was just curious.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes \$7.1 million dollars.

Mr. Rivas, \$7.1 million dollars outside of the encumbrances?

Mr. Poparad, That's our carry forward..

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That's the carry forward it does not include the encumbrances so the encumbrances will eat into that.

Mr. Poparad, Do you need this signed? Do you want me to start one here and send it down?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I have one started.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, And we are going to have some influx from the looks of the last day of this year we are going to have our 5% percent coming in which will feed that budget and we'll also feed that Rainy Day fund inside the Foundation budget correct Mike?

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, But we have approximately \$7 million dollars to carry forward.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Ok it's better than being negative.

Mr. Rivas, So we need a motion?

Mr. Whitten, I'll make a motion to approve it.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Do we need approval on this?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Larson, I think so.

Mr. Whitten, I make a motion to approve these Encumbrances.

Mr. Poparad, I'll second it.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second on the encumbrances. Any further discussion? Roll call.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Sure.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes

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Mr. Rivas, Anything else?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, What about Vicki's Park Board appointment are you going to do that?

Mr. Whitten, Well we don't have to approve her appointment but would you like to tell us who it is?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I'm sorry?

Mr. Whitten, Your appointment for Park Board?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Sure...

Mr. Whitten, Are you ready to tell us? You don't have to you do have till the 15th.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Actually I would like to wait because I am going to be meeting with the appointee later this week.

Mr. Whitten, Ok so here is what I would ask just...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, If you want me to...

Mr. Whitten, What I'd like to know is when you have met with that person keep in mind the deadline is the 15th or the 13th?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I think it's the 10th...we have to...actually the 15th I'm sorry.

Mr. Whitten, Ok don't ever correct me again.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, So you have until the 15th. What does she have to do Harold to make that official? Should she send us something?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes I think that would probably be best to do that just to memorialize it.

Mr. Whitten, Could you do that before the 15th Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, So maybe when you send that to us you could sent that to the Commissioners as well?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Certainly.

Mr. Whitten, Then everybody knows who your appointment is.

Mr. Jessen, (Inaudible) from the Commissioners right?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I did text Scott today to see if the Commissioners have made their appointment yet. I haven't heard back yet but I am sure that I will.

Mr. Whitten, Alright awesome. My motion to adjourn still stands.

Mr. Rivas, Motion.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Second

Mr. Whitten, I moved to strike that last comment from the record.

Mr. Rivas, So you don't want to adjourned?

Mr. Whitten, I do not.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, All in favor of adjourning signify by saying Aye? Opposed? See you in a couple of weeks.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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