

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018
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, June 19, 2018 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

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

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, Good Morning this is the Porter County Board of Commissioners' meeting June 19, 2018. We will move right to the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – May 15th, 2018.

Approval of Payroll – May 18th and June 1st, 2018.

Approval of Claims – May 17th, May 24th, June 1st, June 7th, and June 14th, 2018.

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – April 16th to May 15th, 2018.

Comp Time Report.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

1. **Stephanie Reeder – Artistic Services Agreement.**
2. **South Shore Orchestra – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit.**
3. **Kathryn Griffin – Venue Rental Agreement – Wedding.**
4. **Brightside Music LLC – Venue Rental Agreement.**
5. **MTI Production – Contract Production of A Miracle on 34th Street.**
6. **Connor Gregg – Artistic Services Agreement.**
7. **Hospice of the Calumet Area – Venue Rental Agreement – Non Profit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich Sexton has been named the new Highway Dept. Supervisor

Com. Good, Can we have Rich Sexton and Jim Polarek come up. We would like everyone to see you.

Mr. Polarek, If you will excuse the Boy Scout attire.

Com. Biggs, I'm seeing a little more of you than I wanted to.

Com. Good, Over the last 60 to 90 days we have had the current head of the Highway Department wanted to go back to a more simpler way in the Highway Department. Andy McKay is moving on. He is staying with the Highway Department but he is going to be moving down to Kouts and the Hebron office and he going to be back driving a truck. He is going to finalize his last several years here at the County and he just wanted a much simpler life. I think after our flooding event that we had this spring the Highway Department got pretty beat up, hard and I just think it took a toll on Andy. I know we all loved him up here. We all think the world of him. I know there are a lot of other people in the County that do too and we wish him well but he is still with the family, but with that we had to make some decisions on where we were going to take this department. It is a very integral department on what we're trying to do up here. It's probably one of our biggest departments, taking care of our 816 miles of roads. Our 127 bridges and I would also like to let everyone know that if you see a bridge in the City or a town that is our bridge we have them all. It's a lot of work. It comes from a past of just trying to maintaining things and the Board of Commissioners have set an aggressive schedule to move

forward with this department. Make it become more than what it really is and I think you will be seeing that transformation over the next couple of years and we have these two gentlemen that we've tagged a lot of that responsibility around their necks and they are up to the challenge. We're very excited about that and we're very excited about having some leadership in this department that can take us into the future here which is really what this is all about. What will be happening affective yesterday Rich Sexton, why don't you stand up and tell us a little bit about yourself, where you hail from and how long you have been with the Highway Department and just give a little bit of a brief summary on who Rich Sexton is.

Mr. Sexton, I was born and raised in Porter. I just live right outside of the Chesterton city limits in the County. I have a wife and two kids (Inaudible). My wife's name is Megan. I spent 5 ½ years in the Army. I got out of the Army, I was out of the Army for 5 days and I was working here already so I've been here since November 9, 2009 and I've worked here ever since. I was the Asst. Supervisor for a while and I was a Project Manager at the Storm Water/Highway Engineering office for a while. Then I wanted to come back to the Highway Department to see if I could make a difference and I'm going to so that is what we're going to do.

Com. Good, Thanks Rich. For most of you that may not know one of the things that we did when we developed our Storm Water Management Board we have the Storm Water Division of the County is now working much much closer with our Highway Department and it has been something that we've wanted to happen up here for a long time and it's starting to happen now. So as we're always talking about drainage, we have road drainage too. It's very integral of what happens and it's very important that we get these two departments to start communicating together, working together and a lot of that is starting to happen but I think with these gentlemen we're going to see a little bit more of that going forward. Then Jim Polarek currently is the foreman at the Chesterton North Garage. Jim is going to be elevated from there to Assistant Supervisor for the Highway Department. Jim why don't you stand up....he is Boy Scout camping this week with his son in Elkhart. Why don't you tell us a little bit about yourself?

Mr. Polarek, I want to thank the Commissioners for entrusting both of us in this job; we'll get it done right. As Mr. Good said I've a foreman at the North County District for a year and a half. I will be coming on board with Mr. Sexton at the main office. I'm a lifelong Porter County resident. I spent 3 years in the military, I spent the last 30 years in Morgan Township and that is where I'm raising my family. Like you said I'm at Boy Scout Camp with my son this week so I left Boy Scout Camp to come here and I will be going back to Boy Scout Camp that is the reason for the attire. I look forward to doing work and serving the residents of the County.

Com. Good, Thanks Jim and again Jim is a Morgan Cherokee and that is very important to some of us up here. Right Vicki? I look forward to what you guys bring to us and looking forward to working with you and getting this department ramped up. Any other comments from the Commissioners, I'll open it up to the floor to anyone else before we move on.

Com. Blaney, I think you covered it. Thank you.

Com. Good, Thank you. Go start a fire Jim. Have fun gentlemen, thank you and good luck!

Accepting Applications to the Airport Board Authority. The appointment will be made at the July 10th meeting.

Com. Good, This is for anybody interested in being on the Porter County Airport Board. You may want to look up the statutes and that but they do have qualifications and other things that they are looking for on this board but we are announcing at this meeting that we will be accepting applications and those will come to the Commissioners' office. Kathy in the back here usually handles those for us.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS

An Ordinance Establishing a Non-Reverting Fund for the Receipt of Charitable Donations for the Porter County E-911 Department – 2nd Reading

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

Gariup Construction – Change Order No. 8 for the Admin. Building Plaza renovation in that amount of \$2,414.00

Com. Good, Any questions from the Board?

Com. Blaney, Is this the last one?

Com. Good, I think we still have retainage outstanding and I think further down on the agenda we're going to come back and talk about the Plaza. We're going to be doing just a little bit of additional work out here that is more at the street level but we'll talk about that a little bit later in the meeting. This is for Change Order No. 8 for \$2,414.00.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Change Order No. 8, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, We opened up the Plaza with a groundbreaking two weeks ago. Everything is working out there and it's turned out real well. So we're real glad that that disruption is over up here.

American Structurepoint – Payment Application No. 8 in the amount of \$31,741.16 for the Plaza Renovation. The remaining balance is \$25,302.97

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Payment Application No. 8, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, I would like to ask Scott Cherry to come forward from Skillman. Scott we're going to do No. 4 and No. 5 and then we're going to jump to No. 9 so we can get your stuff done. This is Scott Cherry he is from Skillman and he is the Project Manager/Lead person on all of our projects we have going on.

Amereco, Inc. – Limited Asbestos & LBP Survey for the Valparaiso Courthouse in the amount of \$1,100.00 and the North County Courthouse in the amount of \$800.00

Com. Good, Scott why don't you give us a little update as to what this is all about.

Mr. Cherry, I believe this has to do with the Courthouse work. Usually in older buildings there is a chance that there are some hazardous materials. They don't present immediate hazards to the public but there usually built into some of the old materials that were used such as caulking in some cases, floor tile and so forth. The proposal is from Americo to who is a local environmental company, I've done a lot of work with, to take a look at those areas and confirm particularly where we're taking windows out and some of the other items in the court building just environmental consulting to identify if there is any potential material that needs to be taken out.

Com. Good, This agreement here was for \$1100.00 for the Valpo Courthouse and then \$800.00 for North County. That is was is in front of us today to some product testing up there on certain items that were identified.

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

Shive-Hattery – Amendment One for the Porter County Annex Building Renovation at 157 S. Franklin St., Valparaiso in the amount of 9% of the construction cost

Com. Good, This is sort of an interesting one. Scott why don't you tell us what Skillman our construction manager has done for the County.

