

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
March 20, 2018**

The Porter County Council met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

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

Mr. Bozak, Let's start off with roll call please.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Members present were Council Member Andy Bozak, Council Member Jeremy Rivas, Council Member Karen Conover, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Mike Jessen, Council Member Jeff Larson, and Council Member Dan Whitten. Also present was Council Attorney Harold Harper, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Seven present.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you Vicki.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Council minutes for January 3rd, 2018 Reorganization Meeting and January 23rd, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Bozak, Next...

Mr. Whitten, I'll make a motion to approve the Council minutes for January 3rd reorg meeting and January 23rd regular Council meeting.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, Ok we have a first and second any discussion? Ok all those in favor please say Aye? All those against same sign? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

First Reading

Mr. Bozak, Next we have our first reading this evening.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Porter County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Porter County, Indiana will meet in the Porter County Government Administration Building located at 155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso IN 46383 on March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the county budgets for the year 2018 and to transact any further business which might come before the Council:

Health General Fund			
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Health General	1159-39500-000-0610	Contractual	\$	19,846.00
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LIT Fund

LIT	1112-44200-000-0068	Motor Vehicles	\$ 150,000.00
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Surveyor Perpetuation Fund

Surveyor Perpetuation	1202-44200-000-00006	Motor Vehicles	\$ 35,000.00
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District 1 Task Force Fund

District 1 Task Force	4020-23100-000-0360	Tires, Tubes, etc.	\$ 6,000.00
District 1 Task Force	4020-36300-000-0360	Equipment other than Vehicles	\$ 15,696.00
District 1 Task Force	4020-36500-000-0360	Vehicle Repair	\$ 10,000.00
			\$ 31,696.00

County Revenue Bond Project Fund

Revenue Bond Project	4801-31200-000-0068	Consultants	\$ 4,500,000.00
Revenue Bond Project	4801-39500-000-0068	Contractual Services	\$ 24,000,000.00
			\$ 28,500,000.00

Stormwater Construction Fund

Stormwater Construction	4802-31200-000-0079	Consultants	\$ 1,625,000.00
Stormwater Construction	4802-39500-000-0079	Contractual Services	\$ 16,928,428.72
			\$ 18,553,428.72

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Vicki Urbanik
Auditor of Porter County

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Mr. Bozak, Thank you Vicki.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you Vicki that was awesome.

Commissioners

Porter County Revenue Bond Project Fund - 4801-000-0068

Additional \$4.5 Million to 31200 Consultants. Reason: Allocation for Capital Improvement Projects

Additional \$24 Million to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason: Allocation for Capital Improvement Projects.

Mr. Bozak, First up this evening we have the Commissioners the Porter County Revenue Bond Project fund, welcome Mr. Scott.

Mr. Whitten, To get the discussion going here Mr. Chairman I'll go ahead and make the motion on the two additional the \$4.5 million and the \$24 million.

Mr. Rivas, Second.

Mr. Bozak, We've got a first and second, is there any discussion?

Mr. Whitten, We are going to spend some money, right big Scottie?

County Attorney Scott McClure, We are, we are...we have the North County Court House is under contract for the design. The Expo Center is under contract for the design. The Valpo Court House is under contract for the design and the outbuilding in Portage is under contract for design.

Mr. Whitten, So refresh my memory, which of those is the first for ground breaking?

County Attorney Scott McClure, The first will probably be the exterior of the Valpo Court House, will be the first thing going. That will be the first thing bid for the exterior tuck pointing and windows will be the first thing that you see. Then I think at this point the order would be the outbuilding at the Portage Campus and then probably shortly thereafter will be Expo Center.

Mr. Whitten, Gotcha.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Because I think Expo and the Portage Court House will be somewhere around the same time.

Mr. Whitten, What's the timeline on that, do you know for the ground breaking on that? Do you know, if you don't know you don't know...

County Attorney Scott McClure, Well the Expo will be right after the Fair ends.

Mr. Whitten, When is the time for that?

County Attorney Scott McClure, The ground breaking will be right then...I mean right as...the way it's planned right now is for the bid package and the construction to begin...

Mr. Whitten, End of July? I mean I'm just looking for...

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yeah, I mean I can't remember is the Fair is in the end of July or the beginning of August.

Ms. Graham, It is the end of July...

County Attorney Scott McClure, It is literally that next week, I believe that's the goal for that to begin.

Mr. Rivas, You are looking for Portage the outbuilding probably not till late summer then is that why your...?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No that's...Portage will be in phases, but the parking lot and that outbuilding will probably be the first to get ground broke on.

