

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

(The entire meeting is available to watch on the Porter County website.)

The Regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

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

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, Good Morning this is the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Tuesday, August 13th, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll – July 12th, July 26th and August 9th, 2019.

Approval of Minutes – July 9th, 2019.

Approval of Claims – July 11th, July 18th, July 25th, August 1st, 2019.

Treasurer's Monthly Reports Filed for: August 31st, 2018, September 30th, 2018, October 31st, 2018, November 30th, 2018, December 31st, 2018, January 31st, 2019, February 28th, 2019, March 31st, 2019, April 30th, 2019, May 31st, 2019, June 30th and July 31st, 2019.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

ARTISTIC SERVICES AGREEMENTS

1. Jared Coller – Soundtrack of Our Life & Heroes and Villains
2. Don Parker
3. Andrew Snyder

PRODUCTION AGREEMENT

1. R & H Theatricals – Holiday Inn

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring Guy Johnson for over 25 years of service and Harold Salyer for over 30 years of service at the Porter County Highway Dept.

Com. Good, We have a couple of gentlemen here from the Highway Dept. that we would like to celebrate today. We have Guy Johnson who has been with the department for over 25 years of service and we have Harold Salyer who has been in the department for over 30 years. These are two gentlemen that have been the corner stone of the Highway Dept. for years and we would like to take this opportunity and time to celebrate them and to recognize them for their years of service. If you two gentlemen would please come forward I will have the other Commissioners come up with us. Guy on behalf of the Porter County Board of Commissioners we would like to thank you for your years of service and all of your work out there. Thank you so much. Do you have anything you'd like to say?

Mr. Johnson, No a whole lot, just that it has been a long road. It has been all good.

Com. Good, Thank you, you'll be tough to replace.

Com. Good, We have one for Harold. Harold thank you for all of your service. Harold has been the district foreman for South County. He has been the voice for the south for the last 30

years. A lot of people know Harold and they know that when he is there things get done. We're going to miss him down there quite a bit. So thank you again Harold and on behalf of the Porter County Highway Dept., the Board of Commissioners and Porter County Government thank you! (Applause) Let's get a picture of all of us together so you have something to remember us by when you're out fishing. Thank you gentlemen again!

South Haven Storm Water Discussion

Com. Good, I think a lot of you have been watching and hearing us talk about the activity that has been going on in South Haven regarding the beginning of the storm water project and the restoration of that entire area up there. We're very close to having the first phase completed. We will be celebrating that in the near future. We also have some other announcements on the next phase of work that is going to be going on there. Stay tuned for more things to happen in South Haven. If you happen to get a chance to drive through the Governor Rd. area and see what has been done up there I think you will be overwhelmed with the transformation that has taken place up there. We're very proud of that. I think our Storm Water Dept. has done a fantastic job of managing that project and working to make the transformation of our affordable housing area in Porter County much better than what it is today. We're very excited and we talk about it a lot but it is something that needed to happen and we're now fulfilling that action and we're executing it. We will be giving you more updates on South Haven. This will be something we will be talking about on this Board for quite some time because we have a long term dedication to that area to bring it up to speed. I just wanted to keep that out in front of everyone and let you know there is a lot of work going on up there. Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS

Shive-Hattery – A Professional Services Agreement for the Porter County Facilities Master Planning Project in the amount of \$23,800.00.

Com. Good, Now that we're getting near the end or close to the end of our Capital Improvement Project some of the offices that we've moved around to better these departments has created some openings in some areas that we need to restudy and take a look at. We won't be acting on anything. This is just more of a planning document that we can use for the future on our facilities. That is why this contract is here today.

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

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Porter County Commissioners and the Porter County Board of Elections and Registration.

Atty. McClure, This is the memorandum of understanding that we have invited all of the departments to participate in. This is the Social Media Policy in which we would have one standard Social Media Policy and then the Commissioners' office deals with paying for the storage of the social media sights for freedom of information requests. The Commissioners are paying for the master contract as long as all of the other departments are adopting the same social media policies. This memorandum of understanding is the Board of Elections & Registration adopting the master social media policy.

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

An Amendment to the Resolution of the Porter County Board of Commissioners Concerning the Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates to Government Entities.

Atty. McClure, This is a resolution to clarify the assignment of some of some of the tax sale certificates. We had a couple of the parcel numbers incorrect. Between the Auditor's office and Council that has been dealing with this this is the correction for that. I would recommend that we approve this.

