

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21st, 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, May 21st, 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 is the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Tuesday, May 21st.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll – May 3rd and May 17th, 2019.

Approval of Minutes – May 2nd and May 14th, 2019.

Approval of Claims – April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th and May 16th, 2019.

Weights and Measures Monthly Report for March 16th thru April 15th, 2019 – Filed.

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

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

ARTISTIC SERVICES AGREEMENTS

1. Adam Gustas
2. Molly Vass
3. Micah Hilton
4. John Rahe

VENUE RENTAL AGREEMENT

1. Ballet Folklorico NWI

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

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS

Nick Walding a citizen appointment made by the Board of Commissioners to the Chesterton Economic Development Committee.

Com. Good, Scott can you give a bit of history of how this came about.

Atty. McClure, I think we should have had it on an agenda about 60 days ago and it didn't make the agenda.

Com. Good, This is for the Chesterton Economic Development Committee for the Town of Chesterton.

Atty. McClure, Yes and it's their recommendation.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the appointment of Nick Walding, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

An Appreciation Resolution in honor of Dr. John Forchetti for his position held as a member of the Porter County Board of Health.

Com. Good, Dr. Forchetti has been on the Board of Health for many years. I will turn it over to Com. Biggs to read the Appreciation Resolution.

Com. Biggs,

APPRECIATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. John Forchetti has announced his retirement from his position as a member of the Porter County Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Forchetti served in his capacity as a member of the Porter County Board of Health for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Forchetti did, during his service as a member of the Porter County Board of Health, faithfully and conscientiously discharge his duties and unselfishly put forth his talents and knowledge in service to the citizens of Porter County; and

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners is desirous of publicly and officially expressing its gratitude and appreciation to Dr. John Forchetti and in so doing acknowledging and memorializing the dedicated and committed service of Dr. John Forchetti as a member of the Porter County Board of Health for the past twenty-two years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Porter County Board of Commissioners that Dr. John Forchetti deserves the grateful acknowledgement and appreciation of the Porter County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Porter County and the public recognition bestowed by this resolution and that Dr. John Forchetti should be and is hereby commended, recognized and acknowledged for his dedication, commitment and service as a member of the Porter County Board of Health for the past twenty-two years.

ALL OF WHICH HAVING BEEN RESOLVED by the Porter County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of May, 2019.

PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jeffrey J. Good
/s/Laura Blaney
/s/Jim Biggs

Attest:/s/Vicki Urbanik

Com. Good, Normally we do not have to vote on an Appreciation Resolution but I think it would be a nice gesture if the Board did that.

Com. Good, moved to approve the resolution honoring Dr. John Forchetti, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Thank you Dr. Forchetti if you're in the audience. I do not believe he is here, but he has done a lot of work for the Board of Health for many years. Thank you for your service to this County.

Dr. Patrick Fleming a citizen appointment made by the Board of Commissioners to the Porter County Board of Health for the replacement of Dr. John Forchetti.

Com. Good, We have a vacant board position which has to be a doctor based on the statute. The Board of Health has put forward a citizen appointment to Porter County Board of Commissioners. We have Dr. Patrick Fleming, if you would like to stand sir and let everyone meet you. Dr. Fleming has applied to serve on behalf of the Porter County Board of Health and we look forward to your many years of tenure just like Dr. Forchetti. I just want to thank you and welcome you. Does the Board of have questions for Dr. Fleming?

Com. Biggs, I just want to thank you. It's not without effort, dedication and time. Whether it's time taken away from your practice or your family that you will be given and we greatly appreciate that.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Patrick Fleming, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, We look forward to working with you and the Board.

A medical office space lease between Porter County Government and Porter Portage Regional Hospital.

Atty. McClure, This is another 1 year lease for the Portage Health Dept. while we finish the construction of the Portage location. This lease would take us out through August 31st of 2020. We don't expect to be in that space until then that is why there is a 90 day notification and out of this lease so that when we get a little closer on the timing of the construction being completed we can give notice to terminate this lease. It's been reviewed and it's ready for the Commissioners to vote on.

Com. Biggs, This is a renewal isn't it?

Atty. McClure, It is.

Com. Biggs, Has it gone up in price?

Atty. McClure, Right now it's at \$21.92 a square foot.

Com. Biggs, Is that a good square footage?

Atty. McClure, Yes.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the medical office space lease, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, This is a 1 year lease to get us from this space to the new space that is under construction right now. This space is about 100 feet away from the where the other space is. It's very close.

A sidewalk easement agreement between the Porter County Board of Commissioners and the City of Valparaiso for the Valparaiso Courthouse sidewalks and new parking on Lincolnway.

