

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

(The entire meeting is available to watch on the Porter County website.)

The Regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney, Jim Biggs, County Attorney Scott McClure; Administrative Assistant Melanie Massey and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle.

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, Good Morning this the Porter County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Tuesday, April 23rd.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll – April 19th, 2019.

Approval of Minutes – April 9th, 2019.

Approval of Claims – April 11th and April 18th, 2019.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

ARTISTIC SERVICES AGREEMENTS – La Cage aux Folles

1. Madolyn Woodruff Hedin
2. Stephanie Reeder – Main Stage Production
3. Adam Gustas
4. Byran Sanoshy
5. Brian Moore
6. Stephanie Reeder – Musical Theatre
7. Bethany Borgo
8. James Simon
9. Jared Coller
10. Chris Linstrot
11. Rachael Lauer
12. Nicholas DeJarlais

Com. Biggs, moved to approve, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Com. Good, We would like to make an announcement. If you recall at the end of last February we had a lot of flooding on the Kankakee River and it also moved up stream as well. Out of the lot of the damage that incurred during that flooding event the County lost a bridge, Bridge 73 at 50 West over Cobb Ditch. That road has been closed since the flooding because the bridge was non-existent. Part of our Storm Water Management Dept. and EMA were working on cataloging all of the information and damage that happened to the County. We've submitted to FEMA over a year ago regarding several of these requests. Last week we heard back from FEMA and as part of the Emergency Declaration for Funding Porter County is going to be awarded \$720,000.00 from FEMA to replace Bridge 73. We have the money we're getting ready to start putting all of the pieces together to quickly build that bridge. It's a very rural bridge but we're going to take a look at weights and widths and various other things because there is a lot of agricultural activity there. We want to make sure if we're going to rebuild this bridge that we get it a little bit better than what its original intended purpose was. We want to let the County and the citizens know that because of the flooding and the events which took place I think this is another feather in the cap of the Storm Water Management Dept. and the things that they've done. I can tell you from first-hand experience there was a lot of work that went into all of this, a tremendous amount of working cataloging all of these things, it's the Federal Government. We're very happy that we're getting an outcome on this and I think we're still expecting some more money to trickle in over time. We will have more money coming in and we'll keep everyone apprised as this goes

down. This is a good outcome and we can get back to getting that bridge built and opening that area up for the citizens that leave there.

COMMISSIONERS

INETICO/BAS approve claims \$110,607.48.

Com. Good, I'm assuming this is part of the cleanup from moving away from INETICO and BAS, Scott?

Atty. McClure, It is these are claims that were butting up to when we moved over to our current health insurance provider. As you can see from the paperwork which was submitted for this the total amount originally billed was a little over \$663,000.00 and after it's all said and done the invoice amount is \$110,607.48. This looks like the continuing final run out of INETICO/BAS health insurance claims. At this point we're far enough away from those contracts that we need to have them approved as they come up in the Commissioners' meetings so that is what these are the continuing hold over from that scenario that we were using.

Com. Good, Scott is there any estimation on what's left out there? I know a lot of this is still in negotiations with the health care providers and what have you.

Atty. McClure, My understanding is there is very few left.

Com. Good, Some outliers.

Atty. McClure, Yes.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the invoice in the amount of \$110,607.48, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Animal Control and Animal Shelter Services contract with Ogden Dunes, Indiana.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

American Structurepoint - Willowcreek Road Extension.

Atty. McClure, I think Mr. Thompson can come up and Mr. Murphy can come up also.

Com. Good, Good morning, Bob why don't you give us a little bit of an update as to where we're at today and what we are going to be discussing at this point in time on this project.

Mr. Thompson, Currently we have completed an environmental study and a route analysis for this particular phase of Willowcreek and I'm going to use phase because NIRPC through the funding has phased it. This is going to be Phase I from 700 North down to U.S. 30. I know I mentioned that we completed the environmental and I know Chris is going to correct me on that. We have gotten the environmental to the point where we need to now go forward with public hearings and do a submittal to FHWA for the actual approval of the this document. We're at that point right now. We've done the route analysis and we're at the last step for environmental approval. What this supplemental agreement is going to be looking at is taking the actual engineering and starting the right-of-way engineering for this particular phase from 700 North down to S.R. 130 and developing it for construction purposes. It takes us up with this agreement up to the point of what we would refer to as the Right-of-Way Phase within the Federal Highway process.