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

Com. Good, Now we are going to get into pay apps. In the past I know a lot of people that sit through these are quite exhausted. I have spoken to legal counsel and we are able to group these together by project. We are going to try to move through these quicker than what we've done in the past. The first up is the Valparaiso Courthouse. I think we are 98 to 99% completed. We are just doing punch list work and other things right now.

VALPO COURTHOUSE RENO – PAY APPS.

EMCOR Hyre Electric – Pay App. #10 in the amount of \$1,172.50 for electrical work. With a remaining balance of \$8,270.50.

EMCOR Hyre Electric – Pay App. #11 in the amount of \$8,270.50 for electrical work. This is the final payment.

J.W. Werntz & Son – Pay App. #3 in the amount of \$201,168.20 for window replacement. With a remaining balance of \$87,865.55.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Pay App. #7 in the amount of \$1,900.00 for flooring. With a remaining balance of \$2,663.75.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the pay apps. for the Valpo Courthouse Reno, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

EXPO CENTER RENO – PAY APPS. & CHANGE ORDERS

Com. Good, As you know this facility is done and opened.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Pay App. #6 in the amount of \$37,746.35 for flooring. With a remaining balance of \$17,143.35.

Continental Electric – Pay App. #10 in the amount of \$2,612.50 for electrical work. With a remaining balance of \$38,729.30.

Oosterbaan & Sons – Change Ord. #2 in the amount of \$20,899.00 to provide painting of brides room and exterior painting of Expo West.

Com. Good, When we got the building up and painted per the scope of the contract the building didn't quite look right so we spent a few extra dollars and fixed those areas up. I think we now have the look that we want. So that is all part of that as well too.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve all pay apps. and change orders for the Expo Center, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

157 FRANKLIN ST. RENO – PAY APPS. & CHANGE ORDERS

Com. Good, I visited the site a couple of weeks ago. Things are moving along rather quickly there. It is looking good and starting to take shape on the inside.

Continental Electric – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$38,599.16 for electrical work. With a remaining balance of \$1,100,700.84.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$9,215.00 for flooring. With a remaining balance of \$212,115.00.

Circle "R" Mechanical – Change Ord. #1 in the amount of \$23,363.00 to provide new waste/vent piping.

Pangere Corp. – Change Ord. #1 in the amount of \$20,637.00 to provide added lintels above windows and exterior brick repairs along with inspections around buildings.

Com. Good, I will tell you on change orders #1 and 2 these were things that once we got into the building and started working through them the work that we questioned we felt that it needed to be redone before we covered it all up and then had to chase this problem 5 or 6 years down the road. So we're trying to tackle some of these issues as we're starting to get into the building a little bit. We're trying to take a much long term approach for the taxpayers and for the County as well too. Just a little bit of an explanation on those two change orders.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve all pay apps. and change orders for 157 Franklin St., Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

NORTH COUNTY ANNEX RENO – PAY APPS., AUTHORIZATION ALLOWANCE & CHANGE ORDS.

Com. Good, This is for the Courthouse renovation and the new building that we are sharing with Portage Township. This project has come a long way this summer. I don't know if

anyone has driven by up there but it is rapidly taking place. So I am not surprised by the number of pay apps. because the amount of work has been fast and furious up there.

Circle "R" Electric – Pay App. #2 in the amount of \$39,094.48 for electrical. With a remaining balance \$707,593.95.

Kleckner Interior Systems – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$99,957.53 for metal studs/drywall. With a remaining balance of \$747,375.47.

Kleckner Interior Systems – Pay App. #2 in the amount of \$47,530.68 for metal studs/drywall. With a remaining balance of \$699,844.79.

Mechanical Concepts – Pay App. #2 in the amount of \$38,788.50 for HVAC. With a remaining balance of \$1,214,040.50.

Mechanical Concepts – Pay App. #3 in the amount of \$115,738.50 for HVAC. With a remaining balance of \$1,098,302.00.

Stan's Painting & Decorating – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$7,563.90 for painting. With a remaining balance of \$128,496.10.

Pangere Corp. – Pay App. #2 in the amount of \$72,827.94 for labor and materials. With a remaining balance of \$1,301,213.62.

Pangere Corp. – Pay App. #3 in the amount of \$29,379.41 for labor and materials. With a remaining balance of \$1,271,834.21.

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #6 in the amount of \$9,865.75 for masonry. With a remaining balance of \$95,790.35.

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #7 in the amount of \$296,477.90 for Bid Package #1. With a remaining balance of \$1,193,450.00.

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #8 in the amount of \$118,427.00 for Bid Package #1. With a remaining balance of \$1,075,023.00.