Com. Good, I think many of you that drive around downtown have noticed that there are 16 new parking spaces along Lincolnway on the Courthouse side. This lease between the City of Valpo and Porter County allowed the city to go in and put those parking spaces in and this the paperwork to follow up on that.

Atty. McClure, Valparaiso has already approved it and reviewed. This cleans up not only the front on Lincolnway where the new parking spots are but it also cleans up the existing sidewalks for location that are the City of Valpo's. The sidewalks around the Courthouse are the City of Valpo's so this does both. It cleans that up so that the city has the easement to repair and keep up.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the easement agreement with the City of Valparaiso, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Award bids for 157 N. Franklin.

Com. Good, As you know that is the Old Jail not the Old Old Jail, but the Old Jail right?

Mr. Pazour, Correct.

Com. Good, This is a project that we have been working on for quite some time. There have been a lot of meetings and as you may or may not be aware on the top floor we'll have the new 911 Center location and then on the 3rd Floor we'll have the Porter County Prosecutor's office, the 2nd Floor will the Adult Probation and if anyone know Adult Probation is scattered throughout the County in many different locations so we'll be able to bring all of them under one roof. And then IV-D space on the 1st Floor will be moved to the other side of the building where they are at now. This construction will be taking place as soon as we award bids. We had special meeting a week ago today where we opened the bids. The bids have been taken under advisement and Skillman has been working through all of the bids.

Com. Blaney, We had a very good response.

Com. Good, Yes, how many bidders?

Mr. Anderson, 26.

Com. Good, 26 bidders for that project. We were very happy. We think we got some very good numbers based on awarding this. As soon as it's awarded we're going to go into one more round of value engineering to make sure that we got it right and we didn't leave anything left that we don't need. I will turn it over to Derek from Skillman and he can take us through that.

Mr. Anderson, We're going to be awarding contracts for 8 bid categories based on low base bid and Alternate 1 which is replacing the roof over the existing kitchen.

<u>BC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
01	General Trades	Pangere Corporation	\$1,217,000
02	Roofing	E.C.Babilla	\$ 210,124
03	Painting	Stan's Painting	\$ 122,260
04	Flooring	Midwest Tile & Interiors	\$ 221,330
05	Fire Protection	State Line Fire Protection	\$ 92,209
06	Plumbing	Circle R Mechanical	\$ 190,007
07	Mechanical	Stevens Engineering	\$1,400,000
08	Electrical	Continental Electric	\$1,139,300
Total Cost			\$4,592,230.00

Com. Good, Any questions from the Board?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the recommended bids in categories 1 – 8 chosen by Skillman, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, When are you expected to start out there?

Mr. Anderson, Thursday.

Com. Good, Oh, this Thursday.

Com. Blaney, And a lot of this is inside.

Mr. Anderson, That is why it was attractive to these guys. The building is there so it will start and go fairly quick.

Com. Good, Get that roof on first.

Com. Biggs, You said you're expected to go pretty quick, what are you looking at?

Mr. Anderson, Target could be as soon as end of March 2020.

Com. Good, Any other questions of Skillman? This is the last piece of the capital plan that we've put together and we're very anxious to get started and get this going. There have been a lot of meetings and working through. I didn't know anything about 911 Centers and I probably still don't but I feel like I know more about it.

Com. Blaney, Now we know enough to be dangerous.

EXPO CENTER RENO – PAY APPS. & CHANGE ORDERS

Com. Good, Just to let everyone know the Expo Center is up and operating. We had our first event last week on the 11th. We're still doing some clean up and some other things. Once again if the rain would hold off we could get the exterior of the building painted. We could get some more of the landscaping done and the parking lot sealed and striped and all of those other things that are weather related. It turned out very nice and we're going to be opening it up to the public in the next 3 to 4 weeks. I think everyone will be extremely happy with how we came out on the other end. I know Lori Daly is and I know the staff is out there. It's turned out very nice. I would also like to thank all of the different departments that helped pulling this thing together. We've had the Highway Dept., Building's Facilities and IT. Everyone is working together and it's

really good to see. Hats off to all of those departments and everyone for working together and coming together for a common cause.

Com. Blaney, Thursday will be a great time to get in there and see the building Tri Kappa is holding a Taste of Valparaiso. It's a great event and you can save \$10 on tickets if you get them ahead of time from me. Great food, great restaurants it's a fun event.

D. A. Dodd – Change Ord. #2 in the amount of \$2,566.00 to provide removal of unsuitable soils for RTU concrete pad and 2 return air grilles in Patio Hall.

Com. Good, It seems like a lot of money but if you saw these air handler units they are about the size of a car. There are 2 of them and where they had to go the soil was pretty bad so these things needed to be flattened and stable so that is the purpose of those.