Atty. McClure, The overall contract is \$1,091,250.00. That would get us through the route study completion, the environmental completion and the engineering completed. It would leave us at the right-of-way stage which would be the right-of-way acquisition. Of that \$1,091,250.00 NIRPC is prepared to match 80% of that contract amount or \$873,000.00.

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

Atty. McClure, And then our match would be \$218,250.00 and that looks like it is spread out over 2019, 2020 and 2021 basically to pay for those things before we would get to right-of-way acquisition. When we get to right-of-way acquisition assuming all of the route study, environmental and the engineering, after all of the public hearings and all of the public input goes in a positive manner then we would have to make a decision on how we would fund the right-of-way acquisition and how we would fund the continuing 80/20 match that would apply to the construction costs of the Willowcreek extension.

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

Atty. McClure, At the top of the estimates that we have at this point in time obviously NIRPC would have to have additional funding to be matching at the 80% level. According to the estimates that we have now the total project from a county stand point it's \$1,937,250.00. That is all encompassing including this contract that is on the docket for today and that seems to potentially if this schedule were to hold something around 2022/2023 would be the time when the remaining portion of our match would need to happen assuming again after the study, the environmental and engineering and the public input turned into a positive direction something that the Council and the Commissioners wanted to move forward on.

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

Atty. McClure, Basically this gets us through engineering and then we would have to start working with NIRPC to get matching money and we would have to work with the Council to get the funding for that so there will be kind of a built in pause. This agreement doesn't take us to building a road. It takes so we have a road designed.

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

Atty. McClure, That is what we're looking at as far as the cost at this point. So this one that is on the docket for today would be a match of \$218,250.00 for the County's portion and NIRPC's would be \$873,000.00.

Com. Good, And I think those funds from NIRPC are in play. We've secured those funds.

Mr. Murphy, That is correct they have been approved.

Com. Good, Now it's up to us to come up with our 20% of this next phase and that is what we're dealing with today. What is the overall length of the road, the stretch that we're talking about it's just a little over 2 miles?

Mr. Murphy, Not quite 2 miles, close to 2 miles.

Atty. McClure, It's like 1.8, somewhere in that range.

Com. Good, So again for everyone that may not have heard Bob this is from 700 North where the Portage City limits are, the boulevard, it will be from there down to S.R. 130. That is only the first phase of this project. I think I covered some of the high points and the low points. I would also like to point out in this area of this proposed extension obviously we don't know all of the particulars in the particular route that is going to take place. That is all part of this process. I would just like to point also from the County's perspective we're looking at this obviously to alleviate a lot of high traffic that are on our County roads right now that aren't designed for this, but I also think a very important thing for the Commissioners as well is we are also a main part of the Storm Water Management Board. This is an area in the County that has a lot of significant drainage issues in that area. By creating a road I think we'll also be able to direct and control our water a lot more efficiently in these areas because of the ditches and the right-of-ways that will be created from all of this. It sort of gives us our first step into taking a look at that area for drainage. Maybe there is a possibility of picking up a few regulated drains in there. I know we've had some discussions with land owners not regarding this road but regarding ditches and things that already exist that we've been looking at. It is not just a road I think it's a little bit more encompassing for us to alleviate and solve other problems that we have in the County as well too. I think it will also help first responders. It is going to help several things just being able to get people there quicker and with less taxing of our other County roads. That is my take.

Mr. Murphy, You are correct. This is a new alignment project of this nature as a transformative type of investment. For 100 years in the future it will provide benefits to the community. Not only on an access but improvements to adjacent properties related to the access that is provided by this investment.

Com. Biggs, I hope the general public understands this idea was not born out of wanting something convenient. This was born out of necessity. We have to have another North/South thorough fare or in 8 to 10 years from now we could be in some real trouble. We're already seeing that trouble on Rte. 6.

Com. Blaney, NIRPC studies in this area too show that there is going to be over 200% reduction in congestion on the other County roads in the area and that will be very beneficial to us and our Highway Dept. It will also help with air quality and I think it's going to promote orderly growth as well coming out of Portage.

Atty. McClure, This is Phase I obviously Phase II would be to U.S. 30. That would be the projected Phase II that why this route is basically the direction that Structurepoint has been given is that wherever this route ends up it has to have the best and the most amount of options that....

Mr. Murphy, It has to have a path.

