

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 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, July 10, 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 Tuesday, July 10, 2018. We will move right to the Consent Agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Payroll – June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Approval of Claims – June 21<sup>st</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Weights and Measures Monthly Report – May 16<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Comp Time Report.**

Com. Good, I will let Com. Blaney read off the Memorial Opera House contracts.

**MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR**

1. Chris Haddad – Artistic Services Agreement.
2. Dan Houston – Artistic Services Agreement.
3. James McNabney – Artistic Services Agreement.
4. Brian Moore – Artistic Services Agreement.
5. Stephanie Reeder – Artistic Services Agreement – Legal Blonde.
6. Stephanie Reeder – Artistic Services Agreement – Lunchtime Cabaret.
7. James Simon – Artistic Services Agreement.
8. Bill Romer – Artistic Services Agreement.
9. Don Parker – Artistic Services Agreement.
10. Bethany Bargo – Artistic Services Agreement.
11. Tracy Bermingham – Artistic Services Agreement.
12. Michael Bernstein – Artistic Services Agreement.
13. Valerie Cook – Artistic Services Agreement.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Com. Biggs, moved to approve.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The re-appointment of Howard Struble to the Airport Board Authority**

Com. Good, This is the Porter County Airport Board. We have on the agenda here to re-appoint Howard Struble.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve re-appoint Howard Struble to the Airport Authority Board, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Com. Blaney, moved to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

## Receive and open bids for the Porter County Expo Center Renovation

Com. Good, Now we are going to get into what I'm sure a lot of people are here for. We are going to receive and open bids for the Porter County Expo Center renovations. This is part of the Capital Improvement Plan that the County has been working on and I know we've been working on it quite a bit. This is for the Expo Center and we will be receiving and opening bids and then I think we will be awarding on the 17<sup>th</sup> which is a week from today. We will have a special Commissioners' meeting at 10:00 on the 17<sup>th</sup> so we're posting up now to let you know that's when it will be awarded. Today we will be receiving the bids, opening the bids, announcing the bids and then turning the bids over to Skillman and they will go through all of the bids over the next week to make sure we're all apples to apples to make sure everything is responsive and responsible. Right now as this project sits, just a little update for everybody we plan on starting the work on the Expo Center right after the Fair. So we're thinking within a week or two after the Fair is over and they are cleaned up out there and they have everything put back in the barns we're going to get into it and we're going to start making it pretty. It's coming. We're on the last 30 countdown here so we're getting excited. Hopefully Lori Daly is excited too.

Com. Blaney, She hides it.

Com. Good, We will start the process here and start opening them up. I will turn it over to Dion from Skillman.

Mr. Kotsouros, Thank you Commissioners. Most of you are familiar with how I handle the bid process, it's fairly quick and efficient. I'm going to read the bids once. If there is an alternate I will read the value. If there is no alternate or zero cost listed I will not read it. I read them by bid categories. There are 8 categories 1 through 8. If you are the apparent 2 low bidders please submit your sub and products list to us within the next 48 hours and we will be contacting the apparent low bidders to schedule pre-award conferences in an effort to submit a recommendation letter to the Commissioners for next Tuesday's award. Having said that we will go ahead and get started with Bid Category 1. If I do read your category and you're not interested in staying and you're going to leave I get it just please do so quietly.

### **Bid Category 1 is for General Trades:**

Larson-Danielson Construction Co. – Base Bid \$890,071.00, Alternate Bid 1 is a deduct of \$7500.00, Alternate Bid 2 is a deduct of \$8410.00, Alternate Bid 3 is an add of \$16,250.00

Gough Inc. – Base Bid \$900,000.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$12,000.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$29,000.00, Alternate Bid 3 add \$15,500.00

Ziolkowski Const. Inc. – Base Bid \$1,039,000.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$17,200.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$28,900.00, Alternate Bid 3 add \$16,200.00

Gibson Lewis LLC – Base Bid \$814,300.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$11,000.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$33,500.00, Alternate Bid 3 add \$17,500.00

Gariup Construction Co. Inc. – Base Bid \$856,500.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$40,000.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$24,000.00, Alternate Bid 3 add \$15,000.00

This is the last bid for Bid Category 1 for General Trades.