Mr. Cherry, Just to back track real quick the money that you just approved for environmental that was in the budget and anticipated to a certain extent. The County has purchased the old Jail we know that we're going to do the 911 Center there so we need design services for that and Shive-Hattery again a local firm that has done a lot of work around the area, they are currently working at the Expo Center as the architect. We solicited proposals from them for the old Jail. There was also under their contract from a while back some services to take a look at some areas in this building. So we thought if we could combine those services in this building along with...they are also the architect at the Courthouse and we could combine those services with the 911 Facility at the old Jail and with what we plan on doing with the other spaces in there there would be some economies. Again, I mentioned that they were at Expo Center and the reason they had a fee there the budget came in a little bit less so they adjusted their fee on the Expo Center and also combined it with the other projects and were able to save a substantial amount I think it was maybe \$90,000.00 to that extent by kind of combining all of them and it makes sense because they're all kind of going together, those projects.

Atty. McClure, So I think we had a relatively small contract maybe \$32,000.00 for some design work here that was early on before the advent of purchasing 157 came back around. So that is getting taken care of in this amendment. Then we have the \$85,000.00 reduction in the

Expo contract based on upon our current design estimates and then we have the new contract based on \$3 million worth of construction work within 157 at 9%.

Mr. Cherry, Correct.

Com. Good, Any questions from the Board? I think this proves that with our team that we have doing this Capital Improvement Project it shows all hands are on deck and we're looking at not just money going out but we're also trying to figure out how we can grab some money back in these things too. It's pretty fluid, it's pretty fast paced but these are the type of things that come out of good planning and good fiscal management. We're very pleased to have this and I think with Shive working on the Courthouse a lot of the people coming from the old Courthouse into the new building they are sort of dealing with both of these departments on each end of the building. So it was only sensible to have the same architect be dealing with the same thing so we didn't create a lot of confusion with two different architects and that is when the communication in these projects usually breakdown. We're pretty excited about this and we're real proud that we were able to grab some dollars back for the County, right around \$90,000.00. Any comments or motion from the floor?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Shive-Hattery Amendment No. 1 in the amount of 9% of the construction cost, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Amendment No. 1 to Construction Management - Skillman reduction of \$320,000.00.

Com. Good, Then No. 9 this is dealing with the Skillman contract which Mr. Cherry represents Skillman so why don't you tell us a little bit of how we got to this.

Mr. Cherry, Okay I will do my best. A lot of it is really confirming our contract. Clarifying and locking in now that we have a lot more information to be able to determine our fees associated with it. If you look back in the beginning we started out as a construction manager and program manager. You had X amount of dollars with so many projects and it was my job to make sure that we develop a budget for each one of those projects along with a schedule. As we go through the process hire architects. All of that information becomes clearer and clearer. In my original budget I always anticipate the worse-case scenario when it comes to not only our fees, architects fees and things like that but as you go through you can by working together like we have with the architects, the Commissioners and everybody you are able to optimize the schedule a little bit and be able to take advantage of overlapping activities which means less site guys involved on my end. So as you go through and identify these projects you are able to more clearly identify your staffing. We knew what the fee was. We were kind of locked into what the fee was overall but we couldn't identify the staffing which is a function of the construction schedule and scope. So through that exercise there were three items I believe I listed on the amendment. The first two were just confirmation for all of our protection to say that we had an original agreement to do X amount at the Administrative Building and the 911. We just kind of consolidated all that together and there was no change in what we originally talked about. From a staffing standpoint we know that the most complex project probably is going to be the North Annex where we're going to have a full time guy on staff. At the Expo Center we will have a full time and the other projects we can consolidate by utilizing some help with our guys. So we're not just wasting time and you're paying for a guy to just stand around and watch. We're confident in this approach. So all of that being said when we budgeted the project the savings comes from what I budgeted originally for our staffing and what we call general conditions. And by this consolidation it was significantly less as you can see to the tune of about \$320,000.00 combined. So what that does now from this point forward if nothing were to change significantly in scope or duration we are locked in and ready to go. We're getting ready to receive bids soon so we're confident with where we're at. So I hope you will approve the amendment.

Com. Good, I want to thank Skillman for being above board and working through us with all of these things. I would also like to acknowledge I think this is once again showing what we're doing and working with Skillman and we've been meeting a nausea over these projects and trying to stay to a schedule that is pretty fast paced schedule for development.

Com. Blaney, Especially government development.

Com. Good, Especially government development they are sort of not used to that, but we're pushing the threshold. We want to get a lot of shovels in the ground this fall. It's been a monumental effort but again because we're getting all of the construction together and we have our projects laid out that is how we sort of able to take advantage of some of the staffing and other things. So if you can compress the schedule you are going to save money in this game and that is what we're doing here. I just want to thank Scott and his team and our team the group that has been meeting and all of our project designers we've really kept a fast pace and

kept this moving and been making decisions quickly. I think that is how you save money doing this. Any other comments or questions?

Com. Blaney, I think part of the reason we've have been able to make decisions quickly is we've had good designs and we've had clear communication. I really appreciate that.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Amendment No. 1 for the Skillman Corporation in the amount \$320,000.00 that is a deduct, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Thanks Scott, we will be seeing you soon I'm sure.

Mr. Cherry, Yes, you will get tired of seeing us in the next couple of months I'm sure. Thank you!

Com. Good, Thanks Scott.

GIS – Mark Behrendt - CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC – Insurance Appraisal for Porter County Government Buildings in the amount of \$11,850.00

Com. Good, We will have Mark from GIS explain to us why we're doing this.

Mr. Behrendt, Well as you are aware we've gone through a fairly lengthy audit process for property and casualty insurance and we've kind of considered this the missing piece. The values that we're currently using on the policies were from the expired policies. We're not sure where they arrived at. If they've been keeping up with inflationary increases and also we have the Opera House, the Museum and the Old Courthouse on reproduction costs instead of replacement costs and that valuation is distinctly different. So we thought it would be a good idea to start with a clean slate with establishing new values and then we could kind of keep a handle on them as they increase down the road. CBIZ was referred to us by KBIC so there is no connection to us but they are a very large valuation firm and has expertise in this area. So we just felt it would be beneficial values to get squared away and get the audit process completed.

Com. Good, I can't remember up here for any amount of time that this has been done before. It is something like you said it's the last piece we need to tie down our insurance property and casualty costs. I would also like to point out I was sort of surprised that \$11,850.00 is a lot of money but when you look at how many buildings we have.

Mr. Behrendt, That is about \$135.00 a building.

Com. Good, \$135.00 a building. That is a good deal.

Mr. Behrendt, I think so.

Com. Good, And it will give us good numbers to work off of for insurance and this will help us in the future going out to markets and other things. So I think it's a no brainer. Any questions from the other Commissioners?

Com. Biggs, What had we been paying do you know?

Mr. Behrendt, For the appraisals they had not been done before so there is no comparison cost, but based on the recommendation from KBIC and the value of the cost of rebuilding we thought it was....you would probably pay more for a home appraisal.

Com. Biggs, So we had not done an appraisal on those buildings?

Mr. Behrendt, No not that I'm aware of.

Com. Biggs, Okay, thanks.

Com. Good, And as everybody knows when you get insurance on your buildings you have to put a value on what your house is worth or whatever it's worth and that is what we're trying to establish here is just the values of these buildings based off of market conditions so we can insure to that and then it is verified and validated.

Com. Biggs, If we had not have done any type of appraisal how were they setting the costs?

Mr. Behrendt, Well the values were based on the expired policy and the cost (Inaudible) to each building is based on variable factors, the type of constructions, so for the. It is based on

a replacement cost. Again this is just to get us into a place going forward that they are comfortable with the values are accurate. .

Com. Biggs, Okay, thank you.

Com. Good, Any other comments or questions from the Board?

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

Mr. Behrendt, At least you know there is no commission.

Com. Good, And there is no commission on that either. Once again holding true to our mantra up here right?