Atty. McClure, A path to get to 30 because that is part of this. This isn't a project to 130 this is probably a long term project to 30 at some point, but we have to crawl before we walk and at this point we're just going to get us to engineering and get us through the public comment and get us through all of the input and be able to see how this works out. And if this is something positive and going in the right direction then to 30 would be the next study.

Mr. Murphy, Correct and a project of this nature in my experience and Bob's experience is a multi-year investment. Just by its nature a transformational project and the most important aspects your undertaking today is to get it started, keep it moving ahead. It does have NIRPC endorsement. It is included as the Number 3 project in the regional quarter study with their recommendation to move the project forward so it's a matter of maintaining a clear path and moving ahead so that we keep the project on course for complete construction over the next several years.

Atty. McClure, And just to put some sort of a timing on this assuming our schedule holds which they rarely do because the biggest contingency that we have to deal with is that to move forward past this NIRPC would have to around \$4 or \$5 million of match money.

Mr. Murphy, Correct.

Atty. McClure, So the speed of which NIRPC can produce that will have a great effect on the schedule which will also have an effect on when our matching money would have to be available. Even assuming that they were able to hold the schedule we have we're looking at 2023 for assuming everything stays right on track. NIRPC has their match money, we have our match money. Everyone wants to move forward. This is going to be into 2023 before there is a road there.

Mr. Murphy, That is realistic, correct.

Atty. McClure that is kind of the horizon here, this isn't going to be something that is done in August.

Mr. Murphy, Correct.

Com. Good, I think breaking it up into phases was the right thing to do. It sort of mirrors where NIRPC is right now.

Mr. Murphy, Correct.

Com. Good, So to go up and hit a home run instead of a single I think it will get more attention. We can keep the pressure on. I think the County has done a new road in a long time and I think it will all give us the opportunity and the timing to sort of work through the process and understand it better. I think when we get to Phase II we should be good ambassadors of how to do this. I think if we're going to learn on the first one let's learn by the smaller section and get the project moving and get it rolling. Then we will learn and adapt as we need to go. I would also like to point out that this will probably affect the city to the north Portage. We've had discussions with the current mayor and any new mayor that is coming in that they are going to be involved in this. We're not creating a semi-corridor. This isn't what this is about this is more for day to day traffic and trying to get people to move within the County a little bit easier. I know one of the things that we've been talking about with the Highway Dept. is since we are only going to go to 130 we still need that section of road between 130 and 30 to get there. We're now studying Sedley Rd. a little more seriously. We're trying to take a look at what would we need to do to that road to be able to take of some of that additional traffic that it will get. There is a lot. We're not just studying this piece. We're still trying to study how we get from north to south or the other way. It may be another 7, 8 or 9 years before we even have the larger piece. We're putting contingency plans in place. We have the number it would cost to make Sedley Rd. an all-weather road. We're also looking at one of the turning lanes on to 30 at Sedley Rd. because we know there is a huge backup there in the morning with people going west. We have our Highway Engineer looking at what it would take to acquire a small piece of land to put a right hand turn lane there to keep flushing the traffic out and keep it moving. We're looking at this very seriously and want to get it moving but we also have other plans in place to try and keep that side of the County moving in a positive direction.

Mr. Murphy, And that is appropriate maintaining a holistic view of how the context of this project as it builds out affects the other parts of the area of the County beyond the actual immediate impacts of the construction. I appreciate the Commissioners view of the type of impacts and mitigation that is involved in a project of this size.

Com. Good, I think if anyone is ever concerned about this they should look to the west and southwest and see what is going on in Lake County and the amount of large farms and subdivisions that are coming in. The flight out of Illinois and the flight to northwest Indiana is real, it's fast. I think from our perspective we don't want to end up like another Schaumburg or another area which has massive traffic and no one moves. I've spoken to an elected official over in the St. John area and people are more concerned not about the development but just the traffic that doesn't go anywhere. I think we're a little bit sensitive to that also and we just want to make sure we're out in front of things a bit more. This puts us 3 or 4 years out in front.

Com. Biggs, This is not going to be another false start as we've seen over the years with that road if it's going to get built or not. If it doesn't get built it will be for a very good reason it's not going to be because we just decided to walk towards something else that was shiny.

