

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 28, 2019**

The Porter County Council met on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center, 155 Indiana-Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

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

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

Mr. Whitten, Thank you very much. Councilman Rivas unfortunately has a funeral this evening his Father-in-law passed away and he asked that I let everyone know why he wasn't here. And Councilman Simms is coming back from Washington DC with a bus load of High School kids.

Mr. Poparad, Trainload.

Mr. Whitten, Yes trainload of High School kids...

Mr. Poparad, It was Amtrak.

Mr. Whitten, so he was also unable to make it.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Council minutes for April 23rd, 2019. Council Executive Board minutes February 11, 2019 and the Budget minutes for September 24, 2018 and October 30, 2018.

Mr. Whitten, Next on the agenda is our approval of Council minutes for April 23rd, 2019. What is your pleasure?

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a couple of seconds any changes or comments?

Mr. Whitten, Hearing none all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The minutes are approved.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

**First Reading**

Mr. Whitten, Madam Auditor first reading?

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 May 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following appropriation adjustments affecting county budgets for the year 2019 and to transact any further business which might come before the Council:

General Fund				
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General Courts	1000-31300-000-0226	Training and Education	\$	1,000.00
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Cumulative Bridge Fund				
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Cumulative Bridge	1135-44200-000-0079	Motor Vehicles	\$	9,000.00
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Motor Vehicle Highway Fund				
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Motor Vehicle Highway	1176-23100-000-0530	Tires and Batteries	\$	20,000.00
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Storm Water Fund				
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Storm Water	1182-44200-000-0079	Motor Vehicles	\$	9,000.00
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Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund				
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Surveyor's Perpetuation	1202-11100-000-0006	Salaries	\$	8,000.00
Surveyor's Perpetuation	1202-12100-000-0006	FICA	\$	612.00
Surveyor's Perpetuation	1202-12300-000-0006	PERF	\$	896.00
			\$	9,508.00

Drug Task Force Fund				
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Drug Task Force	4010-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$	5,000.00
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Inmate Processing Fee Fund				
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Inmate Processing Fee	4911-45100-000-0380	Data Processing Equipment	\$	2,000.00
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Virtual Pathways Agreement Fund				
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Virtual Pathways	4924-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$	10,000.00
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PC-Sheriff Hwy Interdiction Fund				
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PC-Sheriff Hwy Interdiction	4925-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$	15,000.00
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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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**Circuit Court – Judge Harper**

**Circuit Court General Fund 11000-000-0232**

Transfer \$4,000 from 39780 Care of Patients and Inmates to 11200 Hourly. Reason: Needed to cover part-time Law Clerk.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you Madam Auditor, the next thing on the agenda is Circuit Court with Judge Harper for a General fund transfer of \$4,000 dollars from

39780 Care of Patients and Inmates to 11200 Hourly need to cover part-time Law Clerk.

Ms. Graham, Moved to approve

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, any comments or questions? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Judge Mary Harper, Thank you very much it was a pleasure to see you all.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you and you too.

Ms. Graham, Same here always.

### **General Courts – Roger Bradford**

#### **County Court General Fund - 1000-000-0226**

Additional \$1,000 to 31300 Training and Education. Reason: Money needed for additional mandatory conferences.

Mr. Whitten, General Courts Judge Bradford. General fund County Court additional \$1,000 dollars to Training and Education the money is needed for additional mandatory conferences.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

Judge Roger Bradford, Thank you all.

Mr. Whitten, Have a good evening Judge.

### **Assessor**

#### **Reassessment Fund - 1188-000-0008**

Transfer \$1,500 from 44400 Furniture/Fixtures Over \$100 to 44100 Office Equipment over \$100. Reason: Need transfer to buy cameras for reassessment. We used the used all the money previously in there to buy a video camera for PTABOA.

Mr. Whitten, Next is our Assessor. Reassessment fund a transfer of \$1,500 dollars from Furniture/Fixtures over \$100 to Office Equipment over \$100 need transfer to buy cameras for reassessment.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion is there a second?

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Any comments or questions? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Assessor Supervisor Mary Dambek, Alright thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Have a good night.

## **Development and Storm Water**

### **Storm Water**

#### **Storm Water Fund - 1182-000-0079**

Additional \$9,000 to 44200 Motor Vehicles. Reason: To purchase fleet vehicle for department.

Mr. Whitten, Development and Storm Water additional \$9,000 dollars to Motor Vehicles to purchase fleet vehicle for departments. How is it going?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Hello.

Development & Storm Water Engineer Mike Novotney, Good evening.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make a motion.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion on the floor to approve.

Mr. Poparad, No, no to get to discussion.

Mr. Larson, Oh to get to discussion ok.

Mr. Whitten, Ok do we have a motion to approve or deny?

Mr. Poparad, Oh, I'm sorry.

Mr. Whitten, What is your motion Bob?

Mr. Poparad, I want to talk about it first.

Mr. Whitten, So you can make a motion to approve it or deny it.

Mr. Poparad, Ok I'll make a to deny it to talk about it.

Mr. Whitten, We've got a motion to deny on the floor is there a second? I understand what you are trying to do here but you have got to choose.

Ms. Graham, I'll second it.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion to deny with a second on the floor. Discussion Bob?

Mr. Poparad, \$9,000 so you are going to take half out of bridge and half out of this?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, You remember now we've got people from the Highway Engineering fund we've got Plan Commission members

and we have Storm Water we are looking at getting five (5) vehicles on this. We recently have been sitting down talking with Enterprise Fleet Management System and the Commissioners wanted to try our department this. Basically we split it three ways going across the board with Engineering, Storm Water and Plan Commission for these vehicles. We are replacing three (3) vehicles but we are getting a total of five (5).

Mr. Poparad, Are you leasing them?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's a lease agreement and maintenance agreement too. What this is...I mean essentially we are going to get title for these.

Mr. Poparad, So it's a lease purchase?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's a lease purchase yes.

Mr. Jessen, It's a pre-paid lease actually.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Instead of...

Mr. Poparad, What?