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

Keough Mechanical Corp. – Change Ord. #4 in the amount of \$3,995.00 to replace existing plumbing features, 3 drinking fountains, electrical water heater in restroom and revise sink drains in east and west restrooms.

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

Continental Electric – Pay App. #8 in the amount of \$310,964.89 for electrical work. With a remaining balance of \$53,408.63.

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

D.A. Dodd – Pay App. #8 in the amount of \$9,378.07 for mechanical. With a remaining balance of \$50,016.19.

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

Keough Mechanical – Pay App. #4 in the amount of \$19,279.96 for plumbing. With a remaining balance of \$13,872.85.

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

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Pay App. #5 in the amount of \$59,314.01 for flooring. With a remaining balance of \$34,656.90.

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

Pangere Corp. – Pay App. #9 in the amount of \$86,944.00 for general trades. With a remaining balance of 124,049.55.

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

Pangere Corp. – Pay App. #9 in the amount of \$36,943.15 for metal studs/drywall/acoustics. With a remaining balance of \$43,416.60.

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

COURTHOUSE RENO – PAY APPS., CHANGE ORDS. & CERTIFICATES OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

Com. Good, To give everyone a breakdown as to where we're at we're pretty much done with the downtown Courthouse except for the historical window replacements. We're still about 5 weeks out. We're about half done on the building. There are still certain sides of the building that we still have historical windows being put in but we're very close to finalizing that project.

Com. Blaney, And landscaping.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Change Ord. #1 for a credit in the amount of \$2,500.00 for unused contingency allowance.

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

Gariup Construction – Change Ord. #4 in the amount of \$6,083.00 to provide a new door on the North balcony and door hardware modifications for security.

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

A Certificate of Substantial Completion for Gatlin Plumbing & Heating Bid Package No. 2.

A Certificate of Substantial Completion for Midwest Tile & Interiors Bid Package No. 2.

A Certificate of Substantial Completion for Gariup Construction Bid Package No. 2.

A Certificate of Substantial Completion for EMCOR Hyre Electric Bid Package No. 2.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the 4 Certificates of Substantial Completion, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Gariup Const. – Pay App. #7 in the amount of \$136,983.35 Bid Package No. 2 General Trades. With a remaining balance of \$87,035.00.

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

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Pay App. #6 in the amount of \$8,975.13 Bid Category No. 5 Flooring. With a remaining balance of \$7,063.75.

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

Gatlin Plumbing & Heating – Pay App. #18083-5 in the amount of \$6,621.50 Bid Category No. 10. With a remaining balance of \$5,209.60.

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

EMCOR Hyre Electric – Pay App. #8 in the amount of \$10,031.05 Electrical Work. With a remaining balance \$32,677.10.

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

NORTH COUNTY ANEX RENO – PAY APPS. & ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZATIONS

Com. Good, This project is coming along fairly well. There is a lot of wet ground up there. It was really low to begin with we're working through it but we need some dry weather quickly. That building is turning out very nicely. The annex building where we'll be moving some of the other departments over there is turning out nicely as well. We are progressing even based on the weather conditions but it sure would help if it got better.

Circle "R" Electric – Change Ord. #1 a deduction in the amount of \$95,655.00. With a remaining balance of \$844,470.00.

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

Com. Good, Derek what was that for?

Mr. Anderson, Value engineering, having the contractors look at things that are in the documents that they could have probably done cheaper. Revising some light fixture packages, the large one was the light fixture package.

Com. Good, So the County has \$95,000.00 coming back to it. Again, I know I talk about this at our meetings but these pay applications are exhaustive to go through at these meetings but the way we've been attacking these buildings and building them we've had 3 or 4 different phases during design, bidding and everything else so we're constantly mining and value engineering these buildings down to where things are missed in the plans. Usually in a general contractor bid you take it and you go what we're doing is we're mining each and every category looking for discrimination in the plans, things that may be over designed or over engineered or whatever they are we're working through with our architects. We're not making the buildings cheaper we're just making them more affordable and we're putting the money in the right places where they need to be. This has been the entire exhaustive process that we've been going through in all of these buildings. It's a lot of work but we're seeing a lot of savings and a lot of this is common sense too.

Ziolkowski Const. – Change Ord. #2 in the amount of \$12,753.00 for door hardware. With a remaining balance of \$3,218,489.00.

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

Com. Good, What was that for?

Mr. Anderson, We had an early package so we bought some of the doors on the exterior and then once they finished up designing the rest of the interior there were a few pieces that were added to the Bid Package 2 but we wanted to buy the stuff for Bid Package 1 so it all matched. We didn't want to have 2 different types of hardware on the building.