Atty. McClure, I think lastly the support for everyone to know that as we have had discussions in the past with Portage and the surrounding areas ultimately if this gets passed today that we've already been talking to Mr. Thompson about looking at an overlay, a land use overlay so that we stick with the type of development that we have basically committed to at this point in time which is rooftops, it's residential with necessary neighborhood commercial. We're looking at what would be needed if that area actually expands out into rooftops. That is what we would be ultimately looking at on that overlay so we could put some additional controls over this stretch to allow that to happen. That will be one thing the Plan Commission will start working on now is what that overlay and those additional ordinances would like as far as keeping the development what we want and keeping with what kind what we want on it.

Com. Good, And hopefully dispel some of the roomers and other things that people are going to happen. If we could come out on the front end and put that overlay then I think your intentions are pretty clear as to what you want it to be up there and I think that will maybe calm some fears and some other things that are out there. We have a couple of Council members in the audience. I didn't know if they wanted to step and say anything.

Councilman Whitten, Thanks Jeff. I will just say a few words. We've had conversations as you know over the last couple of weeks certainly as we started gearing up for this meeting. I think conversations among the Council members (Inaudible not near a microphone.) We talked about this being an eventual project to 30. I think we all see that as an end game. I have had conversations with a couple of folks in Portage regarding the traffic and any concerns that they might have. We're not there yet and I assured them that we'll all be having conversations and talking with them about their concerns what impact it might have on Willowcreek Rd. From the Council's perspective we want to be visionaries too and we want to see development. We want it to trickle into our County, a place for people to come and build and stay. The traffic is always a concern. Certainly from the fiscal body's concern seeing more (Inaudible) coming to the County to give relief for existing taxpayers something that we want to see happen too. (Inaudible) I'm sure we will be discussing it a little bit tonight at our Council meeting but generally speaking we're on board.

Com. Good, Thanks Dan. Mike do you have anything to say?

Councilman Jessen, I'm good I echo what Dan said (Inaudible not near a microphone.)

Com. Good, Thank you and thank you for showing up today I really appreciate it gentlemen. Any other comments or questions from the Board? Any questions from Structurepoint or what they need to do?

Atty. McClure, At this point this is a full revised contract this will basically supersede everything we've done before with the route study and this will be the agreement through engineering.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Phase I with American Structurepoint, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, It was a good day for the County I think. This is forward progress and that is what we're trying to be up here. Thank you Chris we have a lot of work to do. Thank you Bob.

EXPO CENTER RENO – PAY APPS.

Pangere Corp. – Pay App. #8 in the amount of \$157,340.90 for general trades. With a balance to finish of \$210,993.55.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Pangere Corp. – Pay App. #8 in the amount of \$161,122.85 for metal studs, drywall and acoustics. With a balance to finish of \$64,958.75.

Com. Good, I was out there yesterday and yes the metal studs and acoustics are up.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Midwest Tile & Interiors Inc. – Pay App. #4 in the amount of \$97,791.86 Bid Category 4 for flooring. With a balance to finish of \$93,970.91.

Com. Good, Yes all of the carpet is down which is good to see and the tile.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

D.A. Dodd – Pay App. #7 in the amount of \$26,924.23 for mechanical. With a balance to finish of \$56,828.26.

Com. Good, This is for the mechanical systems that are out there they are getting to the end of their draw as well.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, I know Com. Biggs was out there yesterday and I was also out at the Expo yesterday. It is coming along very nicely. It looks like we're going to be ready to go here in another 2 to 3 weeks. I would also like to thank the Building Facilities Dept., the Highway Dept. everyone has stepped up is helping out out there. It is just really good to see when you have different departments of government all working together for a common cause. A lot of team work going on out there. It's just great to see, it's encouraging. Everyone is in it together and its' just neat. Thank you departments for your time and your effort I know sometimes it sort of wedges against your budgets and not once has anyone ever said "I've got too many men over here". We're just working through it and working it all out. It's really encouraging and it's good to see. Curt is the date set for our opening party, that date is set correct?

Mr. Ellis, There is the invitation only which is June 13th.

Com. Good, June 13th we have an invitation opening and then we're putting together a public.....

Mr. Ellis, On the 14th we will be doing the public open house from I believe it's 3 to 6.

Com. Good, Be looking for more information on that. Obviously the facility will be open and I'm sure people will be going in there with events and other things before those dates, but those are our 2 dates that we get to celebrate and show everyone what has been going on.

Mr. Ellis, This Saturday the 27th is the Be Kind to Animals Pet Care Expo which is going to be in the Expo East building. It will be the first event in the newly renovated Expo East.