Pangere Corp. – Base Bid \$796,959.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$38,202.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$30,736.00, Alternate Bid add \$13,895.00.

Com. Biggs, And they are not on this list correct?

Mr. Kotsouros, They may not be on that list so you can add them if they're not. They may have picked up plans through....

Com. Biggs, Hasse didn't....

Mr. Kotsouros, No bid from Hasse.

Com. Good, Or Berglund.

Mr. Kotsouros, Or Berglund. The list you have is plan holders that picked up plans but that doesn't necessarily mean they actually bid on that project.

**Bid Category 2 Roofing:**

Marris and Son Inc. – Base Bid \$253,917.00

E.C. Babilla Inc. - Base Bid \$230,645.00

**Bid Category 3 Metal Studs, Drywall and Accoustics:**

Kleckner Interior Systems Inc. – Base Bid \$406,000.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$40,000.00

Gibson Lewis LLC – Base Bid \$498,500.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$47,500.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$500.00

Pangere Corp. – Base Bid \$398,772.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$61,911.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$10,648.00

Gough Inc. – Base Bid \$400,000.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$85,000.00

**Bid Category 4 Flooring:**

Midwest Tile and Interiors – Base Bid \$322,638.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$2,520.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$2,160.00

Master Tile Inc. – Base Bid \$463,000.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$1721.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$1,114.00

**Painting and Wallcoverings:**

Ziolkowski Const. Inc. – Base Bid \$193,270.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$58,680.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$3750.00

Stan's Painting and Decorating Inc. – Base Bid \$142,280.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$62,400.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$4,620.00

Oosterbaan & Sons – Base Bid \$136,900.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$61,000.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$4800.00

**Bid Category 6 Plumbing:**

Artic Engineering – Base Bid \$89,900.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$14,400.00

Keough Mechanical Corp. – Base Bid \$41,389.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$1,258.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$15,251.00

Mechanical Concepts Inc. – Base Bid \$68,000.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$2,400.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$17,250.00

D.A. Dodd LLC – Base Bid \$68,781.00, Alternate Bid 2 add \$22,924.00

**Bid Category 7 Mechanical:**

Mechanical Concepts Inc. – Base Bid \$734,700.00

D.A. Dodd LLC – Base Bid \$722,223.00, Alternate Bid 4 add \$39,850.00

Artic Engineering – Base Bid \$879,900.00

**Combination Bid for Categories 6 & 7 Plumbing and Mechanical:**

D.A. Dodd LLC – Base Bid is \$786,480.00

**Bid Category 8 Electrical:**

Continental Electric – Base Bid \$554,150.00

Midwestern Electric Inc. – Base Bid \$709,260.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$13,970.00

Circle R Electric Inc. – Base Bid \$590,475.00, Alternate Bid 1 add \$980.00

Mr. Kotsouros, That concludes the bid opening. Again, if you are the apparent 2 low bidders please submit your sub and products list and we will be contacting you to schedule pre-award conferences. Thank you!

Com. Good, Thanks Dion. So I know that is probably a little unfamiliar with what we have done in these meetings before, this is all new to everybody, but I think people can start to see how we've broken the projects down and how we've broken the bid packages down. We really feel that that is going to get us the best overall price that we can get. The numbers and the disparity look good at this point. So I'm looking forward to what you guys all come back with but I think we're off to a real good start.

**American Structurepoint – Public Way Improvements for the Porter County Administration Building in the amount of \$14,500.00.**

Com. Good, I'm not sure if the amount is correct. Scott can you look that up because I think \$7,000.00 of this amount was for an as build and we ended up getting the County Surveyor to do the as build so that should not be included in it. That is with the deduct from the Topo okay, so this is the correct amount then, thank you. I couldn't remember.

Atty. McClure, You're welcome.