Com. Good, So that is why it's showing as a change order because it wasn't a part of Bid Package 2 it's in this Bid Package.

Mr. Anderson, Correct.

Ziolkowski Const. – Allowance Authorization #1 in the amount of \$1,318.00 to provide additional temporary enclosure for masonry work. With a remaining balance of \$8,682.00.

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

Ziolkowski Const. – Allowance Authorization #1 in the amount of \$28,933.00 to provide water main revisions, bent plates for overhead coiling doors, connection into unforeseen sanitary sewer line and 2 added storm structures and piping. With a remaining balance of \$8,682.00.

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

Mr. Anderson, Can I touch on the allowance? That is something that you haven't seen yet. So within each bid category there is an allowance, a dollar amount built into their contract that helps take care of some these unforeseens like this. It's not changing their contract amount at all. It's built into their contract so at the end of the project if we don't use it all you get that money back as well.

Atty. McClure, And an example of that would be Midwest Tile & Interiors under the Courthouse that unused contingency allowance.

Com. Good, So the \$2500.00 came back to the County. We're watching and monitoring all of this closely, trust me.

Mr. Derek, Correct.

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #5 in the amount of \$165,006.45 Bid Package #1. With a remaining balance of \$1,615,255.50.

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

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #5 in the amount of \$137,880.15 Masonry. With a remaining balance of \$182,948.10.

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

Pangere Corp. - Pay App. #1 in the amount \$33,148.44 for BC #4. With a remaining balance of \$1,374,041.56.

Com. Good, What is this one for Derek?

Mr. Anderson, It's Bid Package 2 general trades contractor so he is doing all of the demo inside of the building. He is setting door frames. The first bid package we 3 bid categories so now Bid Package 2 we started with 4 and 5. You will start to see Bid Package 2 slowly come off and we'll move into Bid Package 2.

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

CORONER – CYNDI DYKES

An Amendment to the Hospital Services Agreement regarding autopsies.

Com. Good, This is our new Coroner Cyndi Dykes who came into office at the first of the year. Welcome, how are you doing today?

Ms. Dykes, Good Morning. I have an amendment to our contract that we have at Porter Regional for cat scans. Luckily we do not have to use them that often but when we do they run from \$3000.00 to \$4000.00. They typically do three different scans so it could be a \$12,000.00 cost to the Coroner's office. I negotiated a price with the hospital for \$250.00 per scan.

Com. Blaney, Good job.

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

EXPO CENTER - LORI DALY, DIRECTOR

A general contract for photography services with Trent Albert.

Com. Good, I know we have never really had an agreement with a photographer before and from time to time we would like to take pictures of things that we do to let the public know of what is going on.

Ms. Daly, I reached out to Trent because of the grand reopening event for photography. It's a 2 day event with him. He will come on Wednesday night when it's dark and the lights will be dimmed and take some pictures for marketing advertising purposes and then he will come back to do the actual grand opening / ribbon cutting as well. We do a lot of events at the Expo and like you said with all of these building renovations coming up we thought it was appropriate to get an agreement with Trent.

Atty. McClure, And this is a project by project basis.

Ms. Daly, Correct it's not a blanket. We can at any point say no we don't want to do that or negotiate.

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

Com. Good, When is your public house for everyone?

Ms. Daly, On Thursday, June 13th there is a private open house that is more of a chamber business after hour's type of event. Invitations went out. Ribbon cutting starts at 4:30 so anyone can come between 4 and 4:30. We'll do the ribbon cutting and then there will be a reception with County leadership remarks following. Then on Friday, the 14th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. we're going to do a public open house where the public can come through.

Com. Good, Friday, June 14th between and 3 and 6:00 p.m. we'll have a public open house. Everyone can come in and see the facility. Thanks Lori.

Martin Security – A monitoring agreement in the amount of \$50.00 per month.

Ms. Daly, This will come out of the Expo budget for the monitoring agreement with Martin Security. When the fire alarm goes off Martin Security calls me a lot.

Com. Biggs, does it go off a lot?

Ms. Daly, It used to and then we did some updates to it early on when I started and then it calmed down quite a bit. When Ken was out there he had some issues as well so it's been a long standing issue. It has been redesigned with the remodel but we haven't worked the kinks out yet let's just say that. We're working on it.

Com. Good, It's a work in progress on a new smoke detector system.

Com. Biggs, That is typically on them when they install it.

Ms. Daly, Correct.

Com. Biggs, If there is something going off when it's not supposed to be going off there is a flaw in its design.

Ms. Daly, The issue before was the air handler unit. The duct detectors were not in good locations so that has all been changed unfortunately right now the problem is a duct detector.