Com. Good, And Expo East is ready to go. It got done a little bit quicker than the main building but obviously there are more finishes in the main building also. Thank you for that information.

COURTHOUSE RENO – PAY APPS.

Gatlin Plumbing & Heating – Pay App. #18083-4 for Bid Category #6 in the amount of \$8,640.25. With a balance to finish of \$11,831.10.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Pay App. #5 for flooring in the amount of \$3,287.00. With a balance to finish of \$16,038.88.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

EMCOR Hyre Electric – Pay App. #7 for electrical work in the amount of \$14,864.55. With a balance to finish of \$37,524.15.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Just to give you a little update on the Courthouse renovation a lot of the interiors are done. They are finally finishing up in most of the bathrooms. The building is now ADA accessible. We've taken care of a big problem in an historic building. It's quite an improvement. We're about a third of the way completed regarding installing the new windows. If you go by and look carefully you can see the difference between the 2 windows and tinting of the glass. We have some landscaping yet to do along Lincolnway and the building. We worked with the City of Valpo and they added 17 parking spots along Lincolnway to give them more downtown parking. Com. Blaney met with the Parks Dept. for Valparaiso and we're working on a conceptual landscaping design that has some of the flair of what Valpo has been doing downtown but yet follows through with the City's theme. So we're trying to work with the City of Valpo to come up with a landscape design that fits within the landscape of the City of Valpo. Hopefully a lot of that will be completed over the next 30 days and we will be finalizing that project very quickly. It will probably be another month and we will be buttoning her up. The Courthouse and the Expo should be done over the next 30 days and those will be 2 projects we can put behind us and move forward on.

NORTH COUNTY ANEX RENO – PAY APPS.

Com. Good, We have 2 bid pay apps. That project is coming along rather nicely and quickly.

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #2 for Bid Category #2 in the amount of \$59,578.30. With a balance to finish of \$385,243.00.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #3 for Bid Category #1 in the amount of \$275,060.15. With a balance to finish of \$1,932,465.25.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

SHERIFF DAVE REYNOLDS

An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for the Deposit of Proceeds for the Indiana Drug Enforcement Association Highway Interdiction Team Program – 2nd Reading.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve on 2nd Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – RICH SEXTON, SUPERINTENDENT

A request for a Transfer from Account #2362 Bituminous in the amount of \$225,000.00 to Account #2360 Aggregate. For purchase of aggregates for the chip and seal program.

Mr. Sexton, This is a transfer from bituminous to aggregate for our chip and seal. When we turned the budget in last year obviously we did not know that we were going to get all new chip and seal equipment even though we've been talking about it. We didn't adjust the aggregate budget so now we need to put some money in the aggregate. Last year we did 26 miles of chip and seal. This year we're planning on doing around 50 plus so we are almost doubling last year. We will need to buy more stone to do that and this is what the transfer is for.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, We are now doing the chip and seal ourselves.

2 Quotes to purchase a Double Drum Roller:

- **Roland Machinery Co. \$27,500.00**
- **West Side Tractor Sales \$36,900.00**

Mr. Sexton, This is part of the chip and seal program. After we started looking into a couple of used rollers we received a couple of prices and with the amount it they would cost to rent it would take us 2 years to pay if off. We went to Roland and found a machine that has almost 4000 hours on it which is \$27,500.00. West Side Tractor is the one that I would recommend. I know it costs more but it only has 1100 hours on it. If you think about it at 4000 hours about 8000 is all of your going to get out of it before you have to start doing major repairs. At 1100 hours we are going to get a lot more years out of it.

Com. Good, And we are going to be using this a lot more now.

Mr. Sexton, Yes it is going to roll 50 miles of road this year.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve West Side Tractor Sales quote, Com. Biggs, second motion carried.

Mr. Sexton, Jim passed out a road list to guys that is a combined effort of about 118 miles of preservation on our roads. We're going in the right direction.

Mr. Polarek, Weather permitting.

Mr. Sexton, As long as it doesn't snow again in June we should be fine. We're moving very rapidly with the hiring of a new engineer and a lot of help out of our Development & Storm Water Dept. as well. We're starting to work pretty well together.

Com. Good, I know you guys were out at the Fair Grounds yesterday and there is one lane there has old asphalt and also has some drainage issues. Before we started out grinding up our roads we went out there to do a little test and we grinded up that entire section and that machine is something else.

