

PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
July 28, 2020

The Porter County Council will meet on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., in the County Administration Center, located at 155 Indiana Avenue – Room 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

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

Members present were Council Member Jeremy Rivas, Council Member Sylvia Graham, Council Member Mike Jessen, Council Member Jeff Larson, Council Member Bob Poparad, Council Member Greg Simms and Council Member Dan Whitten. Also present was, Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing Council Attorney Harold Harper and Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely.

Mr. Rivas, Councilman Larson and Whitten are on their way they are running behind about ten minutes. So maybe we can get through the minutes and the first reading and then we will let Vicki give her presentation. Do you guys want to do that?

Ms. Graham, Sounds good.

Minutes

Approval of Council minutes for June 23rd, 2020.

Mr. Rivas, So we have the minutes in front of us.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Rivas, We have a motion for approval of the minutes for June 23rd, 2020.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second to approve the June 23rd, 2020 minutes, any discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign? Motion carries.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

First Reading

Mr. Rivas, Vicki can we get First Reading real quick?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Porter County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Porter County, Indiana will meet in the Porter County Government Administration Building located at 155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso Indiana 46383 on July 28th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following appropriation adjustments to the county budgets for the year 2020 and to transact any further business which might come before the Council:

General Fund				
Garage-Sheriff	1000-23400-000-0307	Small Tools	\$	1,439.50

Accident Report Fund				
Accident Report	1101-44200-000-0005	Motor Vehicles	\$	30,000.00

Cumulative Bridge Fund

Cumulative Bridge	1135-33100-000-0079	Printing Other Than Office Supply	\$	500.00
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Storm Water Fund

Storm Water	1182-33100-000-0079	Printing Other Than Office Supply	\$	500.00
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E-911 Statewide Surcharge Fund

E-911 Statewide	1222-45400-000-0303	Other Equipment	\$	80,792.38
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Adult Probation PTS Fund

Adult Probation PTS	2103-11100-000-0274	Salaries	\$	(24,618.00)
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Cable Franchise Fund

Cable Franchise	4906-43200-000-0068	Roads & Taxiways	\$	300,000.00
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Indiana Arts Commission Grant Fund

Indiana Arts	8300-39500-000-0175	Contractual Services	\$	9,335.04
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COVID 45.025 MOH-IAC Fund

COVID MOH-IAC	8901-39910-000-0175	Other Services	\$	3,000.00
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Adult Probation Community Corrections PTS Grant Fund

AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-11100-000-0274	Salaries	\$	24,618.00
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-12100-000-0274	FICA	\$	1,883.28
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-12300-000-0274	PERF	\$	2,757.22
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-21100-000-0274	Office Supplies	\$	2,000.00
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-31300-000-0274	Training and Education	\$	5,000.00
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-44100-000-0274	Office Equipment over \$100	\$	3,338.93
			\$	39,597.43

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. Where applicable, the DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Vicki Urbanik
Auditor of Porter County

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Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And that concludes first reading.

Any other matter that may come properly before the Council

- **Auditor Vicki Urbanik
GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) Report**

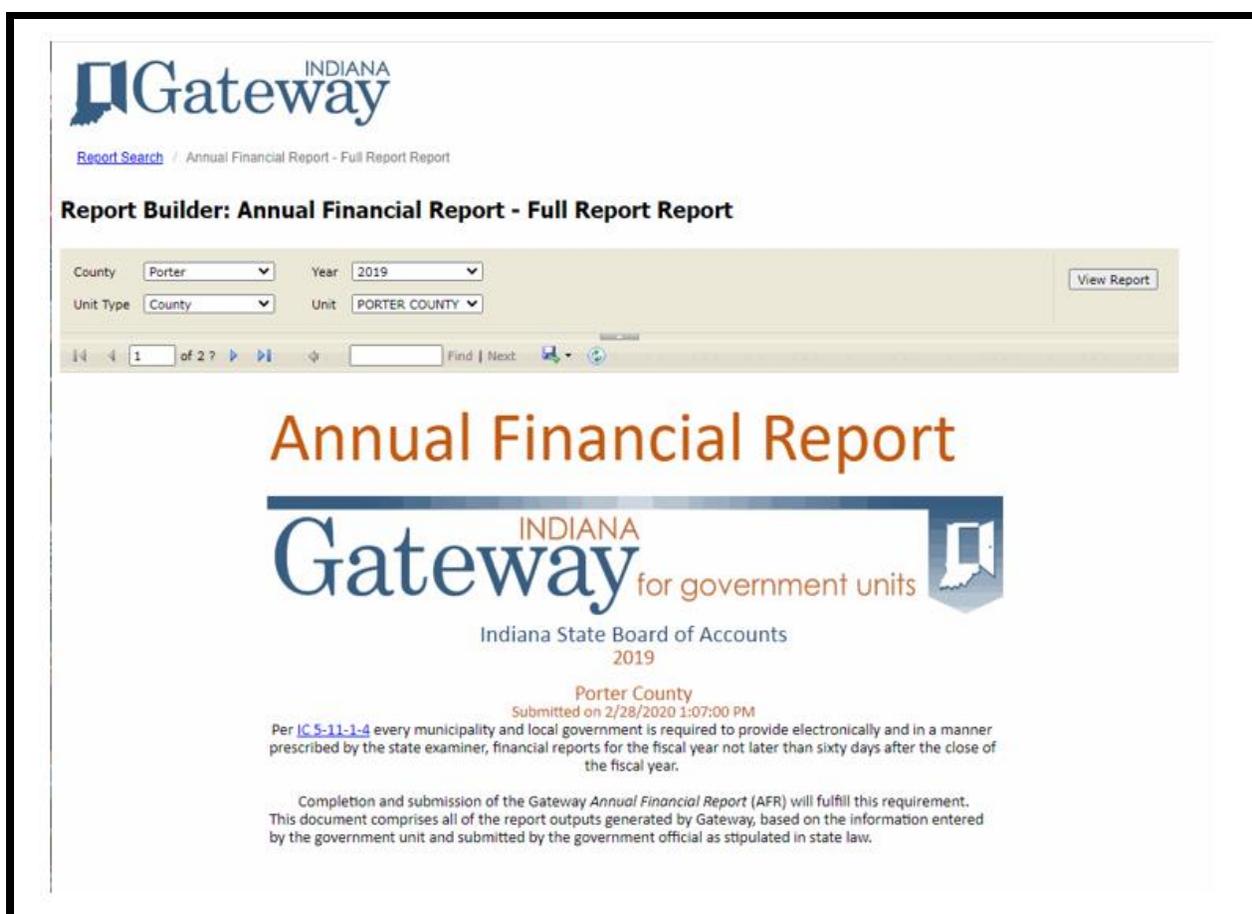
Mr. Rivas, Ok thank you. We are going to move around a little bit and give Jeff and Dan a little time here. Vicki is going to give her presentation on her GAAP Report that she has been working on and the County a few dollars in doing so. The floor is all yours.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok I'm going to stand over here so that I can see the slides. Well thankyou Council Members for giving us this opportunity to give you a

relatively brief presentation on a really exciting new project that has begun in the County Auditor's Office. With us tonight are two people that you know Toni Downing Chief Deputy and Tiffany Johnson our Budget and Finance Director. Toni, Tiffany and myself were the main members of the project team. This project consists of an annual financial report, but it's very exciting believe me. It's a type of report that we are not used to preparing. It's type of report that the vast majority of local government units in Indiana do not prepare. It follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or GAAP for short and as the name implies GAAP stands for principles that help guide us, gives us consistency in how best to present our financial information. GAAP standards exist throughout the country, in fact throughout the world for Businesses, Tax Exempt Organizations, as well as State and Local Governments. But Indiana is one of the states that has not required GAAP reports for local government units and as a result the vast majority of Counties and Other Taxing Units do not prepare GAAP reports, because quite frankly they're very complex and they take a lot of time and energy to put together.

Now a few years ago State Lawmakers passed legislation that is essentially requiring larger Counties, Counties of our size and Other Larger Taxing Units to begin preparing GAAP reports in order to take on any more debt. So in the future if the County wants to issue a bond issue, you would not be able to do this unless we have GAAP statements prepared.

So what I was hoping to do is just take a quick look at the type of report that you are probably all used to seeing. Every year we submit an annual financial report following what we call the regulatory basis of accounting, it's basically the rules that the State tells us to follow and we submit it on the States Gateway site (see below).



Now the next slide (see below) is going to show you sort of the summary sheet that gives you a whole slew of good information about our funds, beginning balances and ending balances.