Com. Good, These big air handlers it's common.

Ms. Daly, Even when the system has 4 levels, trouble is the lowest one which is a duct detector I get a call no matter what. It doesn't dispatch anyone until it gets up to the alarm.

Com. Biggs, Duct detector.

Com. Good, There is a smoke detector that is actually inside the air handler duct and when it senses smoke inside that air handler duct it will shut the damper down so you can't feed the fire with air. They are usually very common in a lot of these bigger systems. We have a lot of them in the hotels that we run and they are cantankerous. They are very sensitive pieces of equipment and they cause some chaos sometimes. You just have to make sure they're clean and make sure they are in the right place. We have our Buildings Facilities guys that are out there trying to fire this up and they are on it too. We'll get it corrected before the end but that is just part of the startup we're going to be seeing on some of these buildings as we continue to fire up these new systems.

Com. Blaney, And construction dust.

Ms. Daly, The dust is bad.

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

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – DANIELLE GLENN

SRI – Tax Sale Services support addendum. The fee has increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00 and will be paid for by the property owner or lien buyer.

Ms. Glenn, SRI our tax sale vendor is increasing their fees from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per parcel.

Com. Blaney, And this does not get paid by the County?

Ms. Glenn, No it's paid for by the property owners or the lien buyers at the tax sale.

Com. Biggs, Do they collect any other fees other than the \$75.00 that we pay them per parcel?

Ms. Glenn, No SRI only gets the \$75.00 per parcel. We do a \$25.00 advertising fee that the County collects with each parcel to pay for the postage and the noticing for the letters.

Com. Biggs, Who pays the \$25.00?

Ms. Glenn, Again the property owner or the lien buyer at the tax sale. It doesn't cost the County any money.

Com. Biggs, Does SRI charge the property owner or the lien holder?

Ms. Glenn, No.

Com. Biggs, So the \$75.00 is what they're getting upfront per parcel?

Ms. Glenn, They don't get it up front they bill us on a pay by pay basis. When a parcel is paid for by the property owner they bill us according to how many parcels are paid per cycle and then whatever we sell to tax sale they bill us for that.

Com. Biggs, So we only get billed if they sell something?

Ms. Glenn, They sell or it gets paid for yes.

Com. Biggs, If something is not sold at the sale we don't pay.

Ms. Glenn, Correct.

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

IT DEPT. – DON WELLSAND, DIRECTOR

Adams Remco – Copier purchase agreement in the amount of \$11,839.00 for JDC. Their current copier is over 7 years old.

Com. Blaney, Can we do all of these at once Scott?

Atty. McClure, Yes.

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

Adams Remco – Copier maintenance agreement for JDC.

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

Adams Remco – Copier purchase agreement in the amount of \$11,839.00 for Juvenile Probation. Their current copier is over 7 years old.

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

Adams Remco – Copier maintenance agreement for Juvenile Probation.

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

Videotec – An agreement to provide a camera system for the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$10,602.09.

Com. Good, How many cameras?

Ms. Wellsand, We are going to put in 6 plus the 7th one will be a license plate type of camera for the gate.

Com. Good, We've had people dropping animals off out there.

Com. Blaney, Or chaining them to the fence.

Com. Good, We're going to put a camera to see if we can deter some of this.

Com. Biggs, There is nothing out there now in or out of the building?

Com. Good, No.

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

Mr. Wellsand, Just a note that I received a call from Adams Remco last week. Due to the Chinese tariffs it looks like new copy machines may be going up 25%. Just so everyone knows.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – RICH SEXTON, SUPERINTENDENT

An Additional Appropriation in the amount \$20,000.00 to Account #2310 Tires and Batteries. Money needed to replace pay loader tires.

Mr. Sexton, We have 3 pay loaders one for each district and 2 of them are the exact same age. As soon as we started to buy stone to do chip and seal the tires started cracking and they're actually dangerous to keep putting air in. We've been repairing them for \$350.00 every time. We've already got about \$5000.00 in loader tire repairs and I can replace 2 for \$6000.00.

Com. Good, We're going to be using these loaders a lot this summer. They are going to get the bulk of the work.

Mr. Sexton, Well over thousands of tons of stone.

Com. Blaney, If it ever stops raining.

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

A Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$500.00 from Account #2110 Offices Supplies to Account #2250 Other Supplies. To pay for plaques for employees who have worked for the County for 20 years or longer.

Com. Good, These are the plaques that we gave out at the luncheon a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Sexton, Yes it is.

Com. Blaney, I'm glad you're doing this. They deserve to be recognized.

Com. Good, I was amazed at how many gentlemen we having working for this County for more than 20 years.