A request from a recently retired County employee to approve retiree health insurance coverage pursuant to the policy

Com. Good, What is this for Scott?

Atty. McClure, So basically our handbook requires that when a retiree wants to remain on our insurance and pay the costs that the Commissioners must approve it pursuant to the policy.

Com. Good, So this is just Cobra approval?

Atty. McClure, Its retirement health insurance approval. It's not exactly Cobra but in the same vein.

Com. Blaney, But they pay the costs.

Atty. McClure, Correct.

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

An Ordinance Creating a Non-Reverting Fund for Receipt of Proceeds From the Indiana Humanities Grant for the Porter County Memorial Opera House, in the amount of \$2500.00 – 1st Reading

Com. Good, Scot MacDonald how are you today?

Mr. MacDonald, I'm well how are you?

Com. Good, Good, what is this all about?

Mr. MacDonald, So we won a grant from Indiana Humanities to create an educational piece about the importance of Memorial Opera House in our community. Basically reviewing the past, present and future of the building and to create presentations that we can take outside of the Opera House to the community so we are fulfilling our mission of helping the arts create community.

Atty. McClure, We need a fund to put it in.

Mr. MacDonald, We do because it's federal money.

Com. Good, How does this funding work now?

Mr. MacDonald, We have to create a separate fund for it. So we have to create our own fund and budget for this one grant.

Com. Good, So are you going to be coming back for.....

Mr. MacDonald, We're matching the \$2500.00 through the Opera House Foundation, but we just need the permission to spend.

Com. Good, Okay, thank you for clarifying.

Mr. MacDonald, I hope I did.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Good, Is there anyone wishing to come forward to speak against this ordinance? Second call anyone wishing to come forward to speak against this ordinance? Third and final time anyone wishing to come forward to speak against this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Second call anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Third and final time anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Blaney, You have been doing a fantastic job securing this.

Mr. MacDonald, Thank you.

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

Com. Good, We will be doing the 2nd Reading at our next meeting.

Com. Blaney, Don't you have a show opening?

Mr. MacDonald, We do we open up Legally Blonde right after that Commissioners' meeting July 13th and it's in rehearsal right now. We have two amazing dogs playing Bruiser the little Chihuahua. So come visit them. The cast is doing a fantastic job. Our Children's Theatre Program this summer is doing Alice in Wonderland. That camp kicks up the beginning of July and it is over sold right now. We had 40 slots available and we had 45 kids join and we've added Mommy and Me classes for the younger kids and those are starting to sell as well. Really really exciting things happening.

Com. Good, Keep plugging forward my man. Thanks Scot you're doing a great job out there.

Mr. MacDonald, Thank you!

SHERIFF DAVE REYNOLDS

Utility Associates, Inc. – A contract for Police Body and Vehicle Cameras for a total project amount of \$468,000.00 over 5 years

Chief Deputy Biggs, The Sheriff is at a National Sheriff's Conference this week.

Com. Good, Why don't you lead us into it Jeff, thank you.

Chief Deputy Biggs, Our officers have been trying out different cameras and seeing which one is the best one out there. This body worn camera is really like a smart phone and it locks inside of your shirt or your vest. So it's not like the type that just clips on. A lot of the departments were having issues with those popping off during a fight or something. The Valpo P.D. is in full use of those right now and it's a really good camera. The one thing that the Sheriff wanted to do to is to also add the in car cameras as well. So it would be a camera in the front and a camera back. We just find out when he called me yesterday this in car cameras are going to have the ability to be a license plate reader too. Scanning different license plates that are either in front you know stationary in front of them and then it could be linked to any stolen vehicles. You know those are actually used quite a bit. So it's another good feature to have. We want to use our drug seizure money for the two big installments which is a \$117 for the first installment and then \$117 actually gets it going, gets the cameras and then after 6 months or a year you pay the other.

Mr. Hahn, No it will be within that same year.

Chief Deputy Biggs, Within that same you spend another \$117,000.00 which will all be drug seized money.

Ms. Hahn, After they are all tested and ready to go and they're working properly then the second then the second payment (Inaudible).

Com. Blaney, And this is unlimited storage right?

Chief Deputy Biggs, Unlimited storage, yes.

Com. Good, We finally beat that thing back the storage. That was good.

Chief Deputy Biggs, Under your guidance and I think Scott has helped us out quite a bit with policies and ordinances and we met with the Prosecutor's office.

Atty. McClure, I guess to kind of weave all of this together a little bit for everyone is that we've had several proposals from the Sheriff's Department for body cameras. I think they have evolved overtime as far as different vendors and where we are with technology because we're always in that circumstance where whatever we purchase today is almost obsolete before you get it. I think in the body camera world it's been especially fast and I think we finally got to a place where in this particular proposal one we have a local P.D. utilizing them and so we have a semi idea of how those are working out. Number 2 the unlimited storage I can't say enough about that issue in of itself. It relieves a lot of inherent tension on administering the program based upon a fairly convoluted State statute that is relatively new as the State kind of plods its way through this process which isn't easy. So the unlimited storage obviously gives us a lot of runway as to deal with those issues. I think also for people that have been paying attention we have been doing quite a bit of work at 911 and so to make sure that this is compliment with or compatible with the direction 911 is going and the direction of dispatching and things like you brought up, reading license plates, having the GPS within the cameras it is all kind of dovetailed together. I think the Sheriff's Department has done a great job as far as taking the direction from the Commissioners' office finding the funding, finding a permanent funding location for it. Once we get past the initial purchase we're looking at \$58,500.00 a year in maintenance. I can see that you guys have had some preliminary discussions with the Council and that is looking like it's going into a permanent line item into your General Fund. You guys are on their agenda coming up. Obviously as part of our normal protocol I would request the Commissioners vote today to be contingent upon the Council approving the funding obviously, but there are a lot of complicated but very good things coming out of this as it relates to 911, the GPS, potential to be reading license plates, having the cameras. We've had several meetings with myself and the Sheriff's Department, us and the Prosecutor's office to kind of work out some of the tangled web of how these things are going to be moving around. I know that we are going to be doing some things, we're anticipating so FOIA requests that will be coming which is completely normal and we're trying to figure out the best way to streamline that so people that are able to request those or able to get those in an efficient manner. So I appreciate the Sheriff's Department having all of those meetings and having all of their staff there to work through those issues. This is a good contract. I think it's a good product and the interface with 911 couldn't be better. I think this proposal unlike some of the other proposals there is a Wi-Fi booster in the trunk. This is about 3 or 4 football fields around the car. There is a 4 second delay as this video footage is getting uploaded to the cloud. If an officer happens to get farther away from the vehicle as soon as he is within range of that vehicle it is uploaded again. A lot of things that were somewhat bothersome in some of the earlier proposals again as these things continue to evolve have been taken care of in this situation. So I think between the funding of the 911 and just the better body cameras as they're getting more and more efficient, more and more bells and whistles put on them I think this is good timing and I think the whole process is finally put together.

Com. Good, I would just like to say that I think the Sheriff's Department is trying to get up with all of the new technology to keep our officers safe, but I think what is even more or just as exciting is what is happening to our 911 Department. What this is going to allow....the people that handle our 1st Responders in that room when we get all of this technology put together it's really going to streamline a lot of things. It's going to be much more visual. You're going to be able to see because of GPS where these vehicles are going. You're not going to have to be on the radio all of the time. This investment that we're making over the last years towards our 911 directive and our 1st Responders is huge. This is just another part of that we're putting in here to consolidate it all. So I'm not only excited for the Sheriff's Department being able to get these things that they've wanted for a while but also to be patient with us and let us get our timing and everything put together so we can really roll out a good Call Center and really give our employees out there all of the new bells and whistles. This is a big step for the County we're going from almost an analog type of system to digital and I mean crazy digital type of stuff. This is a big step for our County but I think with all of the things that are going on out there in the world today we have to make sure that we have the right equipment, the people are trained properly to take on anything that could happen in our community. I know this has been a big from us for the Board of Commissioners. The 911 Center is at the top of our list right now and I'm just very excited to see all of this coming together and everybody working together to get it to where it needs to be. That is what it's all about. So thank you for being patient with us too.