Mr. Jessen, It's a pre-paid lease.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right, instead of waiting until these vehicles just are rattling down the road and falling apart what we do in this situation there is a sweet spot that they are going to have on this when these hit 50,000 miles they are going to take them from us and we are going to get new vehicles on it and then they are going to sell the vehicle at 50,000 miles then that money that they sell it for rolls back into us and we get equity. The three vehicles that we do have that we are going to have replaced this year they are two (2) Ford trucks and also a Taurus, they are predicting conservatively that we're going to get \$19,000 for this. This \$19,000 dollars is equity that will roll back into it so out of the \$25,000 dollars we are only going to have maybe \$6,000 dollars payment this year, but I went ahead and put in for the full amount going across because we have these fleet vehicles on that so that way somebody from Highway Engineering, Plan Commission or Storm Water could just run out and grab a key and we've got the vehicle for them.

Ms. Graham, How many vehicles do you have in this fleet now or how many vehicles do you have currently?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Currently we have seven (7) but we will probably going to have to go...we are going to have to go up to nine (9). We are getting new employees we're going to need this.

Mr. Jessen, You have seven (7) currently?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Seven (7) currently.

Mr. Jessen, And we are talking about currently getting five (5) additional above the seven (7)?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, No three (3) of them are going to be replaced and there is going to be two (2) new.

Mr. Jessen, So a total of nine (9)

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right.

Ms. Graham, And what year did we last purchase some? Was that a couple of years ago?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, We purchased on for Storm Water and we're trying for the five (5) vehicles here that Storm Water one Mike drives in but if anybody needs a vehicle...

Ms. Graham, So these are all parked here?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Yes, to give you an idea I walked out today and I needed a vehicle to get up to NIRPC and I had to drive my own personal vehicle instead of driving one of the fleet vehicles. Why, because we had all the fleet vehicles out in the field looking at stuff whether it was drainage or whether it was Highway or it was Plan Commission or Code Enforcement Building it was out there. We need vehicles either that or we start charging for mileage and use our personal vehicles so that's the reason why we are doing this. We are doing this as a experiment with Enterprise Fleet Management and we went through and...

Mr. Poparad, This says purchase, it doesn't say lease.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It does, it's a lease/purchase like you said. We've been working through what the Commissioners on this and they just recently signed the contract for these.

Mr. Jessen, It's my impression though with that process we won't actually own the vehicles.

Mr. Poparad, That's right.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Everything that Scott tells me, I asked about that...

Mr. Whitten, Well it's a lease purchase...something is not working here.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, We will have these vehicles they are ours.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah.

Mr. Whitten, So the contracts have all been signed to do this?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Correct.

Ms. Graham, Oh did anybody here on the Council know anything about that?

Mr. Jessen, I did because I was at the Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Whitten, Oh ok were you asked about it there?

Mr. Jessen, I was not asked about it specifically.

Mr. Whitten, Just curious. So no-one specifically talked to you about it or anything like that you just happened to be at the meeting?

Mr. Jessen, I was at the meeting.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Mr. Poparad, Why don't we buy them?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Why?

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Are you going to allow us to trade these things in? Number one they are going to trade it in, when we finally get rid of these vehicles there are over 100,000 miles on it. They're crap let's face it they

are absolute crap and what do they do they go down to the Sheriff's in the sale and do we see any of that money? No and then we end up dumping \$25,000 dollars. I need two (2) vehicles right now...so right now I would be looking at \$50,000 dollars to be able to get this year two (2) new vehicles I got to have them.

Ms. Graham, The papers are already signed you said.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson,

Mr. Poparad, No, no I'm sorry and Bob calm down...calm down.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Alright.

Mr. Whitten, Alright hold on...hold on.

Mr. Poparad, Why aren't we buying these vehicles? Nobody has answered that question.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, This is something...

Mr. Poparad, You realize I own 80 trucks?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, I know.

Mr. Poparad, So let's not get into this discussion about leasing versus purchasing.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Alright.

Mr. Whitten, Can you give him a couple of them?

(Laughter)

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, This is something that the Commissioners requested that we look into. They were looking at this as a possibility. The maintenance is covered by Enterprise.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Everything is covered by Enterprise 50,000 miles....

Mr. Poparad, Except normal wear and tear brakes and tires won't be covered.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right, you are right that is not covered. Oil changes won't be covered...everything like that.

Mr. Poparad, Right normal maintenance.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, And after 50,000 miles they'll take those vehicles they'll sell them and all that money that they sell it for rolls back into us as equity.

Mr. Poparad, But then you have to turn around and release vehicles. They are not going to give you a check for \$19,000 dollars.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, What ends of happening and I mentioned in this situation our annual fee and also it helps with budgeting.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, I know the exact amount that I'm going to have to budget every year. Right now within the budget there is

absolutely no line item for vehicles so if you want me to go out and purchase them we will go out and purchase them.

Mr. Poparad, No I'm just saying

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, But I'm rolling in \$50,000 dollars into these accounts because I have got to have vehicles this year. So that's one of the reasons that we are looking into it.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, So this equity rolls in this \$19,000 dollars that they are predicting...

Mr. Poparad, Now wait a minute you keep circling back to that.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right.

Mr. Poparad, The \$19,000 dollars from Enterprise you will not get a check.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, No.

Mr. Poparad, That will go towards the next vehicles we lease.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, No it will go to these vehicles that we are purchasing now.

Mr. Poparad, But we are not purchasing them we are leasing them.

Mr. Whitten, Well that's the difference...that's a subtle difference I'm hearing three different terms here. I'm hearing lease, I'm hearing pre-paid lease and then I'm hearing lease purchase. Those are very different contractual arrangements so...

Mr. Jessen, My impression is we will not have title to that car, is that true?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, I was told by Scott McClure our attorney that for all intents and purposes we own the vehicles. He is the one that sat down and worked out this with me with Enterprise and looking at this. Will we see a check from Enterprise for \$19,000 dollars? No.