Mr. Polarek, We have one at 40.

Mr. Sexton, This will be his 40th year and we have other guys at 31 and 33.

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

Com. Biggs, First of all I don't know why county government hasn't done this a long time ago. I really want to compliment you and your department for creating it. What the Commissioners are going to speak about here is the Highway Dept. took it upon themselves to negotiate an agreement with the Town of Chesterton and the City of Valparaiso to work together on road projects when it makes sense for both units of government. I was speaking to a couple Chesterton Town Council members and they said why haven't we done this before and I said I didn't know. It makes so much sense and hopefully other municipalities here in Porter County will follow. It just makes a lot of sense for the taxpayers and I appreciate you taking the effort to make that happen.

Mr. Sexton, Out of all of the towns in the County we only had one that didn't respond, well they just couldn't make it. That is pretty good.

Atty. McClure, This is a spinoff of us being able to do our own chip and seal. Before this we collaborated.....

Mr. Polarek, But those were contracted out so there was no benefit.

Atty. McClure, At this point now we can actually enter into these things and know our costs and be able to share that.

Mr. Sexton, We've given them an amount. I spoke to Nate McGinley in Valpo and John Schnadenburg in Chesterton and they are super excited that we can do that amount of roads for them for that cost.

Com. Biggs, We're passing that off to those municipalities.

Mr. Sexton, Plus the roads that are bordering us or we own half a lane they will help us pay for the other half and now we don't look foolish by doing just half of a road.

Com. Blaney, And having these written MOU's help us too. When we're gone the next people will be able to follow them as well.

Mr. Sexton, And we'll just renew them every year?

Mr. Gavelek, Yes, same verbiage. It's nice because we don't have to warranty our workmanship even though they know the quality we do so there is no liability for us as a County.

Atty. McClure, And we're passing along our cost whether that is hourly or materials.

Com. Good, Well I think once again it's just one more incident where the County is starting to open up and talk to other units of government and work together. If you're in the same county boundaries we need to be talking to each other. I think we're starting to see the results of that and I think we have a ways to go. It just creates efficiencies for everyone. Good job! I think this the direction we've been trying to go into as a County for the last 3 or 4 years and you are now executing that at the frontline. We appreciate that and more to come. Good job and thank you!

DEVELOPMENT & STORM WATER MNGMNT. – BOB THOMPSON, DIRECTOR

Award Bids for the following projects:

- **Bridge 135 – Old Porter Rd. over Salt Creek in the City of Portage – Bridge superstructure deck replacement. Awarded to Rieth Riley in the amount of \$673,536.54.**

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

Com. Biggs, Bob are they projecting that this will be finished before school starts?

Mr. Thompson, There is probably a chance it will not be.

Com. Biggs, Really?

Mr. Thompson, Yes.

Com. Good, This is another bridge that is on the Salt Creek tributary, which is a salmonid stream which we can only work on a certain period of time in the year which takes us up until when in the fall?

Mr. Novotney, We have a 1 month window from mid-June to mid-July to work in the stream. That is the distrain on this is for work in the stream and there is scour protection that has to go in around the existing foundation for this bridge.

Mr. Gavelek, Some good news with it Frontier did move off of the bridge so we are ready to go once it is awarded Fed Exing the contracts and we will try to get them mobilized ASAP.

Com. Biggs, And again we're keeping the city informed of all of this?

Mr. Gavelek, Yes I am.

Com. Biggs, Good.

- **Bridge 152 – Wagner Rd. over Little Calumet River and Bridge 208 – Shorewood Drive over Lake Louise – Deck rehabilitation. Awarded to Rieth Riley in the amount of \$753,310.30.**

Mr. Thompson, Bridge 152 also contains painting of the steel beams underneath the deck also. It will be cleaning and painting plus putting in an integral abutment on that particular case. They are both combined and we're recommending that Rieth Riley be awarded the contract at their bid price of \$753,310.30.

Com. Good, Can you give me a breakdown on the 152 and the 208?

Mr. Thompson, We didn't split it out it was put together.

Mr. Gavelek, It was bundled together. There was a cost savings in bundling it.

Com. Good, Would you be able to give us a differentiation between the 2?

Mr. Thompson, We could.

Com. Good, I just want to make sure I know who is getting what to a certain extent.

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

Com. Blaney, What is the time frame on those?

Mr. Gavelek, (Inaudible). We know that we're going to notify the Town of Porter and (Inaudible) with plenty of advanced notice before it shuts down, but will be meeting with them and trying to get the time frame soon.

Com. Blaney, Thank you.