Mr. Sexton, The last time they did it was when 49 got paved the last time. It was a great test spot and we didn't put the guys in jeopardy with traffic. I think it went pretty well.

Com. Good, The other thing we found out too in talking with Highway is the parking lot at the Expo is pretty big and it needs blacktop sealed and we were thinking about going out and getting prices. We just brought this new distributor truck that puts down tar and oil. Just by changing the heads we can actually do our own sealing with our own equipment.

Mr. Sexton, It was a \$330.00 tip purchase to spray a fog seal over the whole thing which will make it last another year.

Com. Good, Now we can use our equipment to even do some other things that I think will save the County quite a bit of money. I could imagine just getting an outside bid on that parking lot it would have been.....

Mr. Polarek, It's 28,000 square yards or something like that.

Mr. Sexton, It's like almost 2 lane mile of road in that parking lot, main stretch and drag in there. We can do it for a fraction of what other people can.

Com. Good, Use that equipment.

Com. Biggs, It's the same with chip and seal. I did the math which I was really shocked. We're going to do over 56 miles of chip and seal road this year.

Mr. Sexton, About 50 yes.

Com. Biggs, I did the math. Don't argue with me. 56.4.

Mr. Sexton, I'm not mad if you're saying we're doing more. I just like to shoot low weather permitting.

Com. Biggs, My point is that many miles of road is almost unheard of.

Mr. Sexton, This year chip and seal alone covered all of the miles we did last year and there were 55 miles of crack seal and some good paving on Calumet and Meridian, 400 North and Sturdy Rd. good long lasting roads.

Com. Good, You guys have a very aggressive year in front of you. I think you're up to it.

Mr. Sexton, We're up for it no doubt. Thank you very much.

Com. Good, Thank you gentlemen, have a good day!

FACILITIES DEPT. – RAY CLOYD, DIRECTOR

Facility IT Group – An agreement to provide a preventative maintenance inspection for the UPS and Batteries at the Juvenile Detention Center for 3 years.

Mr. Cloyd, This is for JDC. I would like to enter an agreement with them for our service maintenance for 3 years at a rate of \$2,585.00 a year.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Biggs, I don't know what you're doing out there but they really like you for some reason.

Mr. Cloyd, Good deal, thanks.

DEVELOPMENT & STORM WATER MNGMNT. – BOB THOMPSON, DIRECTOR

Olhtof Homes – Zoning Amendment for Territorial Authority – 2nd Reading.

Com. Good, If you recall at our last meeting on a 1st Reading we approved a zoning amendment for a territorial authority for Olhtof Homes. Scott would you care to explain it one more time so we have it on the record at both readings as to what we're doing.

Atty. McClure, Because we're in a census year there is a moratorium on cities and towns officially annexing property in 2019. Olhtof Homes this is a continuation of what subdivision?

Mr. Thompson, It is up there on Burlington Beach. I'm sorry I forgot the name.

Com. Good, Hawthorne?

Atty. Leeth, On the north side Burlington Beach Rd. there is Hawthorne Subdivision. Then Hawthorne North Subdivision was done by a different developer. This is Hawthorne Hills a third developer Olhtof Homes. They are all contiguous to one another but this part which straddles the township line Center Township/Washington Township is actually in the County jurisdiction.

Atty. McClure, Basically we were approached by Olhtof and the City of Valpo through Todd to discuss how we deal with the annexation in a census year along with the subdivision approval process moving forward. The subdivision approval process as we looked at probably wasn't going to result in houses being built in 2019. It's probably something that will be more like 2020 so basically the direction that we took was if the City of Valparaiso was serious about annexing this in basically because of the utility issue that they were going to go ahead and take their action to which they have. That doesn't go into a total affect until the end of 2019.

Mr. Thompson, Right January 1st of 2020.

Atty. McClure, If the City of Valpo did that then instead of our Planning Dept. planning the subdivision and going through that this the process to allow the City of Valpo to do the planning because eventually they're going to have this and now that they've gone through those steps of doing it they are officially going to have it at the beginning of 2020. They are going to do the time energy etc. to design it instead of us in a nutshell.

Com. Good, And I don't think we have any County roads out there that impacts us. This is all within the city.

Atty. Leeth, There is connectivity to the subdivision to the north which would be in the County but that is the only connection literally.

Atty. McClure, This will give us the territorial authority for this parcel of property for Valparaiso to plan it.