Com. Good, So what this is for now that we have the Plaza done this is somewhat of a continuation from the Plaza project out front. Once we've gotten the Plaza project up and opened now we have noticed that our ADA parking on the street really doesn't seem to line up very well with how our new Plaza is set up. We have been working with the City of Valparaiso and they are going to be doing some sidewalk work out in front of the County building, but we're also going to be doing a little engineering over here at the corner and we feel we have come up with a solution for some ADA parking that will basically mirror what the City did across the street over at the ice skating rink/market. It's a very small project but I think it will sort of complete what we are trying to do out front. It will make it more user friendly for people with ADA parking and other things and I think it will also set up for when the County building is not in session and it is closed I think it will also be a nice addition to what the City of Valparaiso is trying to do downtown. Again, it is a very small project, it's just a little fine tuning of what we have already done and I think it is the last piece of the puzzle that we need to put together. This is for Structurepoint to come up and design this and work with the City of Valparaiso so we can get this all completed. There will be some concrete work in there, I don't think it will be a whole lot of work but it needs to be done. That is the description to my fellow Board members on what we are trying to do here. In that amount there was an amount of around \$7,000.00 for a topographic surveyor which we again had the County Surveyor, he just received some new equipment and wanted to try it out and so he did the as build for us and the County saved \$7,000.00 so it is all good.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the American Structurepoint agreement, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

**Gough Construction – Payment Application No. 1 in the amount of \$69,300.00. The remaining balance is \$18,488.88.**

Com. Good, This was for the work that was done in the Commissioners' office, some interior framing was done in the Commissioners' office and the Auditor's office. We moved some rooms around and the County Auditor was very kind in working with us so we could reconfigure some meeting areas and other things. We are at the tail end of that small little project and this is the bill to pay for it.

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

**An Ordinance Amending Title 9 Chapter 9.20 Truancy**

Atty. McClure, So the State Statute 20-33-2-3 allows there to be some local ordinance enforcement of truancy. One of the school corporations Portage Township School reached out as they have their school corporation is not only within the city but also in the unincorporated area. For us to pass this it allows there to be ordinance violations for children who are not in school or truant and it basically adopts the State Statute to allow that to be enforced and then there are notice requirements and age requirements and it has been set up with one of the judges in the Superior Courts to hear the ordinance violations. This is obviously just to try to keep kids in school and to be able to have some enforcement and some oversight of it if we have some of those issues out there with parents.

Com. Biggs, Can I see the ordinance?

Atty. McClure, Sure and we need to do 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

Com. Good, First call anyone wish to speak against this ordinance? Second call anyone wishing to speak against this ordinance? Third and final call anyone wishing to speak against this ordinance? Anyone wishing to come forward and speak in favor of this ordinance? Second call anyone wishing to come forward and speak in favor of this ordinance? Third and final call anyone wishing to come forward and speak in favor of this ordinance that is amending Title 9 Chapter 9.20 for Truancy?

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

Com. Good, Any questions or comments?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Appointment of Hearing Officer for Unsafe Building**

Com. Good, Scott why don't you just give a little brief outline on that.

Atty. McClure, The State Statute of the Unsafe Building is codified and the State Statute that has been adopted by the County and it allows for a hearing officer to be appointed to hear those cases, it expedites the process and makes it a little bit more convenient for not only the County but also any residents that would be affected by this. I would recommend Atty. Andrew Bennett as the Hearing Officer. He is a local attorney here in Valparaiso. I think he would do a fine job at it.

Com. Blaney, I'm looking forward to getting this ball rolling.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Andrew Bennett to become the County's Hearing Officer for Unsafe Building, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

**Release of RFP for 157 Restaurant Space**

Com. Good, What is going on there the Commissioners have met with the City of Valparaiso and they are going to be helping us take the lead on sort of corralling in requests for proposals for people wanting to lease the restaurant space in the new building that we just acquired. I believe the Mexican restaurant has closed and the building is now completely vacant and we're now starting to meet with a lot of different things going on in that building. I know we have some big meetings planned this afternoon to kick off that project, but this will release the RFP to the public so we can start getting requests for proposals to see who would like to take a shot at that space. We have had some pretty good interests so far so we are cautiously optimistic. Any questions?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the release of the RFP for the 157 Franklin restaurant space, Com. Good, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, It is on the street. We will let Patrick Lyp know the we approved it at our meeting.