Chief Deputy Biggs, We appreciate it. We have a great working relationship right now with 911 Center. So trying these different things and doing different dispatching has been pretty exciting for everybody.

Com. Good, Thank you Chief.

Com. Blaney, Yes and I think too one of the things that you mentioned what is going on out there in the world there is a lot of trust breakdown between police and people, citizens and I think this will go a long way you guys bringing this forward and showing that you want to be held

accountable and maybe build a little of that trust back. We have great officers the public should know that.

Chief Deputy Biggs, It doesn't just only benefit our officers but the people we serve in the County as well.

Com. Biggs, I think it also adds a verified record of what actually occurred when the acquisitions start but this is a lot of money. I have comfort, I can support it because of the drug seizure money backing it up which I think is fitting, but I hope all of the officers understand this is a huge investment on our part. That is a lot of money a half million dollars. And taking care of the equipment because as you know Jeff most departments don't have this ability and it is almost always because of the cost. So good luck with it and I hope that they reap positive benefits from it.

Com. Good, Any other comments from anybody else?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve contingent upon Council approving funding, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

An Ordinance Revising 3.76 – Video Tape Duplication Fee 1st Reading

Com. Good, We have to amend this ordinance to allow for the video tape fee to be able to be charged. Is that part of the FOIA request?

Atty. McClure, Correct.

Com. Good, So when people come to get a FOIA request they are going to be charged a fee for that FOIA request. This is just part of the housekeeping we're doing to clean that up.

Atty. McClure, Pursuant to the new State statute which is what we were dealing with what we were talking about dealing with the body cameras a public agency may charge a fee of up to \$150.00 for a request those funds uniquely is the statute for body cameras because they passed this. We used to call it the video tape duplication fee. Now this is more called a law enforcement recordings fee to kind of get us a little bit more into the current time frame. This amendment is mirroring that State statute and to be clear the money that would be produced from this fee is actually put into the State statute of what it could be used for and that is to purchase cameras and other equipment for use and connection with the agencies law enforcement recording program for training concerning law enforcement recording or to defray the expenses of storing, producing and copying law enforcement recordings. So basically whenever this fee is collected it's going back to support whether it's training or the body cameras themselves and this is all pursuant to the State statute so that is why we are proposing to amend our particular ordinance.

Chief Deputy Biggs, If I could too you know the \$150 from my understanding, if a camera breaks we're going to have to pay \$600.00 to replace that camera. So the \$150 fee seems like maybe a lot but to replace those like you said take care of that equipment there are going to be times they are going to get broke because people don't like us, want to fight us. You know that fee is going to help replenish those cameras.

Atty. McClure, And the idea of the fee because \$150 may seem a little startling but when the State and the State Legislature was putting this together they were taking into consideration for instance as Com. Biggs pointed out this is almost a half a million dollar investment in the first 5 years to get just the equipment and the maintenance. That is before we talk about the administrative costs at the Sheriff's Department. We're going to have to have employees dealing with this. We're going to have to have employees dealing with FOIA requests. We're going to have to deal with the actual media component of providing those things. We're going to have to deal with some of the particulars of the State statute would allow certain people an opportunity to view the actual recording without necessarily having a copy so we have to provide that time and place. So there is quite a bit expenses that go into administering this program. So that is the logic behind the State statute if the State Legislature is setting this fee at a cap of \$150.00 because due to those costs that all cities, towns and counties would incur when they go into that program.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Good, Is there anyone wishing to come forward to speak against this ordinance revision 3.76? Second call anyone wishing to come forward to speak against this ordinance revision 3.76? Third and final time anyone wishing to come forward to speak against this ordinance revision 3.76? Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance revision 3.76?

Second call anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance revision 3.76 ? Third and final time anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance revision 3.76 ?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

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

Com. Good, We'll be back at the next meeting to follow up with the 2nd Reading. Thank you.

PORTER EMS – ANN BRANDL – TABLED

Physio Control - Monitors for 911 Vehicles in the amount of \$163,481.47.

Com. Good, Ann is home sick I believe and cannot make this meeting so we booted her to the next meeting in July.

E911 – GINA KENNEDY, ASST. DIRECTOR

Motorola - Callworks Contract in the amount of \$893,680.69. The 1st payment will be \$111,836.18 of January 2019

Com. Good, I also want to point out in our meetings and don't know how many of you come to our meetings all the time, but we've started to add dollars and things to our meeting agenda so it makes it a little easier to follow along with what we're approving. We've also added those dollar amounts on the screen too. I just wanted to point that out. I think we have Gina here and Jay Berla. Hi Jay.

Ms. Kennedy, We are looking to sign a contract with Motorola for new 911 software. We have entertained two different, Motorola and Air (Inaudible). We invited the County IT and our employees to come to the presentations. We have decided to go with the Motorola, with consultation from our County IT Department and we feel that that is the best option for the citizens of Porter County. It is sole sourced only through Motorola so it is up to them and it has some features for us. Right now when we receive a 911 call in the 911 Center the operator has to just answer the calls as come in. This has a integrative map in it where if all of those calls are coming from here and we suddenly get a 911 call in another part of the County the operator has the ability to choose that call from the screen instead of just answering in the way that they're coming in currently. Is there anything that you would like to.....

Mr. Berla, No I think that between that and then some of the integration with some of the new software that is coming out in cell phones that you see today where it is giving a better pinpoint accuracy of where a cell tower is instead of just triangulating the towers it is actually given within a few feet. So as those features roll out that is automatically coming with this. Part of the contract also has a hardware refresh so I'm not going to sit here and say after 5 years this hardware is going to be brand new, it's going to keep (Inaudible) server there is a lot of equipment that goes in. So right around the 5 year mark we're going to replace, do a nice uplift in a way as best we can to re-do all of that there is going to be no additional costs that come to the County. So you are kind of fixed here for the next 10 years. It goes in line a lot with the radio system as far as kind of once everything is in place you're costs go away and the maintenance is all built in so what you see is what you get.

Com. Good, I would just like to clarify for everyone in the room I know that Gina mentioned that this is software but this is really a whole new phone system for 911. It is much, much, much more different than a typical phone system that you're thinking about. It is very detailed. Right now the County phone system that we are currently on is past end of life. I mean it is way past end of life. And once again we're moving from analog phone system to a digital phone system and obviously it needs to be done. It's a little late in coming in my opinion but we're stepping up today and we're going to make it right. You're going to be seeing other contracts coming through over the next couple of months on other things that we are going to be upgrading. We want to make sure that we get all of this done at the same time. We're in the middle of designing a new call center. So as this new equipment goes in we're also able to design for it properly to make sure that the room is set up correctly because like I said earlier this is going to be a different room. You're going to be going into it and there is going to be a lot of streaming, there is going to be a lot of things going on in this room that this technology is going to allow us to do and this is where it is all heading. We're just becoming relevant here and we're excited about it with our new towers and all of the other stuff, the infrastructure that we put in. Now we're trimming the tree here, but it's expensive stuff, but it needs to be done. I just wanted to comment it's not just software it's the whole phone system that will give us another 10 years of life so I just wanted to clarify that.

Com. Biggs, Because we're going to a different software and a different phone system what kind of commitment is it going to be on our end to train our dispatchers to learn it?

Ms. Kennedy, Motorola in the contract will have 8 days of training and they will actually have somebody when we do the cut over from our current system with us for 24 hours to assist with anything that needs to be dealt with. We will train all of the people before we implement it.