Unit Type		Unit			
County		PORTER COUNTY			
Porter County, Indiana Annual Financial Report - 2019 Cash & Investments Combined Statement					
Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2019	Receipts	Disbursement	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2019
Governmental Activities					
0002	Sheriff Inmate Trust	\$54,031.71	\$3,842,417.09	\$3,842,887.34	\$53,561.46
0003	Jail Commissary	\$55,606.95	\$273,783.36	\$272,809.63	\$56,580.68
0004	Sheriff Inmate Processing Fees	\$114.00	\$0.00	\$74.93	\$39.07
0005	Sheriff Awards Banquet	\$9,040.86	\$20,435.92	\$19,193.83	\$10,282.95
0006	Clerks Trust	\$6,839,413.44	\$21,717,268.79	\$21,012,803.21	\$7,543,879.02
0007	Treasurer Supplemental CAR	\$6,716,670.88	\$7,923,218.22	\$6,716,670.93	\$7,923,218.17
0008	PC Tourism Supplemental CAR	\$945,296.27	\$1,634,632.87	\$1,485,018.87	\$1,094,910.27
0010	Sheriff Drug Task Force	\$69,510.90	\$101,728.34	\$91,801.13	\$79,438.11
1000	General Fund	\$7,023,776.35	\$40,058,836.92	\$39,977,256.96	\$7,105,356.31
1101	Accident Report	\$102,298.99	\$31,142.17	\$0.00	\$133,441.16
1108	Hwy Perf Bond	\$50,000.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.25
1112	LIT (prev CEDIT)	\$2,427,996.27	\$5,805,698.00	\$5,502,534.56	\$2,731,159.71
1113	RDA Distribute	\$0.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.14
1114	LIT RDA/Special	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$0.00
1115	Child Advocacy	\$8,112.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,112.00
1116	City/Town Court	\$34,767.11	\$47,410.36	\$49,337.05	\$32,840.42
1119	Clerk Perpetual	\$507,569.74	\$149,818.49	\$3,786.64	\$653,601.59
1122	Co Corrections	\$70,042.79	\$92,872.33	\$83,074.25	\$79,840.87
1123	Ad Prob Trans	\$35,820.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,820.00
1124	Cong Schl Int	\$26,665.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,665.28
1125	Cong Sch Princ	\$25,065.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,065.52
1131	Sales Disc.Fund	\$67,565.44	\$20,510.00	\$0.00	\$88,075.44
1134	Cal Cover Bridg	\$4,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,850.00
1135	Cumil Bridge	\$2,239,546.10	\$4,212,706.03	\$1,131,627.77	\$5,320,624.36
1138	Cumil Cap Develo	\$619,229.48	\$2,137,199.52	\$2,000,326.62	\$756,102.38
1148	Drug Free Comm.	\$48,392.22	\$157,348.16	\$180,000.00	\$25,740.38
1150	Electronic Map	\$7,846.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,846.32
1151	Emerg Medicalg	\$56,123.92	\$37,500.00	\$33,391.40	\$60,232.52

Now let's zero in (see below) on the General Fund. If you look at that last line, you'll see that we ended the year with \$7,105,356.31 in the General Fund and you might say we must have done something well...something good because look at it, it's more than what we began the year with. We got the spending under control and I would agree with you.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

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Auditor Vicki Urbanik, But what if I were to tell you that in December we had bills that we knew about that totaled about one million dollars, but we didn't pay them yet. You might say well isn't it a little bit misleading to say that we ended the year with \$7.1 million dollars if you were going to turn around and pay out a million

dollars? I'd say yes but let's think about the \$2.5 million dollars that we billed other people and we just hadn't gotten that money yet but we are legally allowed, like all the late tax payments that are legally allowed like all the late tax payments that are coming to the General Fund. Once I were to tell you that, you would get a much more comprehensive understanding of the true state of our General Fund. It's more complex, it's not as straight forward but it's more accurate. I just described to you known bills that we haven't paid yet, known revenue coming in that we just haven't received, those are two of the basic components of a balance sheet. Now who here has never heard the word balance sheet? Everyone has heard the term balance sheet right? But we will not find a balance sheet in our financial reports up until now, they don't exist in that type of report. We don't have a County balance sheet, but you will find it in a GAAP report, you'll find many balance sheets and you'll find a lot more.

So now let's go into this, I will be very brief we are not going to delve into any details we are going to zoom through this. This is the GAAP report that we submitted into the State for audit and it is already being audited. So we know that some of the things are going to be changing, but this is just a general overview. Now for those of you who own stock in companies you probably have access to your company's annual financial reports, those follow GAAP. So some of the stuff that you are going to see will seem a little familiar. Now after a few introductory pages we get to MDNA (Management Discussion and Analysis) and this is actually one of the most fun parts of the project because we get to talk in layman's terms about (why don't you stay there because that's a really good one) I'm real proud of some of the tables and pie charts that we came up with. We get to talk in general terms about the financial situation affecting the county. The next section deals with our financial statements and we are going to look first at what's called the Government Wide Statement of Net Position. This is essentially a balance sheet and I want to point out a couple of things, if you look at the assets section you'll see that our county's greatest asset is the Foundations Holdings. Now we can't really access all of that but the investments constitute \$173,000,000 dollars of assets. The next biggest chunk of assets that we have in Porter County are our buildings, our lands, our roads, our bridges and our equipment. It's in capital assets we're reporting about \$155 million of capital assets not of accumulated depreciation. Now if you look at some liabilities, I just want to point out one to you. Compensated absences, we are required by the government of accounting standards board to calculate all of the accrued vacation and compensation time in County government. So basically we determined that if all county employees needed to be paid out their vacation and compensation time as of December 31st of last year we would be on the hook for a cash payment of just under one million dollars.

So there is a lot more that we can talk about, but we're not we are going to just kind of breeze through all of this and we are going to get through another set of statements, it's the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Income Statements. You will see as we keep scrolling that there is a really important page called the Reconciliation because we have to tell you the readers why this balance sheet differs from the prior balance sheet and if we don't balance we do not have a compliant GAAP report and fortunately we did balance.

Now we are just kind of zoom through the next section is actually the second largest section of the report it's called Notes. Once again any investor's here you know that's it's an integral part of the financial statement. These notes, I think are about Sixty (60) long, they are full of information about the County. If you want to find the detailed debt repayment schedule, if you want to find details about Capital Assets, about Tax Abatements, about Encumbrances, you will find it in the notes.

Now we are just going to whiz through, all these figures you see will have to be updated every year. The next section...next big section that we are coming to is called RSI and RSI is page after page after page of various tables that deal with pensions and if we get to page 95 we're going to sit there for just a second. Page 95 is something that I think all of you are going to pretty interested in it is what you call the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, we have to tell what happens to certain budgets. So if you look at the first column this is the General Fund, the one that we tend to talk about in Porter County. If you look at the bottom part, the expenditure part you approved a budget of about \$40.6 million dollars. Now the next column shows how that budget changed during the course of the year, it actually grew to about \$41.1

million dollars and that was because of additional appropriations and encumbrances for the most part. But the next column is fascinating because it tells you what really happened. Well departments came in spending way under what was approved and what was adopted...or how it was changed during the year and what was adopted and the revenue projections higher than what was originally projected. That's a good place to be and now we're just going to scroll through the rest of the report. The last section is the largest section it's called OSI, and this is where if you want to see any fund and their financial information converted into GAAP, here is where you are going to find this. This is where you find the details on departments like the Health Department and Storm Water and Memorial Opera House. It will show you your assets, your Liabilities, you Revenues and your Expenditures and that is going to be the end of this report. I think I covered all 195 pages pretty accurately and thoroughly.

I do in closing want to talk about something, everything that you see here, every figure you saw, every word, every table had to be researched verified, calculated by one of us (Vicki Urbanik, Toni Downing, and Tiffany Johnson). This is something that you just spit out of a computer, this was a very labor intensive report, and it came at a pretty challenging time when we were shut down for two and a half (2 1/2) months, but we still did it and this type of report is going to be here to stay going forward. So that concludes the GAAP report and now I won't have to keep asking when do you want to hear about it.

(Laughter)

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Do you have any questions?

Mr. Rivas, Does anybody have any questions?

Ms. Graham, I just want to say I witness a lot of the work being done in the Auditor's office. Thank you guys for all that you did, I know that was a very, very work intensive project so thank you.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, You are welcome.

Mr. Poparad, I've got one quick question Vicki? Why do you figure depreciation? Because that's a tax issue and we don't pay taxes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It's a GAAP standard.