Mr. Poparad, No.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Basically our \$25,000 dollars that we would have to pay for one (1) year they will roll it back in and then we would only have to pay the remainder \$8,000 or whatever.

Mr. Poparad, They are going to sell the trucks and apply that money toward the lease. You are trading in basically three...?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Three.

Mr. Poparad, And they are going to sell them and apply that money to the lease on the five (5).

Mr. Whitten, Right so we have a motion to deny on the floor with a second, any other question? We are about to take...

Mr. Jessen, Dan if I could...so the amount that you are asking for tonight to go towards this lease it's the \$9,000 plus the \$9,000...

Mr. Poparad, That's all I see.

Mr. Jessen, For a total of \$18,000?



Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, No there is Plan Commission, there is Highway Engineering under the Bridge fund and then the Storm Water.

Mr. Jessen, So \$27,000...

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, So we are looking at \$27,000 dollars because I think for the one year the fee is \$25,000 dollars and change.

Mr. Poparad, The only thing that you have on the agenda is the Plan Commission and...

Mr. Whitten, No there is three on there.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, No there is three.

Mr. Poparad, I'm sorry.

Mr. Whitten, Let me give you a virtual tour down the agenda.

Mr. Poparad, Then I missed it.

Mr. Whitten, We've got the additional from Cumulative Bridge, then we've got the transfer...

Mr. Poparad, Oh I see I'm sorry...ok. Is there unlimited mileage?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, How much is the mileage fee? Do they charge a mileage fee?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, No everything that I saw in the contract no.

Mr. Poparad, Just so much a month?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's so much a month and when the vehicle hits 50,000 miles they take it and get us a new one and whatever they sell it for that rolls into the equity.

Mr. Poparad, What is the term of the lease?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, As far as?

Mr. Poparad, How many years?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's based off of the mileage as I mentioned. If we drive a vehicle in one year that's 50,000 miles it could be one year.

Mr. Whitten, I have got to see these leases and look through them.

Mr. Jessen, Do you have a copy by chance Bob?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, I have it upstairs...I can send it to everybody.

Mr. Larson, Can we table this?

Mr. Poparad, I will withdraw my motion.

Ms. Graham, I will withdraw my second.

Mr. Whitten, Alright so the motion to deny and the second has been withdrawn. Now I need another motion?

Mr. Poparad, They already signed it.

Ms. Graham, Yeah this is what I would like to see...

Mr. Whitten, I need a motion? Anybody want to make a motion?

Mr. Jessen, Yes I move that we on the specific additional for the...

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, If you want to see the agreements fine table it. I have them upstairs we have not submitted them to Enterprise because I was waiting for this vote.

Ms. Graham, Well Mr. Thompson I...

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, If you want to see the agreements I have no problems with that. I'm just saying I need two vehicles now.

Mr. Jessen, I move that we table it then.

Mr. Whitten, Alright there is a motion to table on the floor.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second.

Mr. Larson, Is there a time constraint Bob against this?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, None. If they order the vehicles it's looking like September to October before we get these things if they are new and if they order them directly from the factory.

Mr. Poparad, Are they just pick-up trucks?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, No I've got two (2) pick-up trucks, I've got one (1) mid-sized sedan and two (2) small SUV's.

Ms. Graham, And they are all just going to be parked here in the garage?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, They are going to be parked in the garage none of them are take home vehicles they are fleet.

Mr. Whitten, Where there are a few questions that probably need to be ironed out here certainly before I'm willing to vote for this but it seems some others...like there is some degree of confusion as to the terms and nature of the contracts. So at this point there is a motion to table with a second, any other discussion? All those in favor of the motion to table the additional \$9,000 dollars from Storm Water Fund signify by saying Aye? Opposed? It's tabled.

Motion to table carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Ok.

### **Plan Commission**

#### **Cumulative Bridge Fund - 1135-000-0079**

Additional \$9,000 to 44200 Motor Vehicles. Reason: To purchase fleet vehicle for department.

Transfer \$6,000 from 23610 Culverts to 44400 Furniture/Fixtures Over \$100. Reason: To purchase new desks and chairs for new employees.

Transfer \$7,800 from 31200 Consultants to 11100 Salaries. Reason: For salary of new Project Manager 1.

**Form 144**

\$0 to \$7,800 Project Manager 1

Reason: Salary for new Project Manager 1

**Plan Commission Fund - 1180-000-0079**

Transfer \$9,000 from 11200 Hourly to 44200 Motor Vehicles. Reason: To purchase fleet vehicle for department.

Mr. Whitten, Now let's go to the Planning Commission Cumulative Bridge Fund there is also an additional \$9,000 dollars I assume we are doing the same thing?

Mr. Jessen, Motion to table

Ms. Graham, Yes second.

Mr. Whitten, Do you want to encompass into that the transfer of \$9,000 dollars from the Plan Commission?

Mr. Jessen, That would make sense yes.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion to table the two remaining \$9,000 dollars requests for the additional from Cumulative Bridge Fund and the transfer from Plan Commission Fund. Is there a second?

Ms. Graham, Yes I second it.

Mr. Whitten, There is a second to the motion, all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have those two are requests are also tabled.

Motion to table carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, Hey Bob in the meantime if you would be so kind as to get us copies of all of those things and we will just take a look at it.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, I will send those to you. I would be more than happy to sure.

Mr. Poparad, Do you guys pay...do you have a mileage fund so that if you did have to use a personal vehicle we would pay mileage?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Yes we do.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Not for the Highway Engineers for Plan Commission and I believe...I would have to check on Storm Water I do know we have it on Plan Commission but I don't know about the other engineering sides.

Development & Storm Water Engineer Mike Novotney, Small

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Mike just told me that we do have a small amount on Storm Water.

Mr. Poparad, Well we obviously have to reimburse somebody if they use their personal vehicle.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, This won't happen...if this is May and they won't deliver it until September or October?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, If they order the vehicles directly from the factory yes.

Mr. Jessen, I would think that to have obviously a better understanding what the lease is it would make sense if Scott was here for instance...

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right.