Mr. Berla, We always plan for cuts realizing it's not just an 8 x 5, 24/7 so there is usually 3 different shifts that you have to work through. We don't want to just train somebody and just pass it off to the person to train the next. The Callworks University, which actually gives them a feel and look of the system before they even see it before it's even deployed. Once it's deployed you will have the training on site and then during cut over we will be there.

Com. Biggs, Compared to what we have now is there more activity with this system as far as the dispatcher goes, will she or he have to paying attention to more activity coming in?

Ms. Kennedy, No not really.

Mr. Berla, I would say almost less, less clicks to get what they need to do.

Com. Biggs, That's good.

Ms. Kennedy, There are some other features. Currently when we have a 911 call that we might need to replay right away we have to log into another system to do this. This system will give the operator the ability actually to hear the call coming before they actually answer that call. We do get 911 calls that are hang ups where we do call them back and this could help us with the law enforcement end where we heard something before actually answered it that we would know to send an officer where as if they say everything is okay currently right now we don't do that.

Com. Biggs, So it makes it more efficient.

Ms. Kennedy, It makes it more efficient. They have the ability to if we receive a 911 call and we received one a week ago they have the ability to look at that information from that call that we don't currently have.

Com. Biggs, Okay, thank you.

Com. Good, Scott why don't you maybe give a little update here as to how we plan on paying for all of this.

Atty. McClure, So this proposal the Commissioners have in front of us is a lease that would currently planned to be paid out through 2027. The first year's payment as you will see on the screen is \$111,836.18. That first payment comes in January/February of 2019. The Commissioners are planning on approving this contract that we would then place that into our proposed budgets for the Council to consider at their budget sessions in 2018 and the Commissioners would be looking at to add it to the line item that we are currently utilizing to pay for the 911 upgrades, the towers and those consoles and so on that we currently have in our budget so we believe we are going to be able to move some things around in the Commissioners' budget in order to absorb this without having to get additional funds from the Council and so that would be in our budget submission to the Council and then we have I believe 2 years of no interest and then we start having interest at 4.05% as we start to go into years 3 through 10 which gives the county some options as we move forward in those decisions. That is the way the Commissioners' office is approving this would be approaching funding of this lease payment.

Com. Good, Thank you.

Com. Biggs, Scott if we chose to pay that off...

Atty. McClure, There is no prepayment penalty. So if we found ourselves in that position we are able to do that. Just to add this amends our current agreement and dovetails into it. So another words this is mirroring what we did previously to do the 911 upgrades which was \$5.5 million or so in that range. Same no interest for a few years and then we go from there.

Com. Good, Any other questions from the Board?

Com. Blaney, I think we are going to be able to respond to people more quickly and more accurately get to them where they are faster.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Motorola Callworks in the amount \$893,680.69, the first payment will be \$111,836.18 on January 2019, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, We're starting the march towards a new Call Center. Thank you for your patience we're getting there. Thanks Jay.

Ms. Kennedy, Thank you.

ALTA NERI – PORTAGE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Assessment Analytics, Inc. - A contract for Cyclical Reassessment

Com. Good, Good morning Alta.

Ms. Neri, Good morning, how are you?

Com. Good, Good.

Ms. Neri, This is Scott Potts a commercial re-assessor.

Com. Good, Hi Scott, how are you doing? So what do you have for us Alta?

Ms. Neri, I gave you a contract that I need to renew he does the physical re-assessment of our commercial properties just in Portage Township, South Haven, Ogden Dunes and the City of Portage. I do share him with the County, but I'm the one that is mostly going to employ him so it is mostly my bill and it will be coming out of my reassessment fund on a daily basis.

Com. Good, Thank you, any questions from the Commissioners?

Com. Biggs, He's worked for us in the past?

Ms. Neri, Yes in the last 4 years he was my appraiser.

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

FACILITIES DEPT. – MATT STECHLY, DIRECTOR

1. JDC Office Renovation – 3 Quotes:

Larson Danielson	\$24,920,00
Gariup Const.	\$26,700.00
Gough, Inc.	\$37,250.00

Mr. Stechly, Commissioners you and I have discussed this in the past actually this is something that has been going on for over a year or a year in a half finally it's taken fruition. There is a specific department at the JDC that is not functional in terms of the way it's laid out. There is a woman that accepts payments whenever due to a Judge extracting or requesting payment. It's kind of in the open and there is a lot of back and forth traffic. There are doors locked and there, it's chaos. So what this small renovation does is basically opens it up, secures it so we could take payments securely and she doesn't have to worry and then it opens up a new hallway eliminating all of these closed secure doors. It is a step in the right direction to really ease something that is very simply to fix but it has been an issue for a long time. I did walk throughs. I put the scope together with all 3 vendors. I did walk throughs with Larson-Danielson and I'm asking that they be awarded. Apples to apples coming down to it they were the lowest at \$24,920.00.

Com. Good, Thanks Matt. Just to give everybody a little bit of housekeeping here the JDC is the Juvenile Detention Center. That is the building out on 2. This request came to us about a year and a half ago and they were thinking that they had some money in an account for the roof repairs and they found out later on that the money had been all spent for that roof work. So we were just waiting to price it out. This dollar amount will be coming out of the Commissioners' Facility's budget. I just wanted to work through that and let people know that at first they thought they would be able to do it with their money and then they didn't have the money and then we sat down and worked with them and this is the end result.

Mr. Stechly, And Alison Cox the Director is really really happy and definitely said thank you.

Com. Good, That is a little bit of the story on that so I will put that to the Board for any action.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve Larson-Danielson, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

2. JDC Generator Radiator Repair – 3 Quotes:

Lionheart	\$21,792.00
Patten CAT	\$28,859.97
Cummins	Did not respond

Mr. Stechly, We have a main central generator that obviously is needed for that facility being all of the doors and communication, security, everything needs to have power redundancy and back up. This main generator sprung a pretty large leak in the radiator and we're not talking a tiny house generator. This is a very large system. The radiator is a special order, custom. It is actually scheduled to come in next week and finally get installed but this is on the agenda for you to approve. A lot of ground work to get to this part but 3 vendors invited. Lionheart who we're under contract with currently. Patten Caterpillar and then Cummins didn't respond at all, though multiple attempts. The 2 quotes that I was able to receive I'm asking that Lionheart be awarded, the lowest at \$21,792.00.

Com. Good, And I just want to thank you Matt for going out and getting 3 bids even though we had an agreement we could have used Lionheart we went out and got more bids just to keep them honest and it looks like they came through so thank you.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve Lionheart at \$21,792.00, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – RICH SEXTON, SUPERVISOR

A request for an Additional Appropriation - Fund #1176 Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Acct. #1130 Overtime. Additional overtime for snowplowing and salting.

Com. Good, Is there anything you want to add Rich?

Mr. Sexton, Not really we had a tough end of the winter and we just need some more money so we can stop spending out of the hourly budget for the overtime. We are in road building season so we are going to have some overtime there and winter is coming eventually unfortunately so we're going to need some more for overtime for that.

Mr. Polarek, Just by looking at the numbers by the end of January with all of the snow we (Inaudible) through us over the budget for the whole year for overtime.

Com. Good, So we were out of the gate in January.

Mr. Polarek, It was February I believe where we plowed snow for 9 days straight. It doesn't take long to eat through that.

Com. Good, And weekends and evenings too when most of it was. Any questions?

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

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1176 Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$62,587.00 to Acct. #2362 Bituminous. Reimbursement from INDOT for road damage to Dalke Road last year.

Com. Good, Why don't you let us know what happened there, I think the State damaged it.