- **Asphalt Pavement 1.5 inch Inlay Project – CR 400 North from 325 East to 345 East. Awarded to Walsh & Kelly in the amount of \$24,551.92.**

Com. Good, This was a Community Crossing Grant project, why don't you explain.

Mr. Gavelek, There is a couple of different types of work that we're doing on 400 N. and this was the one that the State wanted to award to us. The rest of work on 400 N. we're doing through our annual paving bids. It is just a small section but because the State awarded it in order to receive the funds we need to bid it out and do it this way it's not such a small contract.

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

Enterprise Fleet Management Agreement for 5 vehicles (2 trucks; 2 small SUVs and 1 mid-sized sedan).

Mr. Thompson, Scott and I met with Enterprise and I was also speaking with Mike regarding our department needs. Enterprise is a fleet management company. What they would do is essentially sell us the vehicles and they would monitor it so when the vehicle hit a "sweet spot" as they called it which is generally 50,000 miles then they would come in and replace the vehicle and bring in a new one for us. We wanted to try this for that reason because it is going to be breaking it out on a monthly cost or yearly cost that we have for the vehicles. Then we will know exactly what we need to budget for from all of these items on this.

Atty. McClure, The one thing you're missing is not only the cost of the vehicle it's the fixed maintenance that is included. So we're getting 5 vehicles, we're paying one dollar amount for those 5. It looks like a lease but we technically own the vehicle but the fixed maintenance on the vehicles are included and then through the fleet management process when those vehicles get to the appropriate mileage and age for resale value we are then piggy backing upon the price that we pay for vehicles after our government reduction or savings and be able to turn those around because they're managed and sell them at the right time to sell them and then turn around and use that equity on the next purchase.

Mr. Thompson, Correct, I guess to give an example of the equity we're going to be getting rid of 3 vehicles. There are 2 Ford trucks that we've had, I believe they are 2013 models and a Taurus. They are predicting a very conservative number of \$19,000.00 that we will get for that. That \$19,000.00 would be rolled into equity for that particular year and then it's knocked off of our payment. So we're getting rid of 3 vehicles but we're picking up 5 because of the fact that we have a need for additional vehicles up there.

Com. Good, The County in the past has always gone out and had a rotation of vehicles and they would just buy them. They would run the other vehicles out until they were at high mileage and then we would take them to the Sheriff's sale and we would get nothing for them. What we're doing now is bringing in a system so we can get rid of these vehicles when they still have a higher value on them. We've done the math if you let them run out and you insure them from 75,000 to 125,000 miles. This is more economical for the County and it puts our people in a more current vehicle. We just bought 4 big trucks for the Highway Dept. and we were letting them go until they could hardly run. We were getting nothing for them. These last 3 trucks that we traded in we received quite a bit of money for them in the trade-in so the dollars were less taxing on the County. Plus we have our guys in better equipment. When you're doing 816 miles of road you better have good equipment out there. We don't want to leave these guys stranded out there in the winter months. It's just a new direction that we're heading, we think we're going to save the County money and we think we're going to put ourselves in a better situation. I know Jim has met with these folks as well.

Com. Biggs, Bob we don't have a large cash outlay either with this do we?

Mr. Thompson, No we're looking I think with these 5 vehicles I think it's like \$23,000.00 or \$24,000.00 a year that we'll be paying.

Atty. McClure, At the very conservative \$19,000 for the 3 vehicles that we're selling, \$25,173.00 a year is what we're paying, so we're not having a large.....

Mr. Thompson, If they sell those vehicles this first year it's only going to be \$8,000.00/\$9,000.00.

Com. Biggs, If we went out and bought a single pickup truck it would have been more than \$25,000.00.

Mr. Thompson, Right.

Atty. McClure, And the other nice thing is because we are County government is that from now on instead of guessing in July for budget hearings in October what we're going to buy or not buy for a department. At this point from a budgetary standpoint if this continues and this is the first step to give this thing a test drive, no pun intended to see how well it goes, but at some point we can get ourselves down to a known number every year at budget time that includes vehicle cost and upkeep, which is the other important part of it.

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

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

Vacation of right-of-way in Sievers Park Subdivision – Petitioner is Ronald & Janet Holsclaw - 1st Reading.

Mr. Thompson, As mentioned this is in the Sievers Creek Subdivision. The applicant is Ron Holsclaw and he is requesting to vacate a platted right-of-way within the said subdivision. To give an idea to the Commissioners the parcels to the east all of this particular platted right-of-way already vacated out there. It is unimproved. It separates smaller lots. What they are requesting to do is vacate this particular right-of-way so they can combine all of the parcels into one on it. There are no improvements. We did call the utility to locate people and there are no utilities out on this. We are recommending approval on this.

Com. Good, Are the applicants in the audience?