Mr. Jessen, Or one of the Commissioners perhaps. The idea of a pre-paid lease we didn't create that it's a process that is out there and it can work very successfully and it ultimately can be a cost savings.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right.

Mr. Jessen, But I think it's important to take a look at what that is before we take action on it. But to me it begs the question a little bit because we are talking about vehicles overall so it's kind of a sidetracked note and I think it would be helpful for all the Council Members to as we look at vehicles throughout the County is there and here is my request is there a master list of those vehicles...

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, Those vehicles, who's driving them, what's the criteria for that and can we have that presented to us?

Mr. Whitten, There is such a list because as you may recall sometime ago...some years ago when they pulled the list up is when they discovered that there were vehicles on there that were being insured that we no longer owned.

Mr. Poparad, Yes or wrecked.

Mr. Whitten, Yes wrecked or gone.

Mr. Jessen, So I would like to confirm that we are not falling into that same trap and to make sure that we know how many vehicles that we have throughout the county.

Mr. Poparad, I'm not against them getting vehicles.

Mr. Jessen, Right.

Mr. Poparad, Even if you think you need a couple more...I don't know if leasing is in our best interest this isn't a business. I don't understand where the push was to lease versus just buying it.

Mr. Whitten, Well let's take a look at what they looked at.

Mr. Poparad, I mean forget the details the principal the big concept \$30,000 dollars I mean we don't lease squad cars. Why do we not just buy the truck or whatever you need?

Mr. Whitten, Yes those are all wonderful questions that we'll need to stay tuned.

Mr. Poparad, But they already signed it? Was it pending our vote?

Ms. Graham, I don't know they signed it.

Mr. Jessen, It's not submitted and that's the bottom line right?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's not submitted.

Mr. Whitten, I'm sure it was pending approval, they have been pretty good about that.

**Cumulative Bridge Fund - 1135-000-0079**

Transfer \$6,000 from 23610 Culverts to 44400 Furniture/Fixtures Over \$100.  
Reason: To purchase new desks and chairs for new employees.

Transfer \$7,800 from 31200 Consultants to 11100 Salaries. Reason: For salary of new Project Manager 1.

**Form 144**

\$0 to \$7,800 Project Manager 1

Reason: Salary for new Project Manager 1

Mr. Whitten, So let's go to the next thing on the agenda which is a transfer of \$6,000 dollars from culverts to furniture/fixtures over \$100 to purchase new desks and chairs for new employees. What's your pleasure?

Mr. Larson, Motion

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, So a motion and second for this transfer, any discussion on this? Hearing none please signify by saying Aye? Did you have a question Sylvia?

Ms. Graham, Well just for clarification how many more employees are you talking about? Two or three?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Currently two.

Ms. Graham, Two.

Mr. Poparad, Full time?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Currently two.

Mr. Poparad, Full time?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, One is part-time and one would be full-time.

Mr. Whitten, How many desks and chairs does \$6,000 dollars get us?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, We are having to come back in next month and ask for a little bit more on this.

Ms. Graham, Really?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Because we're already putting in...we have no...yes to hire the part-time secretary there was place or no station for her. If we hire the project manager there is no station for him so we are looking at actually setting up pods like we have in the section for the Highway Engineering where we put four of them together. We have some space that is probably underutilized where the Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement Officer sit so we are going to set up a couple of pods there. We are also going to set up a couple of interns in there we have two (2) interns now and possible a third intern, again no spot to put them.

Mr. Whitten, So with tonight's transfer request how many are you anticipating buying with that?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, I think the total bill for what we're looking at could be close to \$10,000 dollars this will probably get us three work stations.

Mr. Whitten, For \$10,000 dollars?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right...well \$10,000 if we go to the total \$10,000 I'm going to be back for \$4,000 dollars next. It's probably looking at three new desks and the electrical outlets with also the cubicles and everything for them.

Mr. Whitten, Ok any other questions guys? Let's take this vote again, all in favor of the transfer signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Transfer is approved.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, Transfer \$7,800 from Consultants to Salaries for salary of new Project Manager 1. Along with that is the Form 144 from \$0 to \$7,800 Project Manager I for the salary of the new Project Manager. What is your pleasure with this request?

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second to approve?

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, What question do you have with this?

Mr. Poparad, Where is the rest of the salary for this project?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's in the Highway Administration fund right now.

Mr. Poparad, What is there salary going to be?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It will be \$65,000 dollars.

Mr. Whitten, So when we did the budget you...

Mr. Poparad, Is this a new position?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's been in the position...it's been in the budget...

Mr. Whitten, Let me finish my question.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Alright I am sorry.

Mr. Whitten, Then we will move on so when we did the budget you anticipated a salary that was \$7,800 dollars less when we created the position? Is that what it is and then you decided that it needs to be \$7,800 dollars higher than was budgeted?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, We've had this position vacant now for one year.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Alright, we do have a candidate and to be able to get this candidate this is an offer that we are trying to make to get this candidate in. We have been struggling to try to find a candidate that

is qualified for this position for the past year. The person that last held this position was Rich Sexton and as you know that he has left and gone over and become the Highway Superintendent, so we have had this position vacant.

Mr. Whitten, So that is a yes to my question? That we had it budgeted with less and you are coming in and asking for \$7,800?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, What was it budgeted for?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It was at \$57,000 dollars and some change basically.

Mr. Poparad, \$57,200 dollars?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes \$57,200 dollars.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right.

Mr. Whitten, I just want to get a little history here.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Sure.

Mr. Poparad, So we are going to \$65,000 dollars?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, \$65,000 dollars.

Mr. Poparad, Will this come out of Highway or is this coming out of Cumulative Bridge?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, The \$57,200 dollars is coming out the Highway Administrative and then this is coming out of Cumulative Bridge.

Ms. Graham, So this will be the Highway Engineer or?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Yes, it will be in the Highway Engineering section.

Development & Storm Water Engineer Mike Novotney, Yes the Project Manager Sylvia in Highway.

Ms. Graham, Thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Who has been fulfilling those duties since we don't have a person doing this?