Mr. Sexton, Highway Engineering back when this project took place there was an unofficial detour is what they made Dalke Road. I think 923 North runs into Dalke, it's an "L" section up there off of 149 between 149 and 875 North. They beat it up pretty good. That will not be an unofficial detour as far as I'm concerned. It is just a chip and seal road. This additional is an appropriation. It is just a reimbursement from INDOT to put some asphalt on that road and make it new again. I'm assuming we will do some widening there because it is pretty narrow the actual Dalke Road (Inaudible).

Atty. McClure, So basically the State is giving us money and we need to get it into your budget. You're here and then after that you go to the Council for actual addition.

Mr. Sexton, Yes sir.

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

Com. Good, And again this is a reimbursement from INDOT for road damage to Dalke Road last year caused by an unofficial detour. Thanks for fighting back on that guys.

Com. Biggs, Real quick Rich. This morning I asked Rich to inform the other two Commissioners to check on the status of 149 which has been closed for several months in between Rte. 6 and Rte. 20. Rich advised me this morning that they are calling for an opening of that road June 23rd at 6 p.m.

Com. Good, It can't come soon enough.

Mr. Sexton, I agree I live on 200 West I know that.

PLAN COMMISSION – BOB THOMPSON, DIRECTOR

Rezone – P2, Parks and Recreation District to IN, Institutional District. Petitioner Porter County Redevelopment Commission – 2nd Reading.

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

Rezone – R2, Medium Density Single-family Residential District to CH, High Intensity Commercial District. Petitioner Bennett's Storage Inc. – 2nd Reading.

Mr. Thompson, Please note that the attorney representing Bennett's did submit the written commitment for approval attached with the ordinance on that. Atty. McClure and myself looked over that.

Com. Blaney, That included the privacy fencing and that kind of stuff.

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

Com. Good, And the buffer.

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

A request to vacate the unimproved Right-of-Way Alley from Lucretia St., Boone Grove and the Alley from 500 S. Boone Grove. Petitioner William Dame - 2nd Reading.

Com. Good, Do you have anything?

Mr. Thompson, I don't have anything.

Com. Good, I think we all remember this from the last meeting.

Com. Blaney, This hasn't been used as an alley in years, I've been out there.

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

HIGHWAY ENGINEERING – BOB THOMPSON

American Structurepoint – Amendment No. 1 to Owner-Engineer Agreement for Porter County Bridge #135, Bridge Design for Superstructure Replacement not to exceed \$201,860.00.

Mr. Thompson, This is Amendment No. 1 to Bridge #135. Bridge #135 is in the City of Portage. It's on Old Porter Road over Salt Creek. This amendment is to do some environmental analysis. They have to do some wetland delineation there, because we need to file for a permit for construction in a floodway. Even though we're not going to be in the channel per say to do construction since we're removing the deck we still have to file for a permit for construction of floodway.

Com. Good, So we still have to file for a permit even though we're not working for in the right of way?

Mr. Thompson, We're not working in the channel but we still have to do the construction of a floodway permit with DNR.

Com. Good, That is a tough one to swallow. We tried. Any questions? Just so the Board knows when this first came up we tried permitting with this without having to go for this. At the time we did not feel that we would be really creating any issues out there.

Mr. Thompson, Just placing the deck.

Com. Good, Yes, exactly we're just replacing the deck here is all we are doing. I don't think we have any way out of it though because they've asked for that. So that is why there is a change order because we went in without doing. We felt we could do it without. Any questions from the Board?

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

United Consulting – Agreement for Bridge 152 Wagner Rd. over Little Calumet – beam painting and deck rehabilitation not to exceed \$90,100.00.

Mr. Thompson, United Consulting is doing our bridge inspections currently for the next phase and we also have an annual agreement with them to do work for us on such cases like this. These 2 bridges that are right next to each other need maintenance work on it and until we're set up staff wise we asked them to develop the drawings and specifications and also do permitting for us since it is going to be construction for a floodway. The first bridge that is up is Bridge 152 this is Wagner Rd. over the Little Calumet River. We've already done coring's on it the deck is good. The only thing we need to do is mill the deck and put a new concrete overlay over it. Wagner Rd. is also steel underneath and we need to clean the steel off and also clean the rockers on it and repaint. We're also going to be putting in a new abutment on it to try and prevent storm water from going down in like it has in the past in the joints on to these rockers.

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

United Consulting – Agreement for Bridge 208 Shorewood Forest – Shorewood Dr. over Lake Louise deck rehabilitation not to exceed \$68,000.00.

Mr. Thompson, Yes this is Bridge 208 Shorewood Dr. over Lake Louise in Shorewood Forest Subdivision. We did a bridge overlay on this back in 94 or 95 it was one of my projects I did when I was an assistant engineer. The new overlay that was put on it has delaminated and we need to go in and replace it. Again, we did coring's on it the deck is good and solid it's just a matter of milling out this and putting a new overlay plus fixing the coping that is on the northeast corner on this so that way concrete isn't falling.

Com. Good, And I believe that this is a bridge that boats go under. So we've had cracking and falling of some concrete underneath. It is a very heavily used bridge.

Mr. Thompson, Which I should mention we probably will be for both of these bridges requesting sealed bids for these probably in January or February is what they told us, we're thinking so we're going to be set for construction on both of these bridges in April of next year. A lot of this is due to the permitting requirements that we have to go through.

Com. Blaney, These amounts sound like and are lot but those numbers would grow very quickly if we weren't doing this maintenance.

Mr. Thompson, Right.

Com. Good, And these are big bridges too. These are some of our bigger bridges that we have out there so they're not like your little County road bridge. These are big span bridges. They are long and have a lot of decking on them in very high traffic areas too. Just part of the work getting our bridges back up to snuff again, it is going to take us a little while but we're up to the task.

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

SEH of Indiana – A proposal to develop a design for the improvement of the intersection at Division Road and SR 49. Task 1 will be in the amount of \$25,800.00 and Task 2 will not exceed \$10,500.00.00.

Com. Good, As we have been working on the Expo upgrade all of us Commissioners and probably Council members know that because of the addition to Pratt and using about 150 to 175 trucks a day going down Division Rd. it has caused a lot of traffic concerns and it is really beating up our roads up there quite a bit. When Pratt opened there was stakeholder meeting with IDOT and a lot of people came out and we talked about the intersection. I know the State has been working on some things on the 49 side. What we're looking at doing here is trying to

figure out a way that we can widen Division Rd. up near 49 both on the east side and the west side by Aldi's. I have met with the City of Valparaiso and have talked to them about help sharing in the cost of this because Aldi's is in the City of Valparaiso so their truck traffic tears that intersection up quite a bit too and they have been very receptive to those discussions. Now what we're trying to do is come up with a design that the State of Indiana will accept if we go in this direction. What will happen that intersection will become wider on the County side which will allow the trucks to turn left on to Pratt and give them a lot more room to turn. We really couldn't go south because of the electric polls and everything that were put right up against the road so we really feel like have a solution here to a problem that is long overdue that we need to fix and I think for the safety of our communities and also coming at a good time to upgrade the Expo Center and everything I don't think that the timing could be better. That is sort of the skinny on what we're trying to do there, but I think it is something that needs to be done. And also looking at some of the preliminary costs I don't think it is going to be a jugular thing to be able to do that. We're also looking at the State of Indiana is reconfiguring their Community Crossings Grant Program and there may be even an opportunity here so we can share with Valpo on the Community Crossing Grant and even get the State to come in and pay some more money too. So we're trying to screw down the screws here a little bit to see who will come in and put some money out on the table for us before we get it there. So I think it's a great project and I know all of the other Commissioners have gotten calls about things out there too. Any questions? That Division Rd. is Laura and I's division of our districts.

Com. Blaney, We get a few calls.

Com. Good, We get a few calls and the City of Valpo says they get calls too. So I think we're all in the same boat here so let's fix it.