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Good, First call is there anyone wishing to speak against this vacation? Second call anyone wishing to speak against this vacation? Third and final call is there anyone wishing to speak against this vacation? First call is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of this vacation?

Mr. Holsclaw, Ron Holsclaw 124 E. 632 N. I would just like to vacate the property so I can combine the property that I bought behind it. As Mr. Thompson said it is vacated, there is nothing back there. Everyone to the east of me has already had theirs vacated several years ago. I'm one of the last in the line. The property came up for sale so I bought it so that is why I want to do it.

Com. Good, Thank you. Second call anyone wishing to speak for this vacation? Third and final call anyone wishing to speak in favor of this vacation?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Biggs, moved to approve on 1st Reading, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, We will be voting on this at our next Commissioners' meeting for 2nd Reading and that is when you will have your final approval.

Eagle View Subdivision zoning amendment – amending written commitments – 1st Reading.

Mr. Thompson, This is Plan Commission Resolution 19-05. The Petitioner is J.K. Investments, LLC of Eagle View Subdivision. This is an amendment to the written commitments for the original rezoning. The original rezoning rezoned as parcel to a multiple family which is now designated as a Par 4 by the UDO. The Plan Commission heard this at their April 24th hearing date and gave it a favorable recommendation by a 6 – 0 vote. Essentially what this does is amends the written commitment where there is 37 multiple family units that can be built on this particular parcel. They are requesting to add 3 to move it up to 40 and this is what the Plan Commission sent forward with a favorable recommendation.

Com. Good, 6 - 0?

Mr. Thompson, Yes this one was 6 - 0.

Com. Biggs, Where is this at exactly?

Mr. Thompson, It is just north of Aberdeen on the west side of 250 W. south of 100 N.

Com. Blaney, There are already buildings on the other side of the road.

Com. Biggs, Are you okay with it.

Com. Blaney, Yes, we've been over there. It is not an easy location to deal with but I think they've done it the best way possible.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Good, First call is there anyone wishing to speak against this zoning amendment? Second call anyone wishing to speak against this zoning amendment? Third and final call is there anyone wishing to speak against this zoning amendment? First call is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of this zoning amendment? Second call anyone wishing to speak for this zoning amendment? Third and final call anyone wishing to speak in favor of this zoning amendment?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Blaney, moved to approve on 1st Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, The 2nd Reading will be on our next meeting.

A rezone from A1 General Agriculture to I3 Heavy Industrial – Petitioner Co-Alliance zoning amendment request – 1st Reading.

Com. Good, I believe this is the Malden Co-op on Hwy. 49. Bob would you care to take us through this?

Mr. Thompson, This is Plan Commissioner Resolution 19-04. The Petitioner is Co-Alliance, LLP. They are requesting a portion of their parcel to be rezoned from A1, General Agricultural to I3, Heavy Industrial District. This is just the very south portion of it, they're already zoned probably the north two-thirds of their parcel is already zoned I3 for this particular use that they have in there. They are proposing a liquid fertilizer distribution facility on this. Plan Commission at their April 24th hearing forwarded this to the County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation with the inclusion of written commitments. The written commitments are that that under the I3 zoning district that it be kept to only the agricultural uses within that particular zoning district and the petitioner has agreed to that. They forward that up to the Commissioners with a 5 – 0 favorable recommendation.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Good, First call is there anyone wishing to speak against this rezoning? Second call anyone wishing to speak against this rezoning? Third and final call is there anyone wishing to speak against this rezoning? First call is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of this rezoning? Second call anyone wishing to speak for this rezoning? Third and final call anyone wishing to speak in favor of this rezoning?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Biggs, It makes sense to me that is what you do over there.

Unknown Speaker, It is in a large area of agriculture.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve on 1st Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, This will be on the next Commissioners' meeting for 2nd Reading.

PORTER COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL – DAWN PELC & CHRIS BUYER

Comprehensive Community Plan

Com. Good, Hi Dawn how are you doing today?

Ms. Pelc, Good how are you?

Com. Good, Great, would you like to give us a brief overview?

Ms. Pelc, I come before you today to ask for your approval of the County Comprehensive Community Plan. This is the plan for the community as far as substance abuse and what we're going to be addressing. This is actually an update. It's the last plan and then next year we will have a new one. It will probably most likely be the same trending drugs because we still have a lot of work to do with what we have on our plate right now.

Com. Biggs, I would assume it doesn't drastically vary from what we've approved in the past.

Ms. Pelc, No it's actually the same plan it's just updated statistics and data that is all.

Com. Biggs, I look forward to that day when we don't need to do this anymore.

Ms. Pelc, We do too.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Comprehensive Community Plan, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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