**Resolution authorizing the submittal of the PFP Application**

Atty. McClure, That is the Portage Food Pantry application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Basically as we've said the Portage Food Pantry and the Portage Township Trustee and the Commissioners' office are working together to apply for the half of a million dollar OCRA Grant for the Food Pantry. This is the resolution needed by the Commissioners as the Commissioners are the lead on the application that would authorized the submittal of that application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The one update they have been fund raising and I understand that has been going very well for them. I think they are somewhere around \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 raised so far for that. The Community Foundation has been helping quite a bit with that so this is part of that application. I reviewed it and I don't have any questions the only reason why the Porter County Community Foundation portion is not in there is because they are still tallying those donations and they could add right before the submission goes in.

Com. Good, Any questions from any of the Board members? That is what a \$500,000.00 grant application I believe?

Atty. McClure, Correct.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Portage Food Pantry application, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

### **SHERIFF DAVE REYNOLDS**

#### **An Ordinance Revising 3.76 – Video Tape Duplication Fee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**

Com. Good, As everyone remembers at our last meeting we approved body cameras for our police department in the County, the Sheriff's Department. What this ordinance does it allows us to charge for the video tape fee that will be coming out of there. That is what this ordinance allows us to do and this is 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the revision on the Video Tape Duplication Fee Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

### **EXPO CENTER – LORI DALY, DIRECTOR**

**A request to transfer funds - Fund #4005 in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Account #3510 Power to Account #3920 Disposal. The transfer is to replenish the Disposal account which is low due to Compactor repair.**

**A request to transfer funds - Fund #4005 in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Account #3520 Water and Sewage to Account #2350 Building Maintenance. The transfer is to replenish the Building Maintenance account which is low due to Equipment repairs.**

Ms. Daly, We need to replenish the disposal account because the compactor broke down in March during the middle of trade show season. So it was quite difficult. We need to replenish that to get us through until the end of the year as well as the Building Maintenance. The last 3 months I think that all of our equipment knows we're getting remodeled and has decided to breakdown. We are going to move \$3,000.00 from Water and Sewage to Building and Maintenance. Hopefully that will get us through the year.

Com. Good, We have to do these separately don't we?

Atty. McClure, No we can do them together.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve 2 transfers for the Expo Center, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

### **SURVEYOR – KEVIN BREITZKE - TABLED**

**Swift Navigation – Replacement of existing County GNSS antenna with upgraded chokering and receiver to be located near the existing Trimble GPS.**

Com. Good, The Surveyor is out of town today and he couldn't make the meeting so we will catch up with Kevin at the next meeting.

### **HIGHWAY DEPT. – RICH SEXTON, SUPERINTENDENT**

**A request to transfer funds - Fund #1176 in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Account #2310 Tires to Account #2260 Tools. The transfer is to purchase tools to update Shop.**

Com. Good, Hi Rich, I see we also have Asst. Superintendent James Polarek here as well.

Mr. Sexton, Team effort.

Com. Good, Tell us what you have here.

Mr. Sexton, We want to transfer the funds \$10,000.00 from Tires to Tools. We've gone over all of the tools in the buildings and there are no basic sets of tools. The regular drivers are using mechanics tools to work on their trucks. They need a little something here and there. They don't have their own basic set of tools in each of the shops that is something we would like to get the drivers so they have something they can work on their trucks with. Help the mechanics get some more tools to do their jobs with the emissions in the new trucks. It is taking

specialty tools and they are much more expensive than the old box and wrench so that is where we are trying to get them to do more in house work as well.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Just to let everyone know these two guys have been working feverishly on their budget and a lot of good things are coming out of that. We are real excited. We can't wait until you guys get to present it to the Council and show them all the work that you've done to make it a lot easier for all of us to follow which is good and transparent. I know you guys have been working hard at it, thank you.

Mr. Sexton, Appreciate it, thank you!

Com. Good, Keep it going.

Mr. Sexton, Alright, will do.

### **HIGHWAY ENGINEERING & STORM WATER MNGMNT. – BOB THOMPSON, DIRECTOR**

#### **Consultant selection for Bridge 150; Mineral Springs Road over the Little Calumet River**

Com. Good, This is a north bridge. What do you have Bob?