Com. Blaney, I think 49 right there is in pretty bad shape and I think in 2019 they're fixing the pavement there too.

Com. Good, When we met with the Highway Department they were planning this year to move all of the signals and everything this year, but I think it's going to get pushed back to the next year when we could maybe do this project all at once because for their new traffic signal, this is sort of interesting they have these hockey pucks now that they actually put in the asphalt and that is what signals to the traffic thing. So we don't have to dig those out and put them back in when we do all of the paving and everything. I think the State is going to back up now and we're going to try to time this all together where we can go in and do all of the work at once and get it done right so there is not a lot of traffic disruption either. It is a very busy road in the morning as Vicki knows coming to work every day.

Com. Blaney, And it is in bad shape. The people who are complaining have legitimate complaints but it is coming, it's on the docket. The State plans these projects out years ahead of time so we're here finally.

Com. Good, moved to approve SEH of Indiana, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Porter County Highway Dept. and Porter County Dept. of Development & Storm Water Management – Project cooperation and use of funds.

Com. Good, As I mentioned earlier in the meeting how our Highway Department is starting to work with our Storm Water Department much closer. What this is a document that solidifies that and spells out the boundaries of how these 2 departments will work together with regards to funding and other things. And I also think it will give clarification to the Council too on how this is supposed to go back and forth so everybody has an idea of who is on first on these things. This actually is an MOU that formalizes that agreement that allows people to know who is paying for what so there is not a lot of this. This is just some housekeeping that I think will again create some good best practices.

Atty. McClure, And real quick it is just paving of bridge decks and culvert purchases so the Storm Water Fund, bridge deck pavement for 500 feet of each side from the abutment walls and Storm Water will purchase culverts that are larger than 24 inches in diameter on Highway projects. So this just solidifies that.

Mr. Thompson, Correct, bridge fund will take care of the paving.

Com. Good, So we'll all know what bucket to pull that money out of and there is a criteria for each one to audit. And I would also say that I think as the relationship between these departments develop over time I would see that MOU coming back here to be updated and upgraded as we move along. So I see this as sort of working document going forward. I just want to make sure that we all understand that too.

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

Bridge 168, Brummit Road over Little Calumet River bridge replacement – Staff recommendation for selection of consultant for providing engineering services

Mr. Thompson, This is definitely a bridge that needs to be replaced. We have received Federal Construction Funding for this to be released in 2022. As a matter of fact right now INDOT has us on their list for releasing in January of 2022 for construction only. To get to that point we are going to be paying for the engineering design out of the bridge fund ourselves because of the urgency of this bridge needs to get replaced. We wanted it to be replaced as soon as possible with the Federal Funding so INDOT has accommodated with us. Mike Novotney, Rich Sexton and I reviewed a number of proposals on this or letters of interest on this and we would like to give a recommendation to the Commissioners that USI Consultants be the consulting engineer design firm for this Bridge 168. If you have any questions Brandon Arnold is with USI and he is right behind me in the audience. They are also doing work on Bridge 126 currently and Mike and I have been very pleased with the cooperation with USI and Brandon Arnold on that bridge so we would like to recommend USI again for Bridge 168.

Com. Biggs, So Bob the Federal Funds will be available in 2022, you're suggesting that we expedite things along that we go ahead and pay for it and be reimbursed at a later date by the Feds?

Mr. Thompson, No we're going to be paying the engineering fees all ourselves out of the bridge fund. Or I should say at construction time when this is let we will be sending INDOT 20% of the construction costs.

Com. Biggs, Out of what we spend on engineering costs.

Mr. Thompson, No that is separate.

Com. Biggs, So that doesn't count towards what we spend for an engineer, it doesn't count for.....

Mr. Thompson, No just to get this going and approved we only file for the construction.

Com. Biggs, Okay.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve USI Consulting Services, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, We will see an agreement back here at our next meeting probably, correct Bob or can we...

Mr. Thompson, We still have to go through the....since we're doing the Federal process on this with the Federal money we have to go through INDOT to get the contracts going but we will eventually be back here with a INDOT form.

Com. Good, Okay thanks Bob we got through it. Now let's go get some bridges done.

HEALTH DEPT. - ATTY. DAVE HOLLENBECK

A Resolution Honoring Keith Letta's Service as the Health Department Director

Atty. Hollenbeck, I was on the agenda because we thought Martin had a funeral to work and he has figured out a way not to have to do that. So Martin the chairman of the Board of Health is with us this morning so he will take over.

Com. Good, We will let Martin read the resolution too because I'm losing my voice.

Mr. Moeller, We wanted to speak in support of a resolution for Keith and if you'd like me to read that.

APPRECIATION RESOLUTION 18-05

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Letta will be retiring from his position as the Porter County Health Department Administrator on July 6th, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Letta has served as both a sanitarian and as the department Administrator for the past 44 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Letta did, during his service with the Porter County Health Department, 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 Mr. Keith Letta and in so doing acknowledging and memorializing the dedicated and committed service of Mr. Keith Letta as both a sanitarian and as the Department Administrator for the past forty-four years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Porter County Board of Commissioners that Mr. Keith Letta 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 Mr. Keith Letta should be and is hereby commended, recognized and acknowledged for his dedication, commitment and service as a sanitarian and the department Administrator for the past forty-four years.

ALL OF WHICH HAVING BEEN RESOLVED by the Porter County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of June, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA
/s/Jeffrey J. Good
/s/Laura Blaney
/s/Jim Biggs

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

Com. Good, Keith do you have anything to say?

Mr. Letta, Thank you for the kind words and thank you for the support over the years from various groups of Commissioners, Council too and again thank you.

Com. Good, Can you give us an announcement on.....I think Martin was ahead of me on that so sorry about that.

Mr. Moeller, Thank you Jeff. We do have Letty Zepeda is going to be Keith's replacement as administrator and with your permission we will allow her to introduce herself.

Com. Good, You have the floor.

Ms. Zepeda, Thank you. My name is Letty Zepeda, I've actually been working for the Health Department for the past 2 years. I have 28 years plus working for government. My bachelor's degree is in biology. I have a master's with dual concentrations in public management and also criminal justice. I look forward to taking over Keith's position. I look forward to working with all of you. I'm going to miss him no doubt, he has been a great mentor. He has been a great example of how to lead. I look forward to taking the department forward in a new direction and like I said working with everyone. Thank you for your support and everything you've done in training me.

Com. Good, Thank you Letty. Thank you Keith, good luck out there have fun.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION – MICHELLE BENSON

The introduction of Jared O'Brien as the new District Conservation Project Manager.

Ms. Benson, We're excited to introduce my new co-worker Jared O'Brien who is our district Conservation Project Manager and he has hit the ground running so I am going to let him speak for himself. He is extremely talented and is going to make a wonderful addition to our department.

Mr. O'Brien, Thanks Michelle. Good morning. I started with the County SWCD in spring. Prior to that I worked with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture I was with their division soil conservation. I covered a large territory in Northwest Indiana and I was very pleased to be granted an opportunity to join Porter County Soil and Water Conservation District. It is my home county and it is a lot nicer to focus on one than five and a lot less travel time. So far I've been out in the field already meeting with landowners and farmers just addressing erosion issues, natural resource concerns just doing everything in our office, very hard working for water quality and natural resource conservation in Indiana.

Com. Blaney, Welcome aboard.

Com. Good, I'm sure you met Mike Novotney and our group up at the Storm Water.

Mr. O'Brien, He attends a few of our monthly meetings.

Com. Good, Good.

Ms. Benson, He is actually an associate supervisor on our board. He graciously accepted our invitation although I don't know if he knew what he was getting into right Mike?