Ziolkowski Const. – Pay App. #7 in the amount of \$2,130.85 for Bid Package #2. With a remaining balance of \$93,659.50.

E. C. Babilla – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$166,380.76 for roofing. With a remaining balance of \$650,019.24.

Arctic Engineering – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$133,770.58 for plumbing. With a remaining balance of \$274,629.42.

Circle "R" Electric – Pay App. #3 in the amount of \$65,034.95 for electrical. With a remaining balance of \$624,559.00.

Ziolkowski Const. – Allowance Authorization in the amount of \$2,265.00 to provide cooling tower masonry and masonry revisions under windows at office building.

Kleckner Interior Systems – Allowance Authorization in the amount of \$2,546.00 to provide temporary wall in Judges Office for continuance.

Ziolkowski Const. – Change Ord. #3 in the amount of \$3,649.00 to provide cooling tower enclosure concrete revisions in accordance with ASI.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve all pay apps., allowance authorizations and change orders for the North County Annex, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

CORONER'S OFFICE – DORIS AMLING

Bartronics – A quote to have radios installed in the County Coroner vans in the amount of \$3,267.80.

Com. Good, When we bought all of the radios for everyone last year somehow the Coroner never got their application in, somehow it was missed. It may have to do with the election, but we are coming back today to take action on this and get our Coroner vans set up with the communication systems they need to communicate with our new 700 Megahertz towers.

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

EMA – LANCE BELLA, DIRECTOR

A Memorandum of Understanding between Porter County Government and Jasper County for the purpose of contributing to the use and maintenance of the District 1 Equipment Maintenance Fund. They will contribute \$3,000.00 each year in January.

Atty. McClure, This is the District 1 memorandum of understanding.

Com. Good, What you may or may not know is Porter County has their own emergency management agency which falls under the Board of Commissioners oversight. In the State of Indiana emergency management associations are then broken into districts. Porter County is in District 1. Several years ago what we have learned is that a lot of different counties equipment is used for other counties. Porter County as we've gone through it and inventoried all of our equipment the rigs and machines we have found that Porter County probably has a little bit more equipment than maybe some of the other districts do which is being used a lot. We don't have a problem with working with district but we also felt that we needed to have some type of agreement and understanding between the district in our County as to when they use the equipment, how they bring it back, who is maintaining it.

Atty. McClure, This one locks in Jasper to pay \$3,000.00 a year that goes into a non-reverting fund here that we would utilize for the maintenance of the District 1 assets and those are outlined in the memorandum.

Com. Biggs, There is a total of 5 counties that make up District 1. We reached out to the other 4 counties because we have been bearing the whole burden of the cost of maintenance and housing of that equipment because we had the space where the other districts did not evidently and Jasper was the last to agree to the memorandum and this is to finalize it.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Jasper County Memorandum, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

E-911 – ROB LANCHSWEERDT, DIRECTOR

Rave – An annual license renewal quote for Mobile Public Safety Alerts. The request is for the 5 year renewal in the amount of \$53,735.40 per year.

Mr. Lanchsweerd, We are requesting that the Commissioners consider for approval the Rave renewal for Smart 911 and Rave Mobile. It is a contract that the County has agreed to since 2011. It expired this year and we are requesting that it be renewed. To me it's a better contract then we saw in 2016. In 2016 the Commissioners signed a 3 year contract for a \$54,000.00. This time Rave Mobile is offering the County a 5 year agreement for slightly less at \$53,735.40.

Com. Biggs, Rob could you tell what is the Smart 911 System?

Ms. Kennedy, Smart 911 is a system where people can sign up online. When they call into 911 if they have a profile that will pop-up and we can get their medical information or any information they have put into the system, which helps the dispatcher. If we receive a call where someone is unable to speak we will have some information to go off of. That is the basis of it.

Com. Biggs, Do we know what the participation level is?

Mr. Lanchsweerd, For 2019 we had 261 profile pop-ups compared to 2018 we had 583. We would like to see a stronger community participation in this because it is very helpful if you cannot speak. For 2018 76% of our 911 calls were by mobile devices. This year to date we're seeing a 78% participation. More and more of our community members are using wireless devices to communicate with us and this instantly provides our operators with critical information. To give you an example of something that we saw last year, one of supervisors communicated that someone had this on their phone. They communicated that their family member had medical issues and they were combative which was helpful for our 911 operators to relay not only to medics that were in route but to the officers so they knew what they were going to confront.

Com. Biggs, This is for residence of course but business as well.

Mr. Lanchsweerd, Absolutely, yes.