Development & Storm Water Engineer Mike Novotney, It's a team effort

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, It's a team effort.

Development & Storm Water Engineer Mike Novotney, Myself, Matt Gavelek our Highway Engineer.

Mr. Whitten, How much is in that Cumulative Bridge Fund?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right now we are having to hire consultants to cover this work if we are doing it and to give you an idea...we are going to have to spend...

Mr. Whitten, \$1.8 million dollars

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, we're looking to save a \$100,000 dollars this year on consultants..

Mr. Jessen, By filling this position with the right person and paying the right pay...

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, By filling this position

Mr. Jessen, We'll be able to save that money and then some from consultant fees?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right.

Mr. Larson, That was the entire discussion right Bob?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Right.

Mr. Larson, Was that the fees that we were paying far exceeded what we were going to spend.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Exactly.

Mr. Whitten, Well we've got about \$1.8 million in the Cumulative Bridge fund, correct Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Alright are there any other questions on this?

Mr. Poparad, So this is not a mid-year raise you are trying to recruit?

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, We are trying to recruit.

Mr. Larson, Right it's a hire.

Development & Storm Water Director Bob Thompson, Exactly we do not have anybody in this position.

Mr. Whitten, Ok that answers my questions anybody else have any? Can I get a roll call as to the transfer and the 144 please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

## **Highway**

### **Motor Vehicle Highway Fund - 1176-000-0530**

Additional \$20,000 to 23100 Tires and Batteries. Reason: Money needed to replace payloaders tires.

Transfer \$500 from 21100 Office Supplies to 22500 Other Supplies. Reason: To pay for plaques for employees that have worked for the county for 20 years or longer.



Mr. Whitten, Highway we have a couple of things here we have a \$20,000 additional to Motor Vehicle Highway Fund to Tires and Batteries money needed to replace payloader tires and \$500 dollars to pay for plaques for employees that have worked for the county for 20 years or longer.

Mr. Larson, Motion

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, I assume for the additional and the transfer?

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Any discussion on this?

Mr. Jessen, Yes a side quick question just for my information for the plaques and the acknowledgement of the employee it's a wonderful thing to do and it's a real positive thing.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, We have two employees one has 31 years, one has 33 years and one this will be his 40<sup>th</sup> year in August.

Ms. Graham, Wow.

Mr. Jessen, So I complement you on starting that, if we haven't had something like that it's long overdue. The question is throughout the other departments in the County do we have similar programs or are there procedures or policies set up for how we arrange that does anybody know?

Mr. Whitten, I think it varies by department to department actually.

Ms. Graham, I think 911 is doing something

Mr. Whitten, Most people don't last that long.

Mr. Jessen, I think we have long term employees throughout the county.

Ms. Graham, A person of 40 plus years deserves at least a plaque.

Mr. Jessen, Oh yes, I'm just saying that it's something good for the Highway Department maybe it would be good for another department.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, The Sheriff's department was here when I first took over and they were recognizing some long term employees.

Ms. Graham, So was E-911

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, I was like why wouldn't we do that...I have a Forty year guy and I have thirty year guys. I think we ended up giving out 18 or 19 plaques to the staff.

Mr. Jessen, That's a great idea

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, There is thirty-eight drivers so half of them have over twenty years of experience.

Mr. Whitten, That's awesome.

Ms. Graham, We've got a motion...

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, any other discussion? Hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Thank you very much.

Mr. Jessen, Thanks Rich.

Ms. Graham, Thank you for the updates and thorough reports that you have been giving us.

### **Sheriff**

#### **Sheriff General Fund – 1000-000-0005**

- Porter County Sheriff 2018 Compensation Agreement
- Porter County Sheriff 2019 Compensation Agreement

Ms. Graham, The Sheriff is in town.

Mr. Whitten, Sheriff we have got a couple of things to deal with...well several things. General Fund Sheriff 0005 Porter County Sheriff 2018 Compensation Agreement and Porter County Sheriff 2019 Compensation Agreement.

Mr. Poparad, He didn't get paid last year?

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, No

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, No

Mr. Poparad, Oh shoot...thanks.

Ms. Graham, How did we miss that.

Mr. Poparad, I wasn't here thanks Dave.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, I'm glad you are back Bob.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Poparad, For both of them.

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second for both of them, no discussion?

Mr. Larson, No.

Mr. Whitten, Roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

Mr. Whitten, Congratulations you're still being paid Sheriff.

**Drug Task Force Fund - 4010-000-0005**

Additional \$5,000 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason: For wireless access point and service

Mr. Whitten, Drug Task Force additional \$5,000 to other equipment for wireless access point and service. What's your pleasure?

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

**Virtual Pathways Education Fund - 4924-000-005**

Additional \$10,000 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason: CSI Equipment

Mr. Whitten, Virtual Pathways Education Fund additional \$10,000 to other equipment.

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, There is a motion and a second on the floor, roll call on this please.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

**Porter County Highway Interdiction Team (PCHIT) - 4925-000-0005**

Additional \$15,000 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason: For radars and car camera equipment

Mr. Whitten, Porter County Highway Interdiction Team \$15,000 to other equipment for radars and car camera equipment.

Mr. Jessen, So moved.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a couple of seconds, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

**Jail**

**Inmate Processing Fee Fund - 4911-000-0380**

Additional \$2,000 to 45100 Data Processing Equipment. Reason: Printer and printing supplies for FileonQ our evidence equipment purchased in 2018

Mr. Whitten, Jail Inmate Processing Fee fund additional \$2,000 to Data Processing Equipment for Printer and printing supplies for FileonQ our evidence equipment purchased in 2018.

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Larson, Move.

Mr. Whitten, A couple of motions is there a second?

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second, any discussion? Hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

Mr. Whitten, Did you have questions about that Bob?

Mr. Poparad, The numbers don't line up with what I read? One says \$149,000 the other says \$152,000.

Mr. Whitten, I think he got a raise in there Bob.

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, He got a raise.

Mr. Jessen, That's two different years.