Com. Blaney, motion to approve on 2nd Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

DLZ - Supplemental Agreement for Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition Services.

Mr. Thompson, The reason is this started in 2014 with the project number with INDOT. At that time there were 45 parcels that they were looking at and has since grown to this date to over 50. The agreement that you're looking at goes up to 55 parcels as far as looking at right-of-way engineering and right-of-way acquisitions so that is the reason for the supplemental agreement. Plus there are a few other items in there as far as preliminary engineering dealing with poor soils around the intersection of 725 West and 100 South.

Com. Good, I drove through there the other day and that is sort of a messy area.

Com. Blaney, How are the meetings going with the homeowners?

Mr. Thompson, We're getting started. I know Matt is up the working on the actual letter that is going to be sent out to them so we are going to be started those kitchen table discussions here shortly.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Award Bids for the 2019 CCMG Project:

- **N. Calumet Ave. – Valparaiso City Limits to U.S. Hwy. 6.**
- **Meridian Road – Valparaiso City Limits to U.S. Hwy. 6.**
- **Sturdy Road – Railroad crossing to U.S. Hwy. 30.**

Mr. Thompson, North Calumet Ave. we are recommending the award go to Reith Riley with their bid of \$414,647.50. This goes from Valparaiso City limits up to U.S. Hwy. 6.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Reith Riley in the amount of \$414,647.50, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Valpo City limits to U.S. Hwy. 6 on Meridian Rd.

Mr. Thompson, Correct and we're recommending the award go to Walsh & Kelly for their bid of \$330,531.90.

Com. Blaney, That was also the low bid?

Mr. Thompson, This was the low bid, correct.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Walsh & Kelly for the Meridian Rd. project in the amount of \$330,531.90, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Mr. Thompson, This is Sturdy Rd. it's from the railroad crossing up to U.S. 30. Basically the cemetery there is on the West side and on the East side is the entrance Penehill Rd. going into Walmart so that section of Sturdy Rd. We are recommending the contract go to the low bidder Reith Riley Construction at \$66,241.10.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Reith Riley in the amount of \$66,241.10, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Bob are these all micro?

Mr. Thompson, No these are going to be all reconstruction. It is part of the Community Crossings Grant. I can read off every single one of these roads they're going to be looking at milling asphalt. It varies on the type of road. I know Matt Gavelek our Highway Engineer did some coring out there. They will vary with the milling from 1 ½ to 2 inches applying a new tack coat and then applying a new edging HMA surface on this. Then they will have to go back in and actually do the painting themselves. We used to sub that out but this is all in one project on this.

Com. Good, I think I would be remiss not to say in what we're paving this year with our new Highway Engineer Matt Gavelek we've also changed a lot of our specifications on pavement material that the County is going to be using and we really starting to up our game on using more weather resistant, a little longer lasting material.

Mr. Thompson, We are following INDOT specifications on this and its part of the contract with the construction company that has been awarded will have to take some of this material and actually have it tested and it has to hit parameters. If they do not hit within those parameters we start deducting contract money from them.

VALPO VETTES CORVETTE CLUB

A request from Rita McCorkel to use the north side of the Museum Lawn on Saturday, June 15th, 2019 for their annual Father's Day Car Show which will be held between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Com. Good, I think you remember at our last meeting we had a request to use the north side of the Courthouse for their car show which they have many years but because of all of the landscaping and grass seeding that we are doing we thought it would be better to move it. At our last meeting Kevin Pazour from the Museum was here and heard and offered to have the event at the Museum lawn on June 15th Father's Day Car Show between and 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

PORTER MASON LODGE NO. 137

A request to sell sweet Vidalia onions on the north side of the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in conjunction with members of the Orak Shriners of Michigan City.

Com. Good, What I would like to do is make a revision to this approve so we move away from the Courthouse lawn and we have it here at the Admin. Building on the Plaza.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the onion sale be held at the Admin. Building Plaza, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

VALPARAISO EVENTS

A request to use the Porter County Administration Garage free of charge for vendors and visitors of the Valparaiso Art Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 29th and Sunday, June 30th, 2019. The City is offering to pay a flat fee to cover our expenses. The following roads will be closed for the event: Indiana Ave. from Washington St. to Napoleon St. and Lafayette St., Monroe St. to Indiana.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve with the fee to be determined, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Vicki Urbanik, Auditor