Com. Biggs, We pay this not only on behalf of the unincorporated residences but also for the cities and towns as well.

Mr. Lanchsweerd, Yes.

Com. Good, My question was more in the world of Rave if you had a crystal ball and you looked to the future is this something that you think could be something incorporated into something else or do you think it will always be stand alone and will continue to be more robust. The reason that I'm asking is we also have a 3 year option here which is a little bit more I believe per year, it's insignificant, but my question to you is as fast as technology seems to be advancing here especially in this world should we commit ourselves an additional 2 years out there than a 5 year agreement. That is my conundrum.

Mr. Lanchsweerd, It's a good thing to consider because we are seeing and advancement in technology. To give you an example, in 2016 the E911 Center really did not have a lot of texting capabilities and since 2016 the State of Indiana now offers what is called texting and Porter County was recognized by the State of Indiana as a top 10 community that was very aggressive in sending text messages with this free service. Smart 911 isn't necessarily needed as much anymore. In addition as the next generation 911 is becoming more location based right now phone carriers are using what we call Phase II which is just a general location about where that 911 call is coming from by triangulated towers. Phase III is likely around the corner. I can't give you specific timeline but I know the State Board of Indiana and communities across our nation are working hard to press wireless carriers Sprint, AT&T and so on to provide better triangulation because you have it right now. When you want an Uber or a Lift they know exactly where you're at. The technology is there it is just about getting that now into the hands of 911 centers.

Com. Biggs, Let me ask you a question, is there a better way to spend this money than to buy into this program especially under the terms that Com. Good was concerned about?

Mr. Lanchsweerd, We do know that the other component of this contract does involve the Rave Mobile alerting which is something that myself and Director Bella from EMA were going to start discussing this year on how the 911 Center could work with EMA that when there is an EMA activation of something of a significant nature requiring maybe an evacuation of communities we could utilize this to broadcast it. It provides you with presidential features literally where the United States President this year did a test. This also has that override capability to send out a notice but I think to Com. Good's point that may be a 3 year contract would be something to consider as we research this into the future and then reevaluate in 3 years. 3 years will come fast.

Com. Good, From my perspective I think it's needed. I think if we were to go to a 3 year it's an additional \$1733.00 a year to the County for a shorter term. I'm just starting to wonder if all of this stuff in the next 3 years is going to be value adding to the main thing and this becomes part of and I would just hate to see us be caught up in a contract that we want to get out of but we can't. So I think it's a good insurance policy to maybe look at the 3 year just from a technology standpoint and in 3 years if we get here....the other thing that happens with technology as more advanced that it gets and becomes more common the price goes down too. Maybe that gives us an opportunity to renegotiate in 3 years also. That was why I brought it up the Board.

Com. Blaney, That makes a lot of sense.

Com. Biggs, I'm alright with 3 years.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Rave renewal for 3 years in the amount of \$55,468.80 per year, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Atty. McClure, Then the dollar amount would be instead of as listed on the agenda \$53,735.40 it would be \$55,468.80 per year.

Com. Biggs, If you two could say over the next week or two give the Commissioners some suggestions how we might be able to influence better participation rates. That is an awful lot of money for only picking up 200 or 300 people a year. Thank you.

A request to approve the 911 Supplemental Employee Handbook – TABLED

Atty. McClure, Let's continue this until the next meeting.

Com. Blaney, moved to continue the 911 Supplemental Employee Handbook until the next meeting, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

The Indiana Arts Commission has awarded the Memorial Opera House an FY20 Regional Initiative Grant in the amount of \$9,724.00.

Mr. MacDonald, Indiana Arts Commission has awarded the Memorial Opera a Fiscal Year 20 Regional Initiative Grant in the amount of \$9,724.00. This is artistic operation support that we are able to apply for every other year. This is the second time that we won this grant and were able to use it for any of our operational needs at the theatre whether that is purchasing new equipment for the box office, new software any really operational needs that we may have are covered by this.

Com. Blaney, Can you talk about the other recent grant that you just awarded?

Mr. MacDonald, Sure. We have a couple of other grants that we have. One we recently won is the Anderson Foundation Grant of \$20,000.00 and we also have received money from the Indiana Arts Commission again for project support \$5,000.00 was received for our Limelights Program. We have seen quite a bit of uptick in all of our grant income this year to the Memorial Opera House Foundation and to the Memorial Opera House. A lot of it is programed based for the Limelights which is extremely exciting for us. Between ticket sales, tuitions and grant revenue we've seen about \$40,000.00 brought in this year by the Limelights so we are very very excited about that. We are looking at a grant through the EDNR right