Com. Good, Well we like to have representation out there and this is a big push that we're making for the County and so it is going to take us a little while to get it all going here but I think we're getting some good momentum and we're into clean water too. We like clean water so thank you. I'd like to welcome you to Porter County and good luck in your new position.

Mr. O'Brien, Thanks appreciate it.

Com. Good, Thank you for coming forward Michelle and bringing them in.

Ms. Benson, Absolutely, we really don't attend very often because normally I'm in the schools throughout the school year so I'm only able to come in during the summer.

MARY CONNOR – 639 HOLLYWOOD DR., HEBRON, INDIANA

A request to have the block of Ventura and San Fernando closed on July 13th to July 15th for a block party. Ms. Connor has done this in the past and has gotten permission from her neighbors.

Com. Good, A 2 day party I think I'm going to have to come to that.

Ms. Connor, Well it's actually not a 2 day party. In years past I had the road closed no problem but this year when I called it seemed to have been an issue so I was instructed to contact you and that is why I'm here and actually this year it's not for a block party it is for my daughter's high school graduation party, but my yard isn't real big in the front so it is just safer if we close that block. There are plenty of out roads for other cars.

Com. Good, Thank you for coming in and doing anytime you close a road down there is liability issues and we just want to make sure that it was all done above board. I think our insurance carrier wants to see that too, right Mark? Thank you for doing that.

Ms. Connor, So will I still need to contact the Highway Department in years previous they just brought out barricades and put them up.

Atty. McClure, The Highway Department is here and they know.

Ms. Connor, Okay.

Com. Good, Here is sitting in the back of the room.

Ms. Connor, Great.

Com. Biggs, And your neighbors know?

Ms. Connor, Yes there are only two neighbors it affects and they are totally fine with it.

Com. Biggs, Did you invite them?

Ms. Connor, Of course.

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

Com. Good, Hollywood Dr. makes it sound like it's going to be a great party.

Ms. Connor, Doesn't it? Thank you.

Com. Good, I believe that concludes our business on the agenda. Anyone wishing to address this Board? Come on up sir come and sit at the table give us your name, your address. Good morning.

Mr. Vamos, Good morning, my name is Emery Vamos I live at 65 Prairie Parkway in Valparaiso, better known as I guess Aberdeen that area. I came here mainly there are quite a few construction trucks going through our area and they are not County roads and they are building a new subdivision back behind Aberdeen it's called the Prairie and their trucks seem to all come through our area. Now being a truck driver you're tearing down trees and you've got 72,000 pound concrete trucks going on narrow roads rounding through. To me it would seem easier just to go down Tower Rd. and Division through I'm not sure what that subdivision is called but it is tied into in the back. I called and left messages and I will say they were finally returned, one wasn't returned. If you want to know I will let you know later on. I'm not going to make it a public hearing. All I can say is if you ever leave a message on a woman's phone she'll call you in an hour. If you leave it on a man's phone he'll call you before he dies.

Com. Biggs, I'm going to write that down.

Mr. Vamos, Take it with a grain of salt. I did call and finally talked and they said that I should see the contractor who is building that area up which is Mr. Coolman. Then I was told there is an agreement some place. They think it's construction of the subdivision or the construction of the new homes. My question is how can they get permission from somebody that contractors trucks cannot go through County roads. Frost laws I understand but I can't understand why construction trucks. So now they are reverting through subdivision and we have the trees overhanging, beautiful trees, beautiful road, wide road and a County road also. I'm not sure what we can do to have a private road you go from there. I think it would be apropos if they could use the other road. Pickup trucks and what have you when you start getting 70,000 pound trucks rolling through subdivisions and not just straight through, you know how it's designed. That was it for that unless you have any questions for me.

Com. Biggs, I just want to be clear sir that the roads that you are concerned about you're saying they're private?

Mr. Vamos, Yes Aberdeen has private roads.

Atty. McClure, Not all of them correct?

Mr. Vamos, Not all of them. Ours is I know that, our is. Another concern I brought up about a year ago and I will repeat it. Smoke Rd. and Division you people improved that road except you made it more dangerous as far as I'm concerned. That traffic goes a lot faster going north and south and sometimes they slow up and sometimes they don't. I don't know if anybody here drives that road but you better be real careful. I suggested before to put a 4 way stop and I mentioned how many signs there are at that intersection. At that time I think there were 16. You know cross traffic doesn't stop. You got 2 stop signs, you got warning traffic. There was 16 back then if you count the signs including the stop signs. Now I didn't count them and I go that way going to school, when I go to Ivy Tech and I see people real hesitant when they go through that intersection. Those cars going north and south go fast and now if they go to make a turn they only have to slow up and make a turn hardly it's so wide over there. If you can put a 4 way stop, I thought that is what they were going to do or even put a stop light there. And you got buses now there too I can assume from the new school if they go that way or not I don't know. Item number 5 on your agenda I just picked this up that is not why I came here but as long as I'm here. You mentioned cost, you had 9% of construction cost on one of your agenda's it was Number 5, what is the construction cost?

Atty. McClure, \$3 million is the estimate.

Mr. Vamos, Okay 9% of that interesting. I think we got burned a while back but I won't even get into that one.

Com. Good, No you're wrong but you go ahead and make whatever assumptions you want to make.

Mr. Vamos, Okay thank you.

Com. Good, You're getting the push back that you were looking for so there you go.

Mr. Vamos, Okay.

Com. Good, And I disagree with you on Smoke Rd. too. I think the site lines have improved greatly sir and there are a bunch of engineers and bunch of people that were involved in all of that and I grew up in South County so I came up Smoke Rd. a lot. I know both families that live on the hill there and I think it's a much better situation than it is today then what you evidently think it is.

Mr. Vamos, Well let me say that I haven't lived here that long.

Com Good, Oh okay.

Mr. Vamos, So to me it's dangerous and someone told me at one time that used to be like an ambulance run when Porter County Hospital was downtown between Cedar Lake and (Inaudible) that there were no stop signs.

Com. Good, I never heard of that.

Mr. Vamos, But anyway I haven't lived here that long.

Com. Biggs, But you didn't see the road before we had improved it?

Mr. Vamos, Yes I did. I did see it before you improved it. In fact I was so happy I saw them digging in the center and thought oh there are going to put a stop light out there.

Com. Good, Well all of the engineering and everything that went through all of that, it went through the State LPA Program and everything else. It was all engineered and all approved based on all of the traffic studies and everything that went on out there. So I think what we have today is a culmination of all of that work and engineer and going through all of the approval processes that you need to go through.

Mr. Vamos, Okay I have no problem with that.

Com. Good, Thank you.

Mr. Vamos, It's just my opinion.

Com. Good, Yes and you're entitled to that.

Mr. Vamos, You got that right and you are too. That's it I talked to someone outside and got an answer on the last one.

Com. Biggs, Sir we will contact, I will do it personally, we'll contact the Sheriff's Department and have them monitor the traffic speed on that road. The improvements we made on that is not the problem. The problem is the vehicles traveling too fast.

Mr. Vamos, I only travel it probably 6 times a week.

Com. Biggs, We'll contact the Sheriff's Department and as them to keep an eye on it.

Com. Good, Slow them down a little bit.

Com. Biggs, Maybe we'll put some kind of radar sign out there to let people know how fast you're traveling.

Mr. Vamos, Just don't put any speed bumps.

Com. Good, No.

Mr. Vamos, I don't go that way I go east and west but don't give them any speed bumps.

Com. Good, I don't think the snowplow drivers would want that either.

Mr. Vamos, No speed bumps. Thank you for your time.

Com. Good, Thank you sir and we'll look into those other issues. Thank you for coming forward.

Com. Blaney, Thank you.

Com. Biggs, Have a nice day!

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

Jeffrey J. Good

Laura M. Blaney

Jim Biggs

Attest: _____
Vicki Urbanik, Auditor