Mr. Poparad, But what do we need that for?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We have to calculate depreciation expense on our capital assets...well at least the ones that are be depreciated. Like land does not get depreciated.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, So the value that we're showing is what we would call the book value.

Mr. Poparad, Do you use industry standards for like buildings, twenty years, thirty years?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, In fact the County Commissioners passed a new Fixed Asset policy last year that brought us into compliance and we have a schedule of what's the estimated life for all of our different assets.

Mr. Poparad, Ok, thank you.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And we do have a pretty involved fixed asset plan and this has been going on for years. But we are finding out that many counties have not been keeping track of their fixed assets, at least to calculate depreciation and all that and so we were a little bit ahead of the game on that one.

Mr. Poparad, Ok, alright thanks.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, You are welcome to see our fixed assets, we're pretty proud of that.

Mr. Jessen, You know Vicki I'd like to say you and your team have always done a tremendous job...

Ms. Graham, Absolutely.

Mr. Jessen, In the work that you do and we can't tell you how much we appreciate it. But this is a good example of work that's above and beyond that regular work that you do and didn't have to be done, doesn't have to be explained, you don't have to be enthusiast about it, but you do and so congratulations for going above and beyond the work that is required of your office its great work.

Ms. Graham, Absolutely.

Mr. Jessen, It really is.

Mr. Rivas, Are all counties submitting this? Do they have too?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Under the state legislation that was passed, it effects seventeen (17) Indiana counties but to the best of our knowledge three (3) of them are already preparing GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) those were Marion, Allen and Hamilton. So then the other ones are also preparing it but other counties are not, at least not GAAP.

Mr. Rivas, Do they do it in-house?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Based on what we have been told all of the new ones are contracting out for it and again this is based on our understanding. We do know that Allen County does their project in-house but we believe that they are the only one.

Mr. Larson, You had an estimate once before when we talked about what that cost would be if you did that do you remember what that was?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We heard ranges, I think it's fair to say it was anywhere from \$75,000 to \$150,000 dollars a year.

Mr. Larson, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, Perfect, thank you. Vicki, Tiffany and Toni thank you.

Commissioners

Commissioners General Fund - 1000-000-0068

Form 144 Up to \$16 to Up to \$22.00 Security Guard Hourly

Reason: Change from up to \$16 to up to \$22 hourly for Security Guard. (Retroactive to pay period 1)

Mr. Rivas, Well let's get back to normal business. Is everybody going to stay where they are at? Alright we have Commissioners General Fund. So we have a Form 144 in front of us \$16 dollars up to \$22 dollars. This is what we tabled last month, so this is retroactive to pay period 1. I think this had to do with Joe over at the North County Building?

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion and a second on the floor for the form 144. Any further discussion?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, If they want to move over here in this space we can move out.

Mr. Rivas, Can we get a roll call on the form 144? It's up to them if you guys want to go back to normal seating?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Mr. Rivas, Dan do you want to come over here where there is a microphone?

Mr. Whitten, Oh no they'll hear me.

Mr. Rivas, Alright.

Transfer \$15,000 from 39200 Disposal to 11200 Hourly
\$15,000 from 39500 Contractual Services to 11200 Hourly
Reason funds are depleted due to more part-time employees needed and security at North County.

Mr. Rivas, Ok we have a transfer \$15,000 from disposal to hourly and \$15,000 from contractual to hourly. Reason funds are depleted due to more part-time employees needed and security at North County.

Mr. Poparad, I make a motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion and a second on both \$15,000 dollar transfers, any further discussion?

Mr. Jessen, Now is that something that will take us through the end of the year or is that just catching us up?

Commissioner Jim Biggs, No I think it will take us through the end of the year. We had not only the security but the extra help that we have needed out front for the testing as residents or citizens come in and also we had some additional maintenance because of some cleaning...you know COVID related cleaning that we've had to do in here as well. Ray that should take us to the end of the year shouldn't it?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Yes it will take me to the end of the year (inaudible).

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Barring something unusual that would happen, I mean if this would get worse where we had to leave this building and have it all cleaned or another building...I don't know.

Mr. Larson, Is that part of the Cares Act? Are we getting refunded for some of that?

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Good question Jeff, I don't know. But that's something that we probably should look into though to see if it qualifies.

Mr. Whitten, I think Vicki's keeping a running tally.

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, I think we talked to the Commissioners before and so I think yes.

Mr. Rivas, Vicki you have all the departments turning in anything that's COVID related correct?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Commissioner Jim Biggs, I mean there are restrictions on it but I'm not real sure what those restrictions are.

Mr. Larson, I'm sure it's not just administering tests

Commissioner Jim Biggs, But we'll look into that...we'll look into that.

Mr. Rivas, Any further questions on the transfers? All in favor of these two transfers signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign? Motion carries.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Cable Franchise - 4906-000-0068

Additional \$300,000 to 43200 Road & Taxiways. Reason funds are depleted the additional will come from INDOT reimbursements.

Mr. Rivas, Cable Franchise additional \$300,000 dollars to roads and taxiways. The reason funds are depleted additional will come from INDOT reimbursements.

Mr. Whitten, Move to approve.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Wow impressive.

Mr. Poparad, Voice on the end.

Mr. Rivas, Any discussion? Any further discussion on the additional for Cable Franchise to roads and taxiways? With no further discussion can we get a roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Facilities Department

LIT Fund - 1112-000-0068

Transfer \$54,000 from 23500 Building Maintenance Supplies to 11200 Hourly. Reason funds are depleted due to more part-time employees needed and security at North County.

Mr. Rivas, Alright moving on to Facilities, they've got a LIT fund transfer for \$54,000 dollars from building maintenance supplies to hourly. Reason the funds are depleted due to more part-time employees needed and security at North County.

Mr. Poparad, Motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Kind of combining and paying the two out of both?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Yes what we did was take money out my fund and their fund and put it together for what I needed for the rest of the year along with what they needed.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you. Any further discussion? All in favor of this transfer signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign? Motion carries.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Thank you guys.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you.

E-911 – Director Anthony Stua

E-911 Statewide Surcharge Fund - 1222-000-0303

Additional \$80,792.38 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason purchase and installation of Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) for the Porter County Courthouse and the Juvenile Detention Center.

Mr. Rivas, E-911 Statewide Surcharge fund an additional \$80,792.38 to Other Equipment, the reason purchase and installation of Bi-Directional Amplifier for the Porter County Courthouse and Juvenile Detention Center.

Mr. Larson, Motion

Mr. Poparad, I'll second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion and a second on the additional, any discussion? I believe this was the one that we approved last year at one time?

E-911 Director Anythony Stua, Yes sir.

Mr. Rivas, Ok

Commissioner Jim Biggs, We just never finished it up.

Mr. Rivas, You just never finished it up.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Alright so any further discussion? Can we get a roll call on the additional?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Transfer \$186,343.46 from 11100 Salaries to 45400 to Other Equipment. Reason payment for all five (5) milestones of Motorola CallWorks and 700 radio system (\$141,073). Plus the first year of Motorola NICE system maintenance from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020 (\$45,270.46)

Mr. Rivas, We also have a transfer for \$186,343.46 from Salaries to Other Equipment.

Mr. Poparad, Motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion and a second you guys can read the reasons. Any discussions?

Mr. Poparad, Nice presentation the other day.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

E-911 Director Anythony Stua, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Yes it was very nice.

Ms. Graham, Thank you very much for that.

E-911 Director Anythony Stua, Your welcome.

Mr. Rivas, If you have a chance to go over there and take the tour. So there was a motion and a second, no further discussion? All in favor of the transfer signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign? Motion carries.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

E-911 Director Anythony Stua, Thank you very much.

Highway Department – Supervisor Rich Sexton

Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Fund - 1176-000-0530

Transfer \$8,000 from 31200 Consultants to 34300 Workmen’s Comp. Reason to cover increase in Workmen’s Compensation Insurance.

Mr. Rivas, Highway department, we have Motor Vehicle Highway fund. A transfer for \$8,000 dollars from Consultants to Workmen’s Comp.

Mr. Whitten, Move to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Reason to cover increase in Workmen's Compensation Insurance. There is a motion and a second any further discussion? All in favor of the transfer signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Rivas, These were the projects that you just passed out?

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Yes sir.

Mr. Rivas, So does anyone have any questions? Here is what's going on what the Highway Department is doing in terms of road work this year.

Ms. Graham, This is very good.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, That is not including the crack seal list there is about thirty (30) miles crack seal that we are going to do too so when you total them all up it will be about...