Mr. Thompson, Correct. This is in the Town of Porter it is replacing a bridge that has a very low sufficiency rating and it's on our bridge asset management plan for being in need of replacement. So we had 5 consultants give us letters of interest or RFQ's on this and we are recommending SEH for the design of the bridge.

Com. Good, Any questions from the Board members?

Com. Biggs, Bob you are working with the town to give them plenty of notice that they can....because that is sort of a main road through that part of town.

Mr. Thompson, It is and we had another bridge there Wagner Rd. that we contact Brenda and I can't think of her last name I apologize their road superintendent about the borings and stuff. She was pleased to her that we were going forward with working on these bridges. So yes they are aware of the conditions. They did ask us to get us give a 6 month notice when we're going to come in and do the construction so we will do that.

Com. Good, And since this is over the Little Cal. we have certain time periods we can work on that bridge. Am I on the wrong river?

Mr. Thompson, Yes, we will be limited to times that we can actually work in the stream. It doesn't mean they can do certain work but the actual get inside of the channel there is going to be definitely certain times. There is also going to be certain times when they go in and actually do clearing because of the Indiana Bat too that they can't get in it.

Com. Good, So we're working around the Indiana Bat.

Mr. Thompson, The Indiana Bat and also the salmon and trout.

Com. Good, Yes, salmon and trout I knew.

Com. Biggs, Will your notices include the Duneland School District, because I know that that is a bus route.

Mr. Thompson, Correct, part of the fact when we actually get involved with the construction of it definitely the contractor whoever is selected is going to have to notify the police, fire, 911 that is usually in their construction specification package.

Com. Biggs, And how long did you say that you thought it would take from start to finish?

Mr. Thompson, For the construction of this? 5 or 6 months maybe.

Com. Biggs, So you are projected that road to be closed for that long?

Mr. Thompson, Should I give you my conservative?

Com. Good, You said 5 months, I was up here holding 4 months.

Mr. Thompson, I will go 7.

Atty. McClure, Lucky number 7.

Com. Good, That was the Bob Thompson I was looking for.

Com. Biggs, I will tell everybody 8. Alright thanks.

Com. Good, But it's a bridge that needs to be fixed desperately.

Mr. Thompson, Yes it is.

Com. Good, I agree. So your recommendation is SEH?

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

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

**MOU between the County Commissioners and the Storm Water Management Board for use of funds between the Storm Water budget and the Cumulative Bridge budget.**

Com. Good, What we did here was now that we have a Storm Water Department that has their own funding source and we're sort of using Highway equipment, we're utilizing Storm Water Funds. We also have bridge work that comes out of a different fund, the Bridge Fund. What this MOU does here and these MOU's that you are going to see coming before you is it basically through wording and through an agreement between all of these departments sets up the guidelines of who pays for what and when. So when you go in and repave a bridge there is going to be about 1000 ft. that is going to be paved over that bridge that will come out of the Bridge Fund even though it's paving. It wouldn't come out of the Paving Fund for Highway it comes out of the Bridge Fund. So what we are doing is we have lined up all of these things that we are working together on and we've basically reduced it to writing so all of the different departments know when they are budgeting and doing things what they are truly actually responsible for. I think it will give a lot of clarity. When you have departments working together with multiple budgets you need to put a document in place that has a tracking of all of that and that is what we're starting to do now. It's housekeeping but it's really good housekeeping. Bob do you want to add to that a little bit I'm sure I missed a few things.

Mr. Thompson, With this agreement as you mentioned here with the paving it's 500 ft. each side of the abutment walls for that that we'll actually do and it will be coming out of the Cumulative Bridge Fund for that. The 500 ft. is following along the State guidelines. We have also defined structures in this where anything less than 8 ft. in diameter will be coming out of the Storm Water Fund, but anything 8 ft. and greater we're calling that a small structure which will be coming out of the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Com. Good, So a lot of guidelines and a lot of clarity in the MOU that when these projects are billed for and accounted for they are all done the same. That is what we're looking for consistency. One is for Commissioners and Storm Water and the other is Storm Water and Highway. We should probably do them separate right?