Mr. Poparad, Yes that's what I was wondering.

Mr. Jessen, The higher one is 2019.

Mr. Poparad, Which one are we signing?

Mr. Larson, You just wanted to say that number out loud.

Mr. Whitten, Well we approved both years, one is 2018 and one's 2019.

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, One is 2018 for housecleaning because...

Mr. Whitten, We went back they are not the same.

Mr. Jessen, The current is 2019.

Mr. Poparad, I understand that this is 2019.

Mr. Whitten, One is for 2019 and one is 2018. So we did them both Bob.

Mr. Poparad, I know.

Mr. Whitten, I got your text Dave and I'm looking at that.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, So you can talk to me about that, ok so we can work it out.

Mr. Whitten, Yes we will figure it out.

Mr. Poparad, Do I need to sign these and send it down?

Mr. Whitten, No we just approved it the Commissioners signed it.

Mr. Poparad, We don't have to sign it?

Mr. Whitten, Oh yeah on the back of it on both of them.

Mr. Larson, You didn't get a whole lot of coverage from us but you did a great job. I know that Sylvia was there.

Ms. Graham, Oh yes.

Mr. Larson, Amy missed it is that what happened?

Tribune Reporter Amy Lavalley, I had something else.

Mr. Larson, It was a great program it had a lot of great speakers.

Ms. Graham, It really was and it is every year.

Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Thanks

## **Surveyor**

### **Surveyor General Fund – 1000-000-0006**

**Form 144**

\$44,220 to \$0 Survey Technician  
\$0 to \$44,220 Survey Manager

Reason: After discussion with HR would like to propose the Survey Tech position be replaced with a Survey Manager, who will have formal surveying education and at least 10 years of private sector professional land surveying experience.

**Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund - 1202-000-0006**

Additional \$8,000 to 11100 Salaries  
\$612 to 12100 FICA  
\$896 to 12300 PERF

Reason: Would like to upgrade position from Survey Technician to Survey Manager

**Form 144**

\$0 to \$12,780 Survey Manager

Reason: The Survey Tech position remains unfilled due to lack of interest, experience or qualification since the beginning of the year. I propose the difference in salaries will be covered by the Section Corner Perpetuation Fund.

Mr. Whitten, Surveyor, so we've got a couple of things going on here we've got the form 144 request \$44,220 to \$0 and then \$0 to 44,220 Survey Manager. After discussion with HR would like to propose the Survey Tech be replaced with a Survey Manger who will have formal surveying education and at least 10 years of private sector professional land surveying experience.

Mr. Jessen, Motion.

Mr. Whitten, There is a motion on the floor.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second, any discussion?

Mr. Jessen, Do you want to kind of explain that a little bit Kevin?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Sure just like the other department we have real difficulty in placing techs. I was unable to fill this position prior to your budget last year...or after you budget last year my tech announced that he would probably be leaving. He actually didn't leave until late January this year, but the whole time I have been looking for somebody to replace him. I have not found anybody close to being qualified to fill that role. I've got to release them with their cars/trucks/safety and highway upwards to about \$30,000 dollars' worth of equipment. I need somebody reliable, trustworthy and safety conscience to be working out there.

Mr. Whitten, So if I understand you are basically taking your Survey Tech and you are making them a Survey Manager and along with that you are requesting a higher salary.

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, That's it that is what is happening here.

Ms. Graham, What would that salary be?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Between \$55,000 to \$57,000 dollars.

Ms. Graham, Thank you.

Mr. Jessen, And it looks like with HR you came up with a new job description?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Correct.

Mr. Jessen, Outlining duties and obviously broadening the responsibilities?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Yes sir.

Mr. Whitten, Do we have that job description?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, If you don't I will give you a copy right now.

Mr. Whitten, I have it you sent it to me I just didn't know if everybody else had a copy.

Mr. Larson, Do you think that is an adequate salary?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, I'm able to get somebody for it that's all I can tell you I talked to two or three people about it and they were interested at that salary.

Ms. Graham, That meet the qualifications?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, That meet the qualifications and probably exceed the requirements that I have.

Mr. Whitten, So I assume the requests of the Perpetuation fund are all related to the same request correct?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, So we have a motion and a second for the form 144 can I get an amended motion to encompass the additional form 144 out of the Surveyor's Perpetuation fund?

Ms. Graham, Yes for the second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion concurs?

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Any other discussion? So we have a motion on the floor to approve the form 144 from General fund Surveyor and the additional from Perpetuation fund and form 144 from the Surveyor's Perpetuation fund. Bob what's your question?

Mr. Poparad, What's the difference between a technician and a manager?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, The manager will be the supervisor over the technicians, interns and any other employees that we have out in the field. Ideally and in the past we have run two or three crews, so this would give that individual responsibility that answers back to me about where these people are at and make sure that we are making progress.

Mr. Whitten, Who does it now?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, I don't have...well I do it now for the time being.

Mr. Larson, How many employees do we have out there Kevin?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Right now including myself my department has four (4) full time employees, I've got three (3) part-timers and I will have a fourth of which two of them are used mostly in the field.

Mr. Whitten, As I understand right now there is you and then under you are the technicians?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, And then you have some part-time people.

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, And the office staff.

Mr. Whitten, On the Manager, you are not promoting a current Technician to Manager?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, You are out looking for somebody with some experience?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, I don't have anybody in the department besides myself that meets the required qualifications, so that's not a salary increase.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Mr. Poparad, Are you looking for a licensed surveyor?

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, I can't afford a licensed surveyor.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, That would probably run anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000 dollars more a year, it would exceed my salary and I'm a licensed surveyor.

Mr. Whitten, Wouldn't that be ironic.

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, It always is.

Ms. Graham, It happens with Elected Officials.

Mr. Whitten, That's true, that's true Joy makes more than us.

Mr. Larson, A lot more.

Mr. Jessen, And it is well deserved quite frankly.

Ms. Graham, She has to put up with us.

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Ok any other questions on these requests? Hearing none roll call on this please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Have a good night.

Mr. Whitten, Go get them, go get them.