Mr. Whitten, I can't hear him.

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, We have about eighty (80) miles here we go...we got about eighty (80) miles total between crack seal, chip seal and the paving and slurry seal. The one that is highlighted is projects for this fall for CCMG.

Ms. Graham, Very good.

Mr. Larson, Hey Rich just so the Audience and the News Papers get the reason why we're chip and sealing, because we've had a couple of people send some information in that we wanted to answer and I just want to make sure that they understand why we do that for longevity and such.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, When you chip and seal over asphalt pavement it's a very cheap way us to preserve the asphalt that is good there. It's not a worse first approach because if we took the worst first approach we would always be behind and we would never get ahead. With starting with better roads and resurfacing with chip and seal that's about \$18,000 dollars but if we actually went in and paved the whole road it's about \$123,000 dollars a mile versus \$18,000 dollars a mile. So even when we double grind and chip and seal the road and make it all new it's \$38,000 dollars a mile versus paving at \$123,000 dollars a mile. So chip and seal is our easiest and we can get more miles out of it.

Mr. Larson, What's the life of it? It's like 6 or 7 years additional isn't it on the chip and seal?

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Yes it's between 5 and 8 years, but when you include crack seal and you can keep constantly staying on top of it and preserving it we have got to keep preserving the roads if not we are going to start losing them. And then you are going to see more of these full reconstruction projects that costs about \$300,000 dollars per mile instead of \$123,000 dollars so chip and seal is beyond the easiest cheapest and we do everything entirely in house.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, And I think it's fair to say that most residents don't see that as ideal to drive on and which we understand that. I mean if we had our way we would be blacktopping every single mile of county roads that we have.

Mr. Larson, I just think that they don't quite understand they whole process.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Right.

Mr. Larson, So you get some negative PR because people just don't realize that we are actually trying to preserve the roads not repaving.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Right we...

Mr. Poparad, They have all forgotten when they were all gravel.

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Yes, well we...

Mr. Larson, They were when we were kids.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Two years ago if you guys remember we invested in the machines for us to be able to do this in house. While other units of local government were literally off passing wheel taxes we did this instead. We took a more conservative approach to it and this is the outcome of that. We're able to address more roads with the chip and seal then we would have certainly been able to with the blacktop and we're certainly not going to pass a tax in order for us to blacktop a few more roads.

Mr. Whitten, Don't be bashing all these municipalities that passed the wheel tax Portage is a good place.

Mr. Poparad, With a wheel tax, anyway...

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Also at the end of the year the higher traveled roads like Old Suman Road we're going to and if you guys have seen the Expo Center the parking lot is all black?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, That's fog seal we did that at very minimal cost versus the contractor doing it. So we are going to do that to some of the higher traveled roads like 200 West from Hwy 2 to Division and Old Suman Road will get that and it will look like asphalt when we get done spraying it black.

Mr. Larson, The other thing is Rich, I think they forget is that the chip and seal is a pretty quick process where the reconstruction is at least a couple of weeks in length so there is a big advantage in doing that. I don't particularly like it either but I know that it does make the roads last longer and I know that the process is short.

Commissioner Jim Biggs, That's not to say that we've abandoned black topping roads we haven't. But it will be our most traveled roads that should get that attention first.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Yes the Calumet's the Meridian's those are obvious ones...

Commissioner Jim Biggs, Right.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, The rest of Calumet is on the list for this year. Those main 9,000 cars a day on the roads are going to get the asphalt.

Mr. Larson, As far as I'm concerned you are doing a great job with what we have.

Ms. Graham, Absolutely.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Thank you I appreciate it.

Mr. Jessen, And as far as schedule goes are you on schedule? Ahead of it or behind?

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, We're about a month behind.

Mr. Jessen, Ok.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, We're half way done when we should be pretty much done. But on the chip and seal like I said it's fast I just want to get that out there we grind it one day we lay it out we spray a dust lay on it and the next morning we are coming back and putting the surface back on it unless it's a weekend. But we try not to open roads for the weekend so we don't gravel for the weekend and try to get everything sealed up so on Wednesday we start sealing everything up after we grind it and Thursday you won't even know we were there on Friday.

Mr. Larson, Well we had a pretty wet spring.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Yes.

Mr. Larson, Plus on top of the COVID.

Mr. Rivas, Alright anything else? Thank you Rich.

Highway Supervisor Rich Sexton, Thank you.

Memorial Opera House – Director Scot MacDonald

Indiana Arts Commission Grant Fund - 8300-000-0175

Additional \$9,335.04 to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason funding received for FY 2020/2021 to be used for Operations. Will be working into the budget for 2021 session.

COVID 45.025 MOH-IAC - 8901-000-0175

Additional \$3,000 to 39910 Other Services. Reason emergency funds received from IAC with funding from the CARES Act.

Mr. Rivas, Memorial Opera House we have the Indiana Arts Commission Grant fund additional \$9,335.04 to Contractual Services, the reason funding received for fiscal year 2020/2021 to be used for operations, will be working into the budget for 2021 session. There is another additional...do you want me going to keep going? COVID MOH-IAC looks like a grant, additional \$3,000 dollars to Other Services reason emergency funds received from IAC with funding from the CARES Act.

Mr. Whitten, I make a motion on both.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is two additional here with a motion and a second, any further discussion?

Mr. Whitten, So we are talking about supplanting some funds for operations next year. What's your next live show?

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, It's all very fluid, it just really depends on the shifting data and all of that. I love to...

Mr. Whitten, And do I need to return to the stage to bring it back around?

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, Yes please.

Mr. Poparad, Now your funding is going to be determined by his role ok?

(Laughter)

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, If it helps funding sure.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Mr. Poparad, Only he's only one vote you've got six more.

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, Right, so I will take all of you.

Mr. Rivas, Have you looked at the tickets when he's on stage? Do they really dive down?

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, You know they consistently sell out.

Mr. Poparad, Don't tell anyone but you know what he does? He buys them all.

(Laughter)

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, It's money in the Opera Houses operating fund so if he does that it's ok.

Mr. Whitten, So at this point and time it's just fluid and we're just waiting to see what the data says?

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, We're just waiting to see what the data does...I mean I'm on round tables every week with theaters across the nation that are in the exact same boat. Nobody can really make a call because it's just too soon.

Mr. Whitten, I know that Christmas is usually our big to-do.

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, Right.

Mr. Whitten, That's kind up in the air right now.

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, Yes

Mr. Poparad, So you don't have to buy all the tickets this year.

Mr. Rivas, I think there was a motion and a second on all the additional?

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Any further discussion? Could we get a roll call Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Scot hang in there.

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, I will

Mr. Rivas, We're going to get back to normal...

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, I know.

Mr. Rivas, someday and we're going to...well I don't know if we're really going to want Dan back on stage.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, The show will go on.

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, Right. Thank you very much.

Ms. Graham, And we miss it badly.

MOH Director Scot MacDonald, We do too.

Development & Storm Water Management – Director Bob Thompson

Cumulative Bridge Fund - 1135-000-0079

Additional \$500 to 33100 Printing Other Than Office Supply. Reason to purchase project site signs.

Storm Water Fund - 1182-000-0079

Additional \$500 to 33100 Printing Other Than Office Supply. Reason to purchase project site signs.

Mr. Rivas, Alright Stormwater we have an additional Cumulative Bridge fund \$500 dollars to Printing Other Than Office Supply and Stormwater additional \$500 dollars for Printing Other Than Office Supply.

Mr. Whitten, Motion to approve both additional.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, It looks like you guys are doing the same thing working together to buy some signs for \$500 dollars each?

Storm Water Management Director Bob Thompson, Correct it's...

Mr. Rivas, Out of Printing Other Than Office Supplies?

Storm Water Management Director Bob Thompson, The Commissioners office gave us a press that they wanted to see more signs out there that's all.

Mr. Rivas, Alright. This wasn't to buy the new video screen down the hallway?

Storm Water Management Director Bob Thompson, No.

Mr. Rivas, Alright there was a motion and a second I believe?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Any other further discussion? Can we get a roll call Madame Auditor?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Poparad - Yes
Mr. Simms - Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Mr. Rivas, I want you to know that I got about thirty (30) miles over the weekend on my bike.

Storm Water Management Director Bob Thompson, No?

Mr. Rivas, Yes straight east.

Mr. Poparad, Cubs are playing.

Mr. Rivas, Oh no. You see he likes riding.

Mr. Poparad, I know he's a bike rider.

Mr. Rivas, I'm not riding mine to work yet.