Atty. McClure, Correct.

Com. Good, The first agreement on the docket is between us the County Commissioners and the Storm Water Management Board which is us plus Kevin Breitzke, but again it's more for accounting purposes and work direction as well.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve an MOU between the County Commissioners and the Storm Water Management Board, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

**MOU between the Storm Water Management and the Highway Department for use of funds between the Storm Water budget and the Cumulative Bridge budget.**

Com. Good, The County Highway has a lot of equipment. The Storm Water Board has no equipment. What we are doing is an agreement that allows us to use vactor trucks, all types of different equipment that the Highway does for Storm Water. So if we ever need to bill maintenance, we ever need to bill fuel, we ever need to bill any of these things we have all of these agreements in place. So the right fund is paying for the right work to the right department. That is what we're trying to do here.



Com. Blaney, moved to approve an MOU between the Storm Water Management Board and the Highway Dept., Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

### **VALPARAISO COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AND EVENTS**

**Request for approval to use the Courthouse grounds beginning Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Popcorn Festival. Along with a request to use the parking lot behind the 157 Franklin Street building for vendor and possibly handicapped parking. In addition they are requesting access to the building's roof to place an antenna for their 2-way radios which they use on festival day. They would also like to know what the fee will be for the Admin. Garage the day of the festival.**

Com. Good, We will have Matt Stechly get with them on that because I know Matt handles that from us. I didn't know if the Commissioners or anyone had any problems using the Franklin St. parking lot for that, the antenna on the roof. Didn't know had any issues with that, but if not.

Com. Blaney, I don't.

Com. Biggs, The only logistics is someone has to let them in and locking up after they leave.

Com. Good, Building Facilities has done a pretty good job in the past. We will just reiterate it to Matt when we have our staff meetings with him.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the use of the Courthouse grounds, 157 Franklin St. parking lot and access to the roof for Popcorn Fest., Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

### **DAWN ANDERSON OF PORTAGE INDIANA**

**A request to use the Courthouse grounds on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the northeast corner to hold a "Don't Punish Pain Rally". The group are non-abusing, non-misusing opioid users who are chronic pain patients and Veterans who are now suffering because of the turmoil caused by the CDC, FDA, DEA and other government agencies due to the opioid crisis. They will be holding poster board size signs and are expecting between 20 to 50 people along with the media expected.**

Com. Good, Is anyone from this group here.

Ms. Anderson, I'm here.

Com. Good, Come forward. You are looking to use the Courthouse grounds on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Do you want to give us some information on what you are doing.

Ms. Anderson, We are a group of chronic pain patients and veterans who are kind of like the real casualties of what is going on with the opioid crisis. As a last result many of the chronic pain patients and veterans have gone on opioids and because of all of the changes that have been made by the CDC inaccurate numbers as far as prescription deaths we agree that there is an over prescribing of opioids but many of these deaths that were included in this study included the illegal fentanyl and heroin, the illegal street drugs, poly drug abusers and it's more about addiction than it is for prescription pills. A lot of people are suffering because of this right now and we want to bring it to the public's attention that there are people that are suffering out there because of this crisis. We are not addicts we are trying to find pain relief to live a functioning normal life. Many are suffering now. Many are debilitated, bedridden. One medication at one dose could get me out of this wheelchair. It is so painful to walk for me even. I found a purpose to keep on going because I've actually thought about committing suicide. It's not about depression it's about getting out of pain. So we would like to bring it to the government grounds to let people know that there are people who are suffering we are the casualties.

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

Ms. Anderson, Thank you very much.

Com. Good, Thank you Dawn, good luck.

**MORGAN TWP. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. – MIKE LOHSE**

Request for approval by Mike Lohse of the Morgan Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. to use county roads to detour traffic from S.R. 49 between C.R. 300 South and 400 South for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Malden Labor Day Parade, to be held on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at noon. The Porter County Sheriff's Department will be handling the traffic control for detours.

Com. Good, Is Mike here, is the fire department here? I don't think they are, this is a blanket deal every year. I just saw Randy Clause last week his dad was the one that started that parade.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve to detour traffic for the Malden Day Parade, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Urbanik, Auditor