Surveyor Kevin Breitzke, Thank you we will now.



**ITS**

IT General Fund - 1000-000-0106

Transfer \$15,542.40 from 45100 Data Processing Equipment to 36100 Maintenance Agreements. Reason: Cisco Umbrella Security (anti-virus & malware protection)

Mr. Whitten, ITS General fund transfer of \$15,542.40 from Data Processing Equipment to Maintenance Agreements for Cisco Umbrella Security anti-virus & malware protection.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion, is there a second?

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second, any discussion with respect to this request?

Ms. Graham, I think it's very well spent if we are trying to...

Mr. Poparad, Keep the Russians out.

Ms. Graham, we need anti-virus and malware software.

Mr. Poparad, Keep the Ukrainians out and Russians.

Mr. Whitten, Keep the Russians out I am counting on them for the next election.

Mr. Poparad, Ok...

(Laughter)

Mr. Poparad, Do you have a motion?

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

Mr. Poparad, (Inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

**Second Reading**

Mr. Whitten, Let's have our second reading please Madam Auditor.

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

General Fund

General Courts	1000-31300-000-0226	Training and Education	\$	1,000.00
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Motor Vehicle Highway Fund

Motor Vehicle Highway	1176-23100-000-0530	Tires and Batteries	\$	20,000.00
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<b>Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund</b>
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Surveyor's Perpetuation	1202-11100-000-0006	Salaries	\$ 8,000.00
Surveyor's Perpetuation	1202-12100-000-0006	FICA	\$ 612.00
Surveyor's Perpetuation	1202-12300-000-0006	PERF	\$ 896.00
			\$ 9,508.00

<b>Drug Task Force Fund</b>
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Drug Task Force	4010-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
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<b>Inmate Processing Fee Fund</b>
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Inmate Processing Fee	4911-45100-000-0380	Data Processing Equipment	\$ 2,000.00
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<b>Virtual Pathways Agreement Fund</b>
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Virtual Pathways	4924-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
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<b>PC-Sheriff Hwy Interdiction Fund</b>
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PC-Sheriff Hwy Interdiction	4925-45400-000-0005	Other Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
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And that concludes second reading.

Mr. Whitten, What's your pleasure on second reading?

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, All kinds of motions and seconds, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

Mr. Whitten, Thank you very much.

**Attorney's Report**

Mr. Whitten, Harold our attorney texted me he got hung up in a deposition. I didn't think it would be an issue there is not a whole lot going on tonight.

**Any other matter that may come properly before the Council**

Mr. Whitten, But one thing that I want to bring up before we get to Porter Hospital well a couple of things actually. One is I'm told that our Library Board appointment is expiring at the end of June so I would ask that we address the appointment for our Library Board at our next meeting. So we can take applications and our current appointment tells me that she would like to stay on there.

Mr. Jessen, We've had some conversations.

Mr. Whitten, We've had some conversations...she wins every single one of them, that's my wife for those of you who don't know.

Mr. Larson, Do we need to wait for applications?

Mr. Whitten, Yes we probably should, let's take applications and see who is out there. If she doesn't get reappointed that is real bad for me but you guys don't have to go home...

Mr. Larson, I was thinking that we could just make this a little easier.

Mr. Whitten, Last time we didn't get a whole lot of applications and the time before that we had to go out and find people to apply.

Mr. Larson, We had to turn my wife down.

Mr. Whitten, I know and I really like your wife too. So if we could put that on the agenda for the next meeting for Library Board appointment that would be appreciated.

The other thing is I had a late request and I don't know that you want to tackle it tonight but I've asked Joy to bring it out and give it to you anyway. The Commissioners have asked us for a form 144 reduction so there it is in front of you. So is there an effective date on this?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Currently I was looking at hiring a custodian.

Mr. Whitten, Come on up.

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Ok

Mr. Whitten, Yeah we will take a look at it you can tell us what's going on here.

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, I had a custodian recently resign from the position they took a position in the Prosecutor's office and I think \$19.32 an hour is pretty for a custodian position when I can get them for \$15.00 an hour.

Mr. Whitten, So you are asking for us to do a form 144 reduction to the current position?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Is that all this is?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Vicki this isn't on the agenda and hasn't been advertised can we do a form 144 reduction without it?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Ms. Graham, Can we?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes a form 144.

Mr. Larson, We are not adding a position we are just reducing it.

Mr. Whitten, So what is your pleasure on this?

Mr. Poparad, So we want to take it down from \$19.32 to...

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, \$15.00 dollars an hour.

Mr. Poparad, Why do we have to do anything?

Ms. Graham, Good point.

Mr. Poparad, Just let him pay him \$15.00 an hour.

Mr. Whitten, I don't think that's enough.

Mr. Jessen, It not enough to deal I don't think is it?

Mr. Whitten, It's a salary here.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It's a salary.

Mr. Whitten, It's not that if you look at it is \$35,177 to \$27,300 dollars.

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, To \$27,300.

Mr. Larson, Yeah \$27,300 dollars is what you are expecting?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second to approve the proposed form 144 with a reduction.

Mr. Larson, You are confident that we can get qualified people for that?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Definitely

Mr. Larson, Ok.

Mr. Jessen, And I appreciate Ray you taking a look at it in that light to reduce it to an appropriate rate.

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Thanks

Mr. Jessen, I think that's terrific and we need more of that quite frankly.

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Thank you for putting that in front of the Board today.

Mr. Whitten, No problem so let's get a roll call on this form 144.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

**Porter Hospital LLC - Form CF-1**

Mr. Whitten, Other things that may come properly before the Council well I will hold my comments for a little bit for now. Porter Hospital LLC so what you guys have in front of you is the Form CF-1's this is related to the tax abatement compliance statements. What questions do you guys have with respect to these?

Ms. Graham, Did they meet the requirements?

Mr. Whitten, Seems like it. How many more years do we have left on this abatement? We are about close to the end of the rainbow here.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes three or four.

Porter Hospital CFO Jeff Daneff, Correct.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I'm sorry I mean to get that paper ready.