Storm Water Management Director Bob Thompson, I got 110 miles on Sunday.

Mr. Rivas, 110 miles on the week-end? Oh my.

Mr. Poparad, How big of a motor do you have on that?

(Laughter)

Mr. Larson, Is it an electric bike?

Mr. Rivas, No it's a bicycle.

Ms. Graham, When did he sleep?

Mr. Rivas, Wow 110 miles over the weekend.

Mr. Poparad, He's in the big leagues.

Mr. Rivas, Yes no doubt.

Health Department – Director Letty Zepeda

93.268 Health IIC Grant Fund - 8205-000-0610

Form 144 Up to \$26 per hour PHN's
Up to \$17 per hour Clerical

Reason to create a form 144 to pay salaries of the nurses and clerical out of this grant fund that started again on July 1, 2020.

Mr. Rivas, Health Department. It looks like a grant fund we've got a form 144 in front of us up to \$26 dollars per hour PHN's and up to \$17 dollars per hour Clerical. The reason to create a form 144 to pay salaries of the nurses and clerical out of this grant that started again on July 1st, 2020.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion and a second on the floor. Discussion?

Mr. Poparad, Is this the same and we are just continuing?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes

Health Department Office Manager, The form just wasn't completed I guess previously.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Right.

Mr. Poparad, And the pay has always been \$26 dollars per hour.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes

Mr. Poparad, And \$17 dollars?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes

Mr. Rivas, Any other questions? Can we get a roll call on the form 144?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Mr. Rivas, So real quick, it would appear that we are taking over the COVID testing over September 1st from the private contractor?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes we are, the State ISDH offered up a Grant for the Health Departments to take or leave it and we've decided that we had enough problems from testing that we'd probably could handle it ourselves better, we are hoping to do so anyway.

So we are taking advantage of that grant and our population is such that we are eligible for two sites. So we figured probably one in Valparaiso and one in Portage. One in north and one in central, we are looking for those sites, we are trying to establish those sites right now. I think the State has kind of hoping that community...it's going to be a community effort that maybe some of our sites will be donated or at very low cost. Because we have from the letter...have you all got the letter? Ok good. There is the expectation that we will have those sites open 35 hours a week with some late evening hours for trying to accommodate those folks that can't come during the day and also some weekend hours or Saturday hours. We have come up with a work schedule and we are hoping not to use all the money on staffing. Probably most of it will be staffing dollars or used for staffing, but we're hoping that maybe we could take some of our existing staff and have their work day be at the site to work in there so we don't have to so that would be what they would be getting regular pay. But...

Mr. Poparad, Do you anticipate hiring people?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes we are.

Mr. Poparad, Do you have a count?

Health Department Connie Rudd, We're hoping that...no we don't have a final count yet because we haven't...we don't have a final count yet. Like I said we are going to try to supplement with our own existing staff already, but we're hoping that depending that we might have an ebb and flow of the number of people there, it's kind of a guestimate right now, so we are hoping that one clerical and then two nurses maybe and one of the nurses could help with clerical or they can float basically, so

have three on site during the day. So we're still kind of working on how much per hour, you know those that we hire will get. I know the Optum site don't hire anything less than an RN, they have RN's and Physicians Assistants and Nurse Practitioners and we were thinking that maybe it would be possible to hire maybe an MA to help with clerical and that kind of thing and Optum didn't go with that because the nurses when people come in if they are symptomatic they have to do some triage and we have to teach them that you have to go home and stay there 14 days from the time, so it's an educational piece as well to teaching. So it's not just sitting them down and circling their nose with a Qtip and so we're looking at all of that Bob and I didn't get it all done, I apologize it's just we been crazy busy these last few weeks. We do have a plan and everything kind of is we are trying to get it in motion and get it in place. We have to turn it in on Friday and turn it into to the State and let them take a look at it.

Mr. Poparad, Are you assuming that you are going to hire part-time and you are hiring not hiring full-time.

Health Department Connie Rudd, No it will be part-time right.

Mr. Larson, You guys have you seen a higher rate in Portage and there is some concern about where we are locating so that we can serve that community over there?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Right.

Mr. Larson, Are there specific sites that you are looking at? Are they right near the Court building? I mean how close are we for them for convenience?

Health Department Connie Rudd, You know Portage is has not been established, you know in your letter the Portage site is to be announced and we just got the Optum site, the one that's at the Armory now is moving up to Portage and they are going to be using North Shore very nicely and generously donated their Scottsdale Street site they just moved out of. Now that building is for sale so hopefully Optum is going to get their month through but I don't know if that's going to be available and if they would even allow us to use it. Even if they did you know the building is still up for sale so if the buyer came along and it's vacant so it can be moved into right away. So we would like to find something that is more permanent that maybe we didn't have to pick-up and move right away. So something that easy to find and accessible for people and have some parking and maybe not steps so anybody in a wheelchair could come and use it or accessible anyway.

Mr. Jessen, Is that the location effective Monday?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, And we're not sure if it's going to be a longer term thing?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes Optum will be the contracted site from ISDH the company that Optum serves will be there for the month of August.

Mr. Jessen, Ok so that's a guarantee.

Health Department Connie Rudd, And then September 1st is when we're supposed to...we the Health Department to start taking over doing it.

Mr. Whitten, Connie, you may not be able to answer this but what's the timeline? How much longer are they anticipating this to go on to have a site? Are they saying a year? Six months?

Mr. Poparad, They said 2021 didn't they?

Health Department Connie Rudd, You know that this...

Mr. Poparad, June of 2021?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes this particular grant Dan and this is not the answer to your question I know but this particular grant is September 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2021. Now we all hope that it is well done by then. Well done, but I don't know. If you look back at the other pandemics they had some waves. So we are kind of anticipating that but we don't know how many waves there will be. That is a good question and I don't have a good answer for that right now.

Mr. Poparad, I've got a silly question so we're going to do the collecting?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Who does the testing? Who actually tests it?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Ok we do the collecting and they have courier and actually goes to a set lab. ISDH is working with labs they will contract with labs.

Mr. Poparad, Ok so we don't have to deal with that.

Health Department Connie Rudd, No we don't have to do that.

Mr. Poparad, I notice on your letter you had refrigerators and ice, I assuming for collection of the samples?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes for the viral medium that the swabs go into.

Mr. Poparad, Do you need permanent power? I mean are back-up generators for part of this discussion? If you lose power on a Saturday night when nobody is there...?

Health Department Connie Rudd, You know...

Mr. Poparad, I'm just making a statement I've seen where you talked about refrigerators and freezers.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yeah good question and we do have...the State has from what they listed there are some attachments if you all want to see them, but they do have a list of things that they will supply. A back-up generator is not one of those, but they really are very generous in supplying all of our supplies, all the viral medium, all the swabs, all the PPE that we need and refrigerators and even the frig-freezers are little, they look like the size of a cooler but they have a compressor on them like a freezer. But they are very generous and I didn't think about that Bob that is a good question.

Mr. Poparad, I just thought when I see refrigeration you would need...

Health Department Connie Rudd, No that's a good question.

Ms. Graham, Are you going to continue with the nasal? Is that what you are using the nasal?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes, now they don't have to be nasal pharyngeal the really long they use where you stick it way, way back. They can be some of the ones that we are going to be using probably are just nasal so you can just do the nostrils and not all the way back.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

Mr. Larson, Can you speak to the inefficiencies and efficiencies that we are going to gain because we are taking this on? Is there some effective...because I know some people have had some complaints in the past so is there some things that we are going to address that are going to be much different than what we're doing and what they have done?

Health Department Connie Rudd, You know I think that you can manage...you know this is kind of what we've done, we know how to do this and since this is going to be some of our staff we can kind of see the pitfalls or problems and evaluate those and fix them, you know those issues.

Mr. Larson, I was thinking loss of consistency is probably where we fell down before.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes

Mr. Larson, And that I just wanted to make sure that is something that we correct.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Speaking of consistency what do we know with the labs? Do we know the exact turnaround time with these tests?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Currently they are three days from Optum. Now I'm hoping that we will be using the same labs. So we haven't seen a list of labs site yet.

Mr. Larson, Every one of our policies lines with that? Like we are going to have these people quarantined during the results and those are the things that we are doing.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes and that's some of the teaching that the nurses do when they come through the line.

Mr. Larson, Ok.

Health Department Connie Rudd, And we do anticipate that we're supposed to allow anyone whether they are symptomatic or don't have any symptoms. They can come one come all so we have to be real careful in how we set up but those are the kind of people that we ask them about like why are you coming? Were you exposed? Is there somebody that you've been in physical contact? And then give them the time frame like you need to be home isolated for x amount of days and answer any kind of questions that they have as well.

Mr. Larson, There is some question on that 14 day period, are we still looking at that 14 day period as standard?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes if you are looking at an exposure to a close contact 14 days. Because it takes sometimes up to 14 days to get symptoms from it.

Mr. Larson, Ok

Health Department Connie Rudd, So we are looking at that now, if you had symptoms it gets really confusing but if you had symptoms you can actually start at that first day of symptoms and be 10 day out and then you can be really sick.

Mr. Larson, He just coughed all over me now I have to go get tested.

Mr. Simms, I did not.

Mr. Whitten, I'd like to turn in Simms...

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, Will you guys be doing contract tracing? Will that be coming back to us then?

Health Department Connie Rudd, The State is still doing it, they have their contracted individuals but it really has never left us totally off the hook. Because we can look, we have a computer program and we look up the people that they have in Porter County that they have contacted. Some of them say lost to follow-up because they can't get a hold of them, where some of those people were in the nursing home and they have their home address but they have been in the nursing home for three years now and maybe that person is in the nursing home or maybe they are dead...maybe they have passed away. So we go through and we look at the gaps that the information that's put into the computer that's in this program we look at the gaps and we're making these calls still, so we've never really stopped.

Mr. Larson, Thank you for that presentation.

Mr. Simms, Here's a quick question, say school starts it's still questionable...

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes

Mr. Simms, If someone in school tests positive...

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes?

Mr. Simms, Is it easier to take the testing to the school and have it...you know because kids may be have exposed to 30, 40 or 50 other kids, has there been any other thought about if that happens to take the testing to that particular place as opposed to taking all those people saying go to the Portage site or the Valparaiso site?

Health Department Connie Rudd, You know very good question Greg but were hoping that the Superintendents are going to cohort their classes. They're going to keep a pod of kids all together with particular teachers. It's easier to do in Elementary Schools than it is in a Middle School or High School because they are all passing. It depends on when you also look in that close contact group they are all looking at seating charts and looking who is right around the child that becomes positive.

Mr. Simms, But then when you add in lunch and some other things that throws it all out the window.

Health Department Connie Rudd, I know, I know there are so many if's and there are so many details that you feel like your heads going to explode.

Mr. Simms, Right, I just didn't know if that was a contingent of oh we have to go to a school this is how we'll do it or a big facility...

Health Department Connie Rudd, You know there is a contingent on a contingent on a contingent by the contingent.

Mr. Poparad, Did we vote on this?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Yes we have...didn't we vote on it?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes

Mr. Rivas, Yes we voted on it.

Mr. Jessen, Connie one last question that I have?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Sure.

Mr. Jessen, Would be and I don't know if you have the answer to it or not but on the daily reporting and it talks about the long term health facilities and so forth...

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes?

Mr. Jessen, Now those numbers have not changed?

Health Department Connie Rudd, They're doing good right now.

Mr. Jessen, So they don't have not one new positive, not one new hospitalization?

Health Department Connie Rudd, They're doing good.

Mr. Jessen, Over the past several weeks even in that most vulnerable group?

Health Department Connie Rudd, They are doing good because they have locked out the public and guests and they are very careful about their staff and even vendors.

Ms. Graham, You have got plenty of PPE?

Health Department Connie Rudd, Yes and PPE is and I think everybody is even kind of trying to stockpile right now.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

Health Department Connie Rudd, In anticipation of that second wave.

Mr. Jessen, That's exciting information, that's tremendous.

Ms. Graham, Excellent.

Mr. Larson, We are at 40 deaths now we were at 39 for about 15...

Health Department Connie Rudd, Well we were at 37 for weeks and week and then we had the two more that were added then and they were from nursing homes two from nursing homes and then we just went up to 40 not that long ago, but we've been holding pretty steady and hospitalizations thankfully have been very low even though our case count is kind of going up.

Mr. Jessen, And the Jail has still been in good shape?

Mr. Rivas, I believe so, I was talking to the Sheriff earlier and I think it's zero right now isn't it?

Mr. Larson, Well we are looking forward to you guys taking that over because there have been some issues.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Ok...

Ms. Graham, Keep up the good work.

Health Department Connie Rudd, We'll try.

Mr. Rivas, Alright thank you.

Health Department Connie Rudd, Thank you all, thank you for your support.

Adult Probation – Chief Probation Officer Melanie Golumbeck

Adult Probation Pre-Trial Services Fund - 2103-000-0274

Reduction (\$24,618) to 11100 Salaries. Reason reducing the amount in the Pre-Trial Services Fund by \$2,238 per pay for 11 pays that are remaining in 2020 (Retroactive to pay period 16)

Form 144 \$25,242 to \$5,846 Probation Officer
\$27,627 to \$8,231 Probation Officer
\$32,996 to \$13,600 Probation Officer
Reason \$58,188 reduction in salaries in Pre-Trial Services Fund. (Retroactive to pay period 16)

Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Grant Fund 9164-000-0274

Additional \$24,618 to 11100 Salaries. Reason appropriating grant monies awarded for salaries in 2020/2021 Pretrial Services Grant. (Retroactive to pay period 16)

Additional \$1,883.28 to 12100 FICA
\$2,757.22 to 12300 PERF

Reason FICA and PERF needed to correspond with grant monies awarded for salaries in 2020/2021 Pretrial Services Grant. (Retroactive to pay period 16)

Additional \$2,000 to 21100 Office Supplies. Reason Office Supplies monies awarded in 2020/2021 Pretrial Service Grant.

Additional \$5,000 to 31300 Training and Education. Reason Training monies awarded in 2020/2021 Pretrial Service Grant.

Additional \$3,338.93 to 44100 Office Equipment over \$100. Reason Office equipment monies awarded in 2020/2021 Pretrial Service Grant.

Form 144 \$17,004 to \$36,400 Probation Officer
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Reason \$58,188 increase in salaries appropriating grant monies awarded for 2020/2021 Pretrial Services Grant. (Retroactive to pay period 16)

Mr. Rivas, Adult Probation Pre-Trial Services fund there is a reduction \$24,618 to Salaries. Reason reducing the amount in the Pre-Trial Services fund by \$2,238 per pay for 11 pays that are remaining in 2020.

Mr. Larson, Do you want to address these individually or all together?

Mr. Rivas, Whatever you guys want to do...there is a form 144 also...

Mr. Whitten, Is all this stuff tied together?

Chief Adult Probation Officer Melanie Golumbeck, Yes it is all tied together. So essentially what it is Porter County Pre-Trial program did receive grant money in the amount of a little over \$200,000 dollars. So we are asking to appropriate those dollars, some of which are for salaries, those salaries look like they were going to be taken out of other funds so you're going to see a reduction in the other fund and then you'll see the appropriation of that grant money. So we could pay the salaries out of the grant fund.

Mr. Whitten, So there is no increase to salaries?

Chief Adult Probation Officer Melanie Golumbeck, There is no increase to salaries.

Mr. Poparad, Thank you just answered my question.

Mr. Whitten, I make a motion to approve everything she is asking for.

Mr. Poparad, I'll second it.

Mr. Rivas, Everything from both funds, Pre-Trial Services fund and Community Corrections Pre-Trial Services grant fund...

Mr. Poparad, Nobody is getting a raise?

Chief Adult Probation Officer Melanie Golumbeck, Nobody is getting a raise.

Mr. Rivas, So there is a reduction, form 144 and there is some additional...there is 4 or 5 additional and another form 144, this all has to do with a grant and paying out of the different funds, just shifting this...

Chief Adult Probation Officer Melanie Golumbeck, Correct.

Mr. Rivas, Alright there is a motion and a second for the reduction, for the form 144, for the five additional and the form 144. Any further discussion? Can we get a roll call on all that Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Mr. Rivas, Just so that you all know the county is instituting a new Whitten protection program for instances like that we got you Dan we're good.

(Laughter)

Mr. Jessen, We have a comedy club.

Mr. Rivas, Alright were good.

Chief Adult Probation Officer Melanie Golumbeck, Alright thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Thank you very much and have a good evening.

Mr. Poparad, I sort of like him sitting on the end it's appropriate.

Mr. Whitten, It's a time-out chair.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah.

Mr. Rivas, Nobody puts Whitten in the corner.

(Laughter)

Porter County Sheriff & Jail – Sheriff David Reynolds

Sheriff

Sherriff General Fund - 1000-000-0005

Transfer \$5,555 from 36300 Equipment Other Than Vehicles to 22200 Uniforms and Clothing. Reason 5 New officers Body Armor (vest) \$1,111 each.

Mr. Rivas, Sheriff we've got a transfer \$5.555 dollars from Equipment Other Than Vehicles to Uniforms & Clothing for 5 new officers body armor \$1,111 each.

Mr. Jessen, I make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion on the transfer and a second, any discussion on the body armor? Seeing none all in favor for the transfer signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign? Transfer passes.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Accident Report Fund - 1101-000-0005

Additional \$30,000 to 44200 Motor Vehicles. Reason to help cover the cost of the 2 additional Hybrid Vehicles (with partial Grant)

Mr. Rivas, Accident Report fund additional \$30,000 dollars to Motor Vehicles. To help cover the cost of the 2 additional Hybrid Vehicles.

Mr. Larson, Motion

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second any further discussion on the additional? Can we get a roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Jail

Jail General Fund - 1000-000-0380

Transfer \$1,111 from 22300 Food and Groceries to 22200 Uniform and Clothing. Reason Jail officer overlooked at last order.

Public Safety Data Tech Fund - 4907-000-0380

Transfer \$15,706 from 32200 Telephone to 31200 Consultants. Reason To cover the cost of support Implementation for Lexipol (Law Enforcement Policy Manual Procedures) ISA will cover the \$12,005 for the Annual Subscription (Only 1 year needed).

Mr. Rivas, Jail General fund transfer \$1,111 from Food & Groceries to Uniforms & Clothing, Jail officer overlooked at last order. What's he been wearing?

Sheriff David Reynolds, Nothing.

(Laughter)

Mr. Larson, That's how we've been keeping the COVID down.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, Oh the Jail's empty.

Mr. Larson, Nobody goes near it.

Mr. Rivas, Oh boy, so there's a transfer...do you want me to keep going there's another transfer for Public Safety Data Tech fund for \$15,706 from Telephone to Consultants. To cover the cost of support Implementation for Lexipol, ISA will cover the \$12,005 for the Annual Subscription only 1 year needed.

Mr. Whitten, I make a motion on the two transfers.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion on two transfers and a second. Any further discussion on the two transfers? All in favor signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign? Those two transfer pass.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Inmate Processing Fund - 4911-000-0380

Transfer \$31,500 from 39500 Contractual Services to 11100 Salaries
\$2,410 from 39500 Contractual Services to 12100 FICA
\$3,528 from 39500 Contractual Services to 12300 PERF
Reason to cover Hazard Pay (63 Jail Officers)

Form 144 \$0 to \$500 Jail Officers (63 Officers)
Reason Hazard Pay for 63 Jail Officers.

Sheriff David Reynolds, Inmate Processing fund there is a transfer of \$31,500 from Contractual Services to Salaries...

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, There was \$2,410 to FICA and \$3,528 to PERF the reason to cover hazard pay for 63 Jail Officers. There is a transfer do you guys want me to add the form 144 \$0 to \$500 for Jail Officers?

Mr. Larson, Yes I will amend to include the form 144.

Mr. Jessen, Second concurs.

Mr. Rivas, To amend this there is a motion and a second to include the form 144 which is moving from \$0 to \$500 for 63 Jail Officers for hazard pay. So there is a transfer and a form 144 any discussion?

Mr. Poparad, Did they all recover Sheriff? Didn't we have some?

Sheriff David Reynolds, Four

Mr. Poparad, Did they all recover?

Sheriff David Reynolds, Yes they are fine and they are back.

Mr. Rivas, Alright can we get a roll call on the transfer and the form 144?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes

Ms. Graham - Yes
Mr. Jessen - Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Garage

Garage General Fund - 1000-000-0307

Additional \$1,439.50 to 23400 Small Tools. Reason cash received from scrap metal sold from cleaning out the Sheriff's Garage to purchase tools for garage.

Mr. Rivas, Alright Garage General fund additional.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion on the additional \$1,439.50 Small Tools

Mr. Whitten, Second

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second from the cash received from scrap metal sold from cleaning it out. So this is just putting it in the fund, any discussion on the additional? This is not an additional coming out this is money that they are putting in the fund. Can we get a roll call if there is no further discussion?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Sheriff David Reynolds, Thank you.

Mr. Rivas, Have a good evening.

Assessor – Jon Snyder

Assessor General Fund - 1000-000-0008

Transfer \$6,000 from 39300 Dues and Subscriptions to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason need to pay for website maintenance and updates.

Reassessment Fund - 1188-000-0008

Transfer \$4,800 from 31300 Training & Education to 39500 Contractual Services.
\$2,000 from 39300 Dues & Subscriptions to 39500 Contractual Services.
Reason need to pay for 2020 Land Order.

Mr. Rivas, The Assessor Jon Snyder. General fund transfer \$6,000 dollars from Dues and Subscriptions to Contractual Services. Need to pay for website maintenance and updates.

Mr. Whitten, My motion is for both of his transfer fund requests.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Assessor General fund and Reassessment fund transfers for \$6,000 on one, \$4,800 and \$2,000 dollars on the other two. Any further discussion?

Mr. Poparad, Has somebody seconded that?

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second, motion by Whitten and seconded by the mayor of Valpo.

(Laughter)

Mr. Poparad, Did they raise the price of the maintenance fee?

Assessor Jon Snyder, The maintenance fee for?

Mr. Poparad, Well the website maintenance and updates \$6,000 dollars do you need more?

Assessor Jon Snyder, On no it's not a maintenance fee, we have online appeals and we are glad that we had them set-up be COVID happened. But we set on-line appeals up about 8 years ago and the system that we have is wearing down it needs some updates because things have modernized and we haven't.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Assessor Jon Snyder,

Mr. Rivas, Is that why you do this outside the county website?

Assessor Jon Snyder, We developed this before we came onto the county's network per say so this has been something that we were allowed to keep...so that answer is yes. It was developed before that transfer.

Mr. Rivas, Are you going to get a TV outside of your office also?

Assessor Jon Snyder, I want on in my office.

Mr. Rivas, So when we are all off here we are going to take a tour down the east wing and we are going to see a television screen in the hallway.

Mr. Poparad, The Chuck Miller show.

Mr. Rivas, There is a motion and a second for the two fund transfers, any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Larson, Hey Jon can I ask you one favor?

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes sir.

Mr. Larson, I had a couple of calls in Liberty Township about some younger people that were out measuring properties.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes sir?

Mr. Larson, There was no visible signage I think...is there a possibility that you could maybe mark their vehicles or something? I know they had a shirt but they were walking the yards without knocking and there was a couple homes where they beat on the door and the individual heard them when they were in the shower so they must have pounded on the door quite heavily and startled some people. So just wondered if you could maybe do a better job of publishing where we are if that was done or

something to let them know that they are going to be in those neighborhoods at that time frame.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, I noticed when I was in the garage, a pair of them came in and one of them had the green shirt on.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, The other one was unmarked.

Mr. Larson, Right.

Assessor Jon Snyder, One of the employees or the car?

Mr. Poparad, The employee, I didn't see the car.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Oh ok.

Mr. Larson, I just thought maybe if you had a magnetic sign or something that you could through on the cars or at least notify that hey we are going to be doing this two mile block area for assessments.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes.

Mr. Larson, That we are going to be out doing this would be the least we would expect because during COVID people are already freaked out with all this stuff that is going...

Ms. Graham, Right.

Mr. Larson, And when you throw that into the mix it kind of alarms people, so I was just kind of curious if there was something that we could do to maybe let them know ahead of time.

Assessor Jon Snyder, We used to by magnets but the blow off.

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Assessor Jon Snyder, So the magnets they last for a couple of weeks so we stopped buying them. You know one of the other issues is we only have one marked car for the Assessor's office and we have eight teams out right now and they use their own cars which is kind of a pain for everybody involved. We have talked about that before and you know obviously we're not going to get a Stormwater...

Mr. Poparad, Minimally they should at least all have t-shirts.

Mr. Larson, All of them should have one.

Assessor Jon Snyder, They do...

Mr. Poparad, No they didn't have it today.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Mary do we...well I wish we knew who that was?

Assessor Commercial/Reassessment Supervisor Mary Dambek, It was for new construction it wasn't for reassessment.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Oh ok alright well then we'll work on that Bob. I understand that's why we have those bright shirts and they should be wearing them.

Mr. Poparad, When you come into my back yard with a dog you are on your own.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, That's where I've got to honest I have people yak at me pretty hard about that.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, We don't let government revenue's into our neighborhood.

(Laughter)

Assessor Jon Snyder, We don't either.

Mr. Poparad, The problem is they do go around. The one instance luckily the guy had the dog inside the house he said because they came through the gate, but that was a couple of years ago. But when you come in somebodies backyard through the gate and they get bit...

Mr. Larson, I just want to protect our people.

Mr. Poparad, Yes that's the other thing.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes we do too.

Mr. Larson, The issue is when you start getting phone calls, obviously someone is concerned that there is people in the neighborhood or whatever and they just wanted you to know.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Ok, we'll do that too.

Mr. Simms, Jon one thing with the magnets if they just keep the magnets in their trunk until they arrive and then put it on so that way they won't blow off.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes.

Mr. Simms, If they remember to throw them on and then take them off too because they are only rated 40 to 45 lbs. of pressure.

Mr. Poparad, I have them on my trucks so all you have to do is hold your hand outside the door as you are going down the road and they'll stay on.

(Laughter)

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes we could do that too. We'll have one person run next to the car and hold it on.

Mr. Poparad, There you go.

Assessor Jon Snyder, We'll figure out something. If the sheriff was here maybe we can get some read and blues on the cars.

Mr. Poparad, Yeah we could.

(Laughter)

Mr. Rivas, Alright you are not getting lights and sirens.

(Laughter)

Assessor Jon Snyder, How about three cars...three cars that's all.

Mr. Rivas, Second reading.

Mr. Poparad, Thank you Jon.

Mr. Larson, Have a good night Jon.

Second Reading

Mr. Rivas, Second reading.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Whereas it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than what was appropriated in the annual budget. Therefore be it resolved by the Porter County Council of Porter County Indiana that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified subject to the laws governing the same

General Fund

Garage-Sheriff	1000-23400-000-0307	Small Tools	\$	1,439.50
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Accident Report Fund

Accident Report	1101-44200-000-0005	Motor Vehicles	\$	30,000.00
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Cumulative Bridge Fund

Cumulative Bridge	1135-33100-000-0079	Printing Other Than Office Supply	\$	500.00
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Storm Water Fund

Storm Water	1182-33100-000-0079	Printing Other Than Office Supply	\$	500.00
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E-911 Statewide Surcharge Fund

E-911 Statewide	1222-45400-000-0303	Other Equipment	\$	80,792.38
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Adult Probation PTS Fund

Adult Probation PTS	2103-11100-000-0274	Salaries	\$	(24,618.00)
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Cable Franchise Fund

Cable Franchise	4906-43200-000-0068	Roads & Taxiways	\$	300,000.00
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Indiana Arts Commission Grant Fund

Indiana Arts	8300-39500-000-0175	Contractual Services	\$	9,335.04
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COVID 45.025 MOH-IAC Fund

COVID MOH-IAC	8901-39910-000-0175	Other Services	\$	3,000.00
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Adult Probation Community Corrections PTS Grant Fund

AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-11100-000-0274	Salaries	\$	24,618.00
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-12100-000-0274	FICA	\$	1,883.28
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-12300-000-0274	PERF	\$	2,757.22
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-21100-000-0274	Office Supplies	\$	2,000.00
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-31300-000-0274	Training and Education	\$	5,000.00
AP Comm Corr PTS	9164-44100-000-0274	Office Equipment over \$100	\$	3,338.93
			\$	39,597.43

That conclude second reading.

Mr. Poparad, I make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second to approve second reading. Any further discussion? Can we get a roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

Attorney's Report

Mr. Rivas, Ok let's have the Attorney's Report.

Mr. Poparad, He's down here.

Mr. Rivas, Is he here?

Mr. Poparad, Both attorneys are on the end, did you notice that?

Mr. Whitten, We confer...we confer.

Mr. Poparad, They double bill too.

Mr. Rivas, Oh boy, alright so do you have anything Harold?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Nothing for today.

Mr. Rivas, Ok so the last meeting I believe we had an issue on an employee out of Prosecutor's to move to one of the Judges and I believe that's been clarified now that it will be just a transfer of employment?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, It's essentially going to be treated without going too far down the rabbit hole...

Mr. Whitten, Don't go too far.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes as a transfer.

Mr. Rivas, They are conferring you guys.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes as a transfer. The vacation will transfer and the longevity will as well.

Mr. Poparad, Do you need a motion...does Vicki need a motion?

Mr. Rivas, Vicki do you need a motion to pay everything?

Mr. Whitten, We're just bridging everything.

Mr. Poparad, Do you need a motion to that effect? Do you want a piece of paper?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Given the discussion last month maybe a motion would be better.

Mr. Poparad, I make a motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, I'd like to know exactly what that motion says.

Mr. Poparad, She's just bridging over, she's transferring.

Mr. Whitten, Harold would you...I know what we are doing but I want Harold.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I understand what Vicki was looking for was something from the Council...

Mr. Whitten, (Inaudible)

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Longevity is going to be recognized.

Mr. Jessen, That confirming no additional vacation?

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Right.

Mr. Poparad, She's not a new hire, she just transferred.

Mr. Rivas, Ok motion and a second to treat her as a transfer with all her seniority, longevity and vacation moves with her. Any further discussion? Is that clear?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, All in favor signify by saying Aye? All Opposed same sign?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Any other matter that may come properly before the Council

Mr. Rivas, Did you guys get the budget calendar in front of you?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, So everybody has that in front of them? So originally there was... Vicki I think you that you had the Indiana Association of Counties had something going on at the end of September so kind of moved that last part of September down. I think it was September right?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Mr. Rivas, So there is a gap in there you guys in the third week now of September, which I think normally then...maybe it's the fourth week. Do we have a calendar? Anton used to drop calendars off he doesn't need to do our business anymore?

Mr. Larson, We cut all the fat out of his budget now.

Mr. Rivas, Oh I have one. If you guys want to look real fast, September 15th?

Mr. Whitten, Can we look this over and get back with you?

Mr. Rivas, Yes that's fine I just want to finalized real quick...I mean yes as long as we can't do it here. So our regular meeting would be on September 22nd, 2020, so we can keep that on the 22nd and I don't know if we have a Foundation meeting in there. Joy is that the normal time we would do it in September?

Council Secretary Joy Blakely, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, So we can have a normal meeting and the Foundation on the 22nd and we could move the budget to it so I think that was kind of the question there. There was a week in September were we kind of had it open and it sounds like the Associations of Counties is going to do a virtual meeting now?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, So there is room to play in their now with that 3rd or 4th week there. Yes we can get this finalized relatively soon so the Department Heads can have it. You guys can look at through some emails to Joy and let's get it finalized. Maybe this week or early next week and if there are dates in there you guys can let us know and we will do our best to accommodate everybody's dates any vacations so that we can all be here for the fun.

Vicki gave her report so is there anything else? Anything that may properly come before the Council?

Mr. Larson, I was approached by a local business about some of the contract bidding that they are doing for some of the Stormwater repairs with some of the work in South Haven. It seems like some of our local contractors aren't getting those bids. And then I was made aware if they are bidding against the firm say out of Lake County. Lake County reimburses the contractual bid up to 10% percent to the awarded bid. So what's going on is they are coming over here and bidding dollar for dollar against our contractors and our county but since they're getting undercut by 10% percent in the other county they are actually allowing them to bid them cheaper here and still make the same profit margin. So some of our local guys are not being well represented here so I know that we have probably talked about that before because we want to stay away from those bidder premiums and stuff but there is a disparity for our guys that are working there and one of them is probably an employer with over 300 employees so that generally effects on every one of these bids. So there is some point and our surrounding counties are both rewarding their own contractual bidders in those circumstances.

Mr. Whitten, It's not out of the realm of reason that some of these municipalities that do provide a 5% percent incentive for local bidders and we do want to try to promote our local businesses. We do want to see our local businesses prevail when possible. Unfortunately that's not really our area.

Mr. Larson, Well I know that's something the Commissioners would have to address and I get that, I just want to start the discussion at this time.

Mr. Whitten, It's not a bad thought and I don't disagree with you actually, I think we should be looking to promote our local businesses.

Mr. Larson, And we have run into a couple of circumstances now where that's happened to several guys that have bid for that work and they are not getting the work so that concerning to me.

Mr. Rivas, Ok, I think whatever governing body the Stormwater or the Commissioners needs to address this, so yes I hear you. So anything else that may properly come before the Council? No.

Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Poparad, I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rivas, Ok there is a motion and a second somewhere on the floor?

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Rivas, Motion and a second to adjourn. All in favor? All Opposed?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL
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