Mr. Bozak, Are you doing work inside the Portage Court House still at all or no?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Oh...not only is there an addition but the entire thing is being remodeled. And then on the phasing of that it will be the addition will go first and the outbuilding will go first and so that way we can move people around to then go remodel what needs to happen in the rest of the building.

Mr. Rivas, A lot of work, it will keep you busy.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Busy.

Mr. Bozak, How's out front coming is that almost done?

County Attorney Scott McClure, The front I believe could be open tomorrow.

Mr. Bozak, Wow.

Ms. Graham, Really

County Attorney Scott McClure, Right now they're just waiting on the ADA switch at the door to be installed and then I believe it could be open for the public and then we will just be waiting for Spring to officially get here to do the landscaping. All the railings are up and everything else like that so it will be down to landscaping at that point so it's not...that's within a week no matter what.

Mr. Bozak, That good news.

Mr. Whitten, That's great.

Ms. Graham, Wow.

Mr. Rivas, That \$4.5 million to Consultants...why so much to consultants?

County Attorney Scott McClure, That's all the design contracts.

Mr. Rivas, That's everything to design contracts?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes that's the...yeah that's the design contracts.

Mr. Rivas, Ok.

Mr. Jessen, You know Scott, for the benefit of the Council is there a time line that is printed somewhere on the different projects and approximate start dates?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yeah, what were hoping to do in the next...either your next meeting or the meeting after that, have everything finalized to a point where we can bring Skillman in to show you the budgets, show you the timeline, the timelines from not only the designs are supposed to be completed to when they are being bid, to when we're we are awarding to when groundbreaking are. That's exactly what's happening right now is getting that information put together and then we are planning on bring it to the Council and basically giving you guys all copies of what's happening.

Mr. Jessen, Perfect.

Mr. Larson, I'd just like to go back to where Jeremy was at, because I know that we looked at the other Consultant fee and that's about ten percent and we're looking at almost twenty percent of those overall projects in Consultant fees. Is there something behind that...that we're missing? Is there...

County Attorney Scott McClure, Well to be...this original allocation to be honest with you I don't intend on spending all of it this year so I didn't have all the hard numbers when I put these numbers together, so these are broad allocations. The design contracts have been coming in at around ten percent...seven to eleven percents is what they have been coming in at, but that's on the design itself. And then I also have the Construction Management portion that I can either call Consultants or I can call it Contractual.

Mr. Larson, Right.

County Attorney Scott McClure, But those are really the two driving forces behind that number.

Mr. Larson, Yeah, I just didn't want to scare people with that big figure because I know that those are typically ten to twelve...

County Attorney Scott McClure, You also have to remember that within this number there is the three Bridge projects and those Bridge projects are a little bit more design heavy. But then they are on the rest of the Capital Improvement Plan so

to speak, so within that are three bridges being designed beyond Portage, Valpo, Expo, etcetera.

Mr. Bozak, Where are we at with those?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Those are all underway and being designed and we have actually paid some invoices on those already.

Mr. Bozak, Wonderful.

Mr. Whitten, Awesome, hey right on man thanks.

Mr. Bozak, Anyone else have any questions, alright roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7-0

LIT - 1112-018-0068

Additional \$150,000 to 44200 Motor Vehicles. Reason: Motor Vehicles for 911 and EMA.

Mr. Whitten, I'll make a motion on the \$150,000 Lit.

Mr. Rivas, Second.

Mr. Bozak, Ok we have a first and second, do we have any discussion? Can you tell us what's going on with that?

County Attorney Scott McClure, That was approved in the late Fall of 2017 for the motor vehicles for the 911 and EMA out of LIT. Those vehicles were ordered after we got quotes. We have those vehicles but we didn't get them paid for before the end of the year.

Mr. Bozak, Wonderful

County Attorney Scott McClure, So the additional lapsed at the end of the year.

Ms. Graham, How many are there in that \$150,000 dollars...four or five?

County Attorney Scott McClure, I think it's four, a couple of them are EMA and a couple of them are 911.

Mr. Bozak, Ok any other questions? Ok hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Conover	-	Yes
Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes

Mr. Whitten - Yes
Mr. Bozak - Yes
Mr. Rivas - Yes
Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7-0

Mr. Bozak, Thank you Scott.

Mr. Whitten, Thanks Scott.

Mr. Rivas, So Scott I mean we don't want to get into details now obviously you know on part of the whole Capital Improvement Plan but you know with 911 and stuff but maybe that's back on the table maybe moving 911 around a little bit.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yep.

Mr. Rivas, Ok gotcha.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yep and like I said we want to get to you at either the next meeting or the meeting after to get you the full...that way Skillman can kind of lay it out that, that's what they are here for.

Mr. Whitten, If you could get it to us before our meeting.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yeah, no problem.

Mr. Whitten, I'd like to have a look see at it before the great unveiling.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yep, no problem.

Mr. Whitten, Just in case some questions come up.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yeah.

Mr. Bozak, Is this going to be like office space allocation where you are moving people and stuff?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No...

Mr. Bozak, Not that detailed?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No this is...

Mr. Bozak, More high level, ok.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Here are the projects, here is the budgets, here is the contingencies, here is the design costs...all the way down to how much soil boring cost.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

County Attorney Scott McClure, So each project...so on each project you will see like the Valpo Court House you'll see the total amount allocated to the project How much of that is design, how much of that is construction. And then that will be the beginning and as we keep coming back to you every thirty or sixty days you'll see how those line items are panning out...

Mr. Bozak, Ok.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Individually

Mr. Whitten, Sounds great.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you Scott.

Mr. Whitten, Keep of the good work we are all counting on you.

Ms. Graham, Thank you.

Mr. Bozak, Have a good evening.

Superior Court 6 – Judge Thode

General Fund Superior Court 6 - 1000-000-0206

Transfer \$225.98 from 31100 Legal to 34600 Liability Insurance Reason: Budgeted \$1,700 but bill was \$1,925.98 need to transfer \$225.98.

Mr. Bozak, Ok next up we have Superior Court 6, Judge Thode for a transfer of \$225.98 dollars form legal to liability

Ms. Conover, First.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Just for record it's actually is Judge Thode.

Mr. Bozak, Thode...I'm sorry.

(Laughter)

Mr. Bozak, I did know that I said Thode...I did know that and I apologize. Ok we have a first and a second is there any discussion on this?

Ms. Graham, No, it's pretty straight forward.

Mr. Rivas, We've had the discussion already on this.

(Laughter)

Mr. Bozak, All those in favor signify by saying Aye? All those opposed same sign? Motion passes.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Storm Water Management

Storm Water Construction Fund - 4802-000-0079

Additional \$1,625,000 to 31200 Consultants. Reason: To pay for Bond Consultant Services

Additional \$16,928,428.72 to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason: To pay for Bond Construction Services.

Mr. Bozak, Next up we've got Storm Water Management additional \$1,625,000 dollars to pay for Bond Consultant.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve on both additional.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, First and second do we have any discussions?

Mr. Rivas, Oh no...our little partnership with Portage down there on 700 and Willowcreek Road is that going along just fine?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, And that's all part of the this right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No.

Mr. Rivas, No?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No, that's part RDC.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Now were you talking about...

County Attorney Scott McClure, You are talking about 700 right?

Mr. Rivas, and Willowcreek.

Ms. Graham, For Willowcreek...

Mr. Rivas, Willowcreek Storm Water partnership.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Oh Willowcreek Road...

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yes this is part of it.

County Attorney Scott McClure, That's correct.

Mr. Rivas, And that's ok everything is "A-ok"?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, We're waiting for Portage...

County Attorney Scott McClure, It's moving...

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yeah...to do a Land Acquisition and then we are going to be doing Construction bidding. The County is going to be overseeing the construction on it.

Mr. Rivas, So that's all worked out just fine then?

County Attorney Scott McClure, We're waiting for Portage to acquire the land.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, Do you know where they are at in that process? Will it be soon or you don't have any clue?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Do not know.

Mr. Bozak, Ok.

Ms. Graham, Is the water starting to go down in the south part of the County?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yes, but not fast enough.

Ms. Graham, Thank God.

Mr. Larson, There are quite a few flooded fields down there.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yeah, we had a number of breaches on the Kankakee River. As a matter of fact we've got...

Ms. Graham, I heard there was two.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, It came out at Dunn's Bridge area, Hinesburg Ditch came out on the east side. We are currently have crews where we're

having time and material to get back in to fix all that and one of the big things we have problems with the Kankakee River is getting access...getting access. So we are making access in a maintenance road, so that way in the future we...

Ms. Graham, Very good.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, can get in there.

Mr. Larson, You guys have moved a long ways along on that it looks really good down there from what I could see.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yeah, we had a breach at 250 West and not necessarily a breach over at 625 West by Marti's Landing but the ditches got back up so much that the Breyfogle Ditch came out and flooded the area's going into the Kankakee River. We did...Mike Novotney our County Engineer was up in a helicopter with the EMA Director thanks to the Lake County Sheriff's and flew the whole thing. What can you say the DNR and FEMA mapped out the flood plains really well because that exactly where all the...

Ms. Graham, That where it was?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, water was.

Ms. Graham, So when you are talking about access, you are talking about maybe fisherman?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, No I mean...

Ms. Graham, Way down the line?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Trying to actually get access into the Kankakee River banks and we have an easement...

Mr. Whitten, Are you thinking about throwing a pole in down there?

Ms. Graham, Well you never know.

Mr. Whitten, You've been known to throw a pole or two in the water.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, We have a 75 ft easement from the top of the bank down there on the Kankakee River, but it's getting to that easement and working up and down that's where we struggle. And we are trying to...I mean this...

Mr. Larson, So what you are doing Bob and I don't think that they can visualize it, but you are actually putting a road bed on top of the bank.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Right, we are actually putting a road bed on top.

Mr. Whitten, For the record I actually visualized it.

Mr. Larson, That's good.

(Laughter)

Mr. Bozak, When the Commissioners declared a state of emergency have you guys heard anything further on that? Or are you getting any funding?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, I know that Mike Novotney is working is working with Lance Bella on a number of those issues. I myself is working on some of the cost that we had. We had a Bridge fail because of the event...

Ms. Graham, Which Bridge is that?

Mr. Bozak, I was hoping that they would pay for it that's why I asked.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yeah, the Bridge that is on 50 West.

Ms. Graham, Oh, ok.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Between 600 South and State Road 8.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, It's a gravel road I guess if we had to be thankful for a Bridge failing it was on a road with very little travel. But still we had a Bridge fail we had to close it and ended up closing the road down too. We're monitoring a couple of other bridges and one of the things that we are noticing right now is because of this effect some of the failures are just now starting to show up. We've had a number of sinkholes develop because of failed infrastructure and subdivisions that are along the roads and we are just now starting to see a number of these sinkholes. They had one that was just reported today that was quite large that started to cave-in a subdivision road.

Ms. Graham, Oh.

Mr. Bozak, Geez.

Mr. Whitten, Wow.

Mr. Larson, We've applied for some funding? Or we are applying for some funding to help alongside what we are going to invest in that correct?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Part of that is that we are accumulating all the costs with this that's going along with this and getting this to Lance Bella. I know Mike and Lance are coordinating on that to apply for Federal Emergency dollars...yes.

Mr. Larson, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, I think back to Contractual Services, how soon do you think we are going to start tearing up some roads in South Haven to get in there?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Fall.

Mr. Rivas, Fall?

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, That is what we are hoping, right now we have...we're starting to sit down with all of the design consultants and on one of the agendas I saw that there's some possibility of doing some work in the Fall. Now this is an estimate that we are seeing right now, we are going to know more probably within the next couple months.

Mr. Bozak, Jeremy how was the flooding in that area is it bad?

Mr. Rivas, Yeah it's still an issue, yes absolutely.

Mr. Bozak, Is it bad this last one?

Mr. Whitten, Yeah.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yeah they have had a number of road closed.

Mr. Rivas, Yep.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, It went down fairly quick but they still had to close a number of roads.

Mr. Bozak, So that this money that we are putting in there hopefully next year this will not be a problem? Is this...I mean we are still going to have little problems it's not going to fix it all?

County Attorney Scott McClure, South Haven is going to be a five (5) year process.

Mr. Bozak, Ok thank you.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Yes it is, it is no doubt.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Where every year there will be projects this is just the first five projects.

Mr. Bozak, Ok thank you.

Storm Water Director Robert Thompson, Right because as soon as we finish these first five projects we're going to letting out three or four...it's phased. So as Scott said it is definitely going to be a five year process.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Mr. Whitten, Great news.

Ms. Graham, Yes it is.

Mr. Bozak, Anyone else have any questions?

County Attorney Scott McClure, You can't tear South Have up all at once that's the problem.

Mr. Bozak, That's Jeremy's district that's his problem.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah Dan did that in his teens and it didn't work out.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Oh the stories I could tell...if I remembered them.

(Laughter)

Mr. Bozak, If there is no more discussion, ok roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7-0

Mr. Bozak, Have a good evening.

Surveyor

Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund - 1202-000-0006

Additional \$35,000 to 44200 Motor Vehicle. Reason : To purchase new vehicle for field work to replace worn out vehicle.

Mr. Bozak, Ok next up we've got the Surveyor.

Mr. Whitten, I'll make a motion to the \$35,000 dollars to Motor Vehicles.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Bozak, First and second and discussion? Hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7-0

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Health Department

Health General - 1159-000-0610

Additional \$19,846 to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason: Legal fees not paid in 2017 need to re-appropriate funds from carryover to pay invoice.

Mr. Bozak, Next up we have the Health Department \$19,846 to Contractual Services for legal fees not paid in 2017 and Form 144 upping some of the salaries.

Mr. Whitten, On the Health General the Contractual Services I'll make a motion on the \$19,846.

Ms. Conover, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, First and second and discussion? Ok hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7-0

Antabuse Health Department - 2102-000-0610

Form 144

Program Director from up to \$31 to up to \$36

Registered Nurse from up to \$26 to up to \$31.50

Security Officer from up to \$21 to up to \$22.50

Mr. Bozak, Next we have the Antabuse Form 144.

Mr. Whitten, I'll make a motion to approve the Form 144

Ms. Conover, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, First and second any discussion? Can you kind of go over what you are doing please?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes we have a two Antabuse nurses...we have actually four Antabuse nurses and Security. There was one Antabuse nurse and one Security person at each office. We have a Portage office and a Valparaiso office at every Antabuse Clinic Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Antabuse is even in session even when there are Holidays, even when there are building closed and the Staff is there at 5:00 a.m. in the morning and they leave at 8:00 a.m. and at night they clock in at 4:00 p.m. and don't leave there till 7:00 p.m. so their day is separated. So we actually have not had a raise since the Health Department took over the collection responsibility in 2014 they hadn't had a raise. And when we looked at this program we...kind of the format has been there since 1991 when the program was started. So we looked at that and we wanted to...whoops. We looked at that and we just wanted to upgrade and restructure and that's why we looked at that and another thing that they...it was never built in by Adult Probation on those Holidays there was never any shift differential and we thought maybe it would be nice if you were asking people to come in on July 4th and Labor Day or whatever Holiday it is that we should give them a little bit of shift differential, that's why the up to and the range is so...

Mr. Bozak, Now I'm just curious...

Health Department Connie Rudd, Sure

Mr. Bozak, why wasn't this addressed during the Budget season last year?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Well we did...we started looking at it you know earlier this year and the reason why we are coming to you now is because we have to go before the Board...the Health Board to get the approval of anything that we change as far as salaries. So that's why we just had our first meeting of the year March 6th?

Health Department Keith Letta, Right.

Health Department Connie Rudd, So I guess we come before you with an approval from our Health Board for this proposal.

Mr. Bozak, And we would prefer to tackle these during Budget season which is why I was asking.

Health Department Connie Rudd, We totally understand that, we try not to do that we always try to play by the rules and I think that you probably see that and know that but...

Mr. Bozak, Yes.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Now Dan I saw that face.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Yeah playing by the rules stinks it's no fun.

Mr. Bozak, Is there any other discussion?

Health Department Connie Rudd, I said most of the time not all of the time.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah I got maybe a general question...maybe I should know the answer.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Sure ask.

Mr. Rivas, Your Board...

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Who appoints your Board?

Health Department Keith Letta, Commissioners.

Mr. Rivas, Commissioners, I kind of figured that so how many members on that Board?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Seven

Health Department Keith Letta, Seven.

Mr. Whitten, Not all the Commissioners it's just not the Commissioners that appoint there right?

Health Department Keith Letta, Yeah it is.

Mr. Rivas, I don't understand we don't...

Mr. Whitten, Did you change that?

Health Department Keith Letta, Yeah quite awhile ago it use to be three Commissioners appointments two from Valpo and two from Portage.

Mr. Whitten, Ok they don't do that...

Health Department Keith Letta, But that changed somewhere in the 90's and they made that all Commissioners. Two doctors...you have to have to Physicians a minimum of two nurses and then three people from the general public.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, Ok thank you.

Mr. Bozak, Anything else? Any further questions to discuss, ok hearing none roll call please for the Form 144?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7-0

Mr. Bozak, Thank you guys.

Health Department Keith Letta, Thank you.

Mr. Bozak, Ok have a good evening.

Emergency Management

District 1 Task Force Fund - 4020-000-0360

Additional \$6,000 to 23100 Tires, Tubes, etc. \$15,696 to 36300 Equipment Other Than Vehicles \$10,000 to 36500 Vehicle Repair. Reason: Funds to maintain District Vehicles/Trailers/Equipment.

Emergency Management General - 1000-000-0360

Transfer \$10,000 from 36601 Siren Maintenance/Repair to 23500 Building Maintenance. Reason: Additions/upgrades to access control – Video Tech

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

Mr. Whitten, I'm going to make a motion on the three additional and the transfer.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, Ok we've got a first and second, any questions?

Mr. Larson, I just like to entertain to have them maybe get on the agenda next time because they were kind of bumped off this time. They did do quite a presentation for us how they are reorganizing their 911 Center and also the selection process it's pretty elaborate so it would be kind of nice if we could have them on the agenda.

Mr. Bozak, I think that would be a great idea just make sure that you get it to us by the first Friday of the month and we'll get you put on.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, No problem.

Mr. Bozak, Sounds good any other discussion? Hearing none roll call please for both the additional...the three additional excuse me and the transfer?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mr. Bozak, Thank you Mr. Brickner.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, We're good.

Mr. Bozak, Yeah we're good.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, I was just going to share with the group there is a synopsis of the flooding that I put...well actually Joy put in your packet and if you have any questions let me know.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Just kind of a brief overview of where we are with that.

Ms. Graham, Ok thank you.

Mr. Whitten, I saw that it's great.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Ok so if you wanted to take a look at that.

Mr. Whitten, Sure I appreciate that thank you.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Sure no problem thank you very much.

Mr. Bozak, Have a good evening thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Thanks.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah I have it and I read it.

Soil and Water Conservation

- Presentation on 65th Annual Report.

Mr. Bozak, Next up we have our Soil and Water Conservation presenting the 65th Annual Report, welcome.

SWCD Michelle Benson, Thank you I just wanted to share our annual report with you, Joy kindly put a copy in all of your folders. Primarily I wanted to point out our new logo because last fall we came to you asking for a few more dollars in our 2018 Budget which you graciously allocated and that evening Don from the IT department was in the audience and the next day I got a call from him offering the services of the Porter County IT Department in designing our logo. So that save us about \$500 dollars and \$500 dollars might not seem but we have a saying in our office when you mine the pennies you don't have to worry so much about the dollars. And so we are very proud of the work that we have been doing and certainly would welcome any questions that you have about our annual report. There's more financially information available on the Indiana Gateway site if you access that there is a complete financial report or you can just contact our office I'll be happy to send the information that you need. We are really extremely proud of our new train study that's in its second year. We're getting tremendous support from the National Park Service and also the United States Geological Survey.

Ms. Graham, That's for the north part of the county?

SWCD Michelle Benson, Correct and the Little Cal Watershed.

Ms. Graham, Is there any plans for you to move?

SWCD Michelle Benson, We're hoping, the primary reason that we haven't done that is because of funding and the National Park Service is able to cover laboratory in their jurisdiction, but not in the Kankakee River Watershed because that's out of their service area.

Ms. Graham, Not in their area, ok.

Mr. Whitten, For the benefit of Larson and Rivas I appreciate you putting a lot of pictures in there.

Mr. Larson, Yeah thanks.

SWCD Michelle Benson, Well you know that's kind of the way it is folks don't pay much attention to the written word anymore so we try to put a lot of photographs.

Mr. Larson, I see you have got to him first.

Mr. Bozak, We get your updates every quarter...

SWCD Michelle Benson, Yes.

Mr. Bozak, And they appreciate you keeping us updated...

SWCD Michelle Benson, Right.

Mr. Bozak, and giving us the information...

SWCD Michelle Benson, Sure.

Mr. Bozak, and the meeting times and places, I know some of us are not always able to make them but we appreciate that.

SWCD Michelle Benson, Oh no we understand that and that's why I am here tonight...

Ms. Graham, I was there.

SWCD Michelle Benson, because it's important that we share this and in the past we just haven't really taken the time to do that. We're are excited about a new young man that we recently hired so we hope to have him here to meet at the next meeting or perhaps the May meeting. The wonderful fellow from the Indiana Department of State Agriculture came over to join us. Very talented so we are looking at putting him on some more advance projects.

Mr. Bozak, Wonderful.

SWCD Michelle Benson, We certainly appreciate your support.

Mr. Larson, How does the farming community interact with you guys? Are they very receptive to what you are doing?

SWCD Michelle Benson, Oh exactly our partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service allow us to provide cost share to farmers to do cover crop practices, buffer strips and all of this you will notice on that second page helps to reduce sedimentation in ditches, streams and so on which in turn will help reduce flooding when you have a situation with too much rainfall. Now of course the last situation was a little bit extreme...

Ms. Graham, Yeah.

SWCD Michelle Benson, There is not much anybody could do about that. But the whole goal is to reduce that sediment in the stream, ditches and so on.

Mr. Larson, I just know that they have had some conversation about the amount of nitrogen that they are putting in the soil...

SWCD Michelle Benson, Yeah.

Mr. Larson, Fertilization problems...

SWCD Michelle Benson, Yes.

Mr. Larson, and over fertilization and algae growth so I just am really interested in what you guys are doing.

SWCD Michelle Benson, Absolutely and that's what this East Branch Little Cal study is all about. Our Board is extremely proactive you might not be familiar with them but they're considered unpaid employees by the State Board of Accounts.

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

SWCD Michelle Benson, They are Public Officials they do swear out a Oath of Office and so they were actually the ones that instituted the study nobody came to us they went looking for assistance. We had folks come in from Purdue...oh and different Universities and places we just couldn't find anybody to help us, because it's an expensive study to undertake.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

SWCD Michelle Benson, And then all the sudden we were fortunate enough to have the State Department of Agriculture National Parks Services offer their services and they in-turn were pretty eager to work with us because they don't have that relationship with farmers that we do. So it's been wonderful because they are able to provide so much that we're not and USGS has taken that to another level this year with the E-coli test. And we have the results of those studies and we'll be certainly glad to forward those to you.

Mr. Larson, Thank you.

SWCD Michelle Benson, Just send me an email or give me a call we'll get you whatever you need.

Mr. Larson, Thanks

SWCD Michelle Benson, Your welcome.

Ms. Graham, That's great.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you very much.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you very much.

Mr. Rivas, Mr. President I don't mean to go back a little bit but in terms of your...I was just glancing back a little bit through your little synopsis. The Governor he has to agree to declare portions of Porter County a...

Mr. Jessen, Which he has.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Actually (inaudible) goes to...

Mr. Whitten, Ah that does it we're sunk.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, He just passes it along?

Mr. Bozak, Hey I know him I just give him a call.

Mr. Rivas, He just passes it along? He doesn't have to declare...

Mr. Whitten, Will he twitter us back Trump?

Mr. Bozak, I think it's called tweet.

(Laughter)

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, That I can't answer there usually a process as I get more information what I'll do is I'll just let the Council know. Because

we're in constant contact with our District 1 representative and she's really kind of our go between. So if we get any information, hopefully if we hear something soon we are going to get together first to see if we qualify for some FEMA dollars.

Mr. Larson, Well we did make it under the deadline right Mike for the declaration because the Commissioners had to declare it first right? That was the process?

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, I'm sorry?

Mr. Larson, That we did make under the declaration right?

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Yes we did.

Mr. Larson, Ok.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Yeah everything is in...everything on our end is in and now we're just kind of waiting and see.

Mr. Rivas, I just thought that the Governor declaring certain areas in himself a disaster area. I just didn't know if that part of it that he had to do it but you are saying no he just passes it along.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, From what I understand that's part of the process that he takes it to the President himself and it seems to be kind of what we are waiting for now.

Mr. Rivas, Yeah.

Mr. Jessen, My impression is that the State has declared Porter County as a Disaster Area.

Mr. Bozak, The State did or did not?

Mr. Jessen, Did.

Mr. Larson, Did.

Mr. Bozak, Well we know a guy, where is Pence tell him to get our back.

Mr. Rivas, Well it might be awhile because I think Trump has got a stormy situation himself.

Mr. Bozak, Hey, hey, hey.

Mr. Whitten, Jeremy...nicely played though.

(Laughter)

Mr. Bozak, Any other questions?

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, I will let everyone know as soon as I hear something I will pass it on.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Mr. Jessen, One thing that I would like to comment on Mike based on the summary, you know it's clear that obviously we've got a tough situation with the flooding. And it's clear too that we have had a handle on it from a collaborative standpoint. I mean we are talking about your department, Emergency Managements been aware of and in control of it's also involved the Sheriff's department, Highway department, Stormwater Management it's been an effort where it seems as if the cohesiveness and the collaboration has been the best that I've seen in my experience with County government.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Well I appreciate you saying that and to share with you all of the teamwork which was phenomenal. Stormwater, Highway Department...

Ms. Graham, Your Commissioners went out too.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, EMA everybody worked so well together and communicated well. Yeah, I think it's important that the Council to know that the people out there were really working well together and it's stressful. There is a lot of emotion out there...

Mr. Whitten, Sounds like a Council meeting.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, I'm sorry?

Mr. Jessen, Yeah there actually getting worked done.

Mr. Whiten, We're working together and having emotions and screaming occasionally.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, And then working with the other Counties involved that were affected it was...it got into pretty significant event and we had a lot of players out there at least on the EMA side. Director Bella did an outstanding job but also working with the other departments and it's good for everybody to know that.

Mr. Jessen, Yes absolutely.

Mr. Rivas, Thanks.

Mr. Bozak, Thank you.

Ms. Conover, Doesn't appear that there are still areas that are now manifesting because of that damage?

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, I'm sorry Karen?

Ms. Conover, That there are still areas that are manifesting now because of that initial damage that Bob eluded to? We are still experiencing new problems?

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, Yeah, there's still quite a bit time yet before and now we're looking at some clean-up phase and what assistance we can be. What assistance the County could be with some of these residents.

Mr. Bozak, Right.

Public Safety Director Michael Brickner, We are talking about the clean-up phase right now but that still...that's probably still a couple of weeks down the road. Yeah this is going to be a long journey we still have a ways to go.

Mr. Rivas, And I imagine as a Council we are going to see some request coming in front of us...

Mr. Jessen, Absolutely.

Mr. Rivas, Near and long term to pay for some of this stuff...bridges?

Mr. Whitten, Yep absolutely thanks Mike.

Mr. Bozak, When Trump signs it, thank you.

Second Reading

Mr. Bozak, Next up we have our second reading Ms. Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Whereas it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than what was appropriated in the annual budget. Therefore be it ordained resolved by the Porter County Council of Porter County Indiana that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified subject to the laws governing the same.

Health General Fund			
Health General	1159-39500-000-0610	Contractual	\$ 19,846.00

LIT Fund			
LIT	1112-44200-000-0068	Motor Vehicles	\$ 150,000.00

Surveyor Perpetuation Fund			
Surveyor Perpetuation	1202-44200-000-00006	Motor Vehicles	\$ 35,000.00

District 1 Task Force Fund			
District 1 Task Force	4020-23100-000-0360	Tires, Tubes, etc.	\$ 6,000.00
District 1 Task Force	4020-36300-000-0360	Equipment other than Vehicles	\$ 15,696.00
District 1 Task Force	4020-36500-000-0360	Vehicle Repair	\$ 10,000.00
			\$ 31,696.00

County Revenue Bond Project Fund			
Revenue Bond Project	4801-31200-000-0068	Consultants	\$ 4,500,000.00
Revenue Bond Project	4801-39500-000-0068	Contractual Services	\$ 24,000,000.00
			\$ 28,500,000.00

Stormwater Construction Fund			
Stormwater Construction	4802-31200-000-0079	Consultants	\$ 1,625,000.00
Stormwater Construction	4802-39500-000-0079	Contractual Services	\$ 16,928,428.72
			\$ 18,553,428.72

And that includes second reading.

Mr. Whitten, I make a motion to approve second reading.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, First and second any discussion?

Mr. Rivas, Well we went light on the General Fund this time around.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes very good.

Mr. Bozak, Keep it coming any more discussion anything else? Hearing none all those in favor say Aye...

Mr. Whitten, Roll call.

Mr. Bozak, Oh that's roll call I'm sorry. Roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Attorney's Report

Mr. Bozak, Next up we have our Attorney's report Mr. Harper?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I have nothing to report today, Scott and I hope to meet with Dan...

Mr. Whitten, Whitten

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Whitten...no I was saying Monday of this week...

Mr. Whitten, With an H.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, That's right but we had to reschedule so we are hoping to meet early next week and report to the Council on...

Mr. Rivas, Because two attorney's billing us wasn't enough?

Mr. Whitten, It's a little bit above your ski's Jeremy but I'll get some stuff together you.

(Laughter)

Council Attorney Harold Harper, But yeah we'll get back to you on that I just wanted to let everyone know that we tried to do that but were unable so we plan on doing that next week.

Mr. Bozak, Ok thank you Attorney Harper.

Any other matter that may properly come before the Council

Mr. Bozak, Ok any other matters that may properly come before the Council?

Meeting adjourned

Mr. Bozak, Hearing none I look for the motion to adjourn.

Ms. Conover, So Moved.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Bozak, First and second any discussion? All those in favor say Aye? All those Opposed same sign?

Mr. Whitten, No.

Mr. Bozak, Aye's have it, have a good evening everyone thank you.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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