Porter Hospital CFO Jeff Daneff, In section five and seven there is technically a few stipulations here and most of those have already passed. So the one that I believe that is always presented here is that we've maintained the number of employees and that is correct we have and exceeded it by about 168 employees.

Mr. Whitten, So what on this year's abatement where are we at on the abatement because it's a sliding scale down...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Right.

Mr. Whitten, Do you know where we are at on this year?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We can call it up real quick.

Mr. Whitten, Just so that everybody knows and while she is doing that does anybody else have any questions?

Ms. Graham, No really.

Mr. Whitten, We are just pleased to see that it came in on time.

Mr. Poparad, That and it's filled out.

Mr. Whitten, And that it's filled out that is awesome.

Mr. Jessen, And that you guys are here to represent it.

Porter Hospital CFO Jeff Daneff, Well I only live two blocks away do it was pretty easy.

Mr. Whitten, So you have no excuse.

Ms. Graham, We have had quite a scare with the weather.

Porter Hospital CFO Jeff Daneff, Tell me about it.

Porter Hospital CEO Sean Dardeau, It's been pretty wild.

Mr. Poparad, Dan I think we are in year seven.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah I want to see where we are at on the percentage.

Mr. Poparad, That would be seventy percent, it's ten percent a year I thought.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah but it's not seventy....well

Mr. Larson, It's pretty close.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah it's pretty close, that's fine Vicki I was just curious if you could give that to us next time. So can I get a motion to approve and accept the form CF-1's as submitted by the Porter Hospital LLC?

Mr. Poparad, I make the motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second any other discussion? Let's get a roll call on this as well.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 - 0

Mr. Whitten, Do you gentlemen have any questions for us?

Porter Hospital CEO Sean Dardeau, No sir thank you.

Mr. Whitten, Alright.

Porter Hospital CFO Jeff Daneff, I would kind of like to see that schedule just to see what she is referencing.

Mr. Whitten, Are you still trying to bring that up Vicki? While she is doing that the only other thing that I wanted to say is as you guys may recall I've reached out to all of you that some years ago we've taken our Council meeting on the road and I anticipate us doing that again this summer I would like to think that going out to see our constituency would be nice. The thought was to hit all four districts of the County over the next four months and of course we will advertise that and everybody will have proper notice.

Ms. Graham, I think it's a good idea.

Mr. Whitten, Joy what have we got nailed down so far?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, Portage for the next month.

Mr. Whitten, Portage at the Lakefront? We've got to get in there before it falls in the lake.

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, At the Lakefront Riverwalk that is correct.

Mr. Poparad, Riverwalk?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Did you expand the discussion about whoever's district it is in does run the meeting.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah ok we will take that up in Chesterton. And then what else do you have nailed down?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, The Airport is lockdown too you are going to be meet in hanger by a big jet too.

Mr. Whitten, So I thought that we would go to the Airport for one of our meetings, I was thinking the Opera House but who doesn't like Airplanes really. And if

you want to come to the Memorial Opera House they have so many shows. I don't know if you knew this but I have been on the stage a couple of times.

Mr. Poparad, The Hospital is a big sponsor of that.

Mr. Whitten, That's true.

Porter Hospital CFO Jeff Daneff, Yes we could put you next to a piece of equipment that costs as much as a plane.

Mr. Whitten, That's true, that's true...

Mr. Poparad, Yeah there you go.

Mr. Whitten, Do we have Duneland yet?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, No not yet.

Mr. Whitten, And do we have South County yet?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, No not yet those are the two that I don't have yet.

Mr. Jessen, Let's make sure that we take care of that.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah we have to get South County.

Mr. Poparad, Someone's Barn?

Ms. Graham, No, no, no Community building usually.

Mr. Whitten, How are we doing with that Vicki any progress? So we are either going to be in Kouts or Hebron depending on the availability and then with Duneland we are trying for Chesterton border...

Mr. Poparad, You could probably get Burns Harbor.

Mr. Whitten, Or Burns Harbor

Mr. Poparad, I know people.

Mr. Whitten, Bob you are the district Councilman you choose.

Mr. Poparad, Do you want me to find out?

Mr. Whitten, Pick one of them and let us know.

Mr. Poparad, I think Chesterton would be the best, it's centrally located.

Mr. Whitten, Call Chesterton if they are not interested in hosting it you could call one of the other ones...

Mr. Poparad, Have you talked with Bernie?

Ms. Graham, The Service Center would be a good spot for it.

Mr. Poparad, The Library

Mr. Whitten, But the idea is that we are going to...

Mr. Larson, What about the Tourism? We could have it at the Tourism Center.

Mr. Whitten, We could.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah there you go.

Mr. Larson, They have a big parking lot and facility.

Mr. Whitten, So the idea is we are going to get out into the Community over the next four month and give people in some of the local areas an opportunity to come down and see our meeting if they so desire and have nothing to do.

Mr. Jessen, No offense.

Mr. Whitten, Yes no offense to the people here, but just for something different and I think that we had a really, really good response last time we did this so I think it will be a nice opportunity.

Mr. Larson, How is Porter Hospital going?

Mr. Whitten, What have you got for us Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, They are in their seventh year for pay 2019 that means it's a thirty percent abatement.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Down from one hundred percent and the total deduction this year is just over \$32,000,000 million dollars.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Leaving \$79,000,000 million in taxable property and this is just Real Property they also have personal property abatement as well.

Mr. Whitten, Porter at this point doesn't have any appeals? You are not in front of the appeal board or anything are you?

Porter Hospital CFO Jeff Daneff, No.

Porter Hospital CEO Sean Dardeau, I don't think that we have anything pending no.

Mr. Whitten, I was just curious.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, As part of their agreement they gave up the right to appeal so we know their assessed value in every year of their abatement for the next three years.

Mr. Whitten, Alright awesome.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And after that who knows.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Mr. Whitten, Anybody have anything for tonight?

Mr. Jessen, No

Mr. Whitten, Hearing none can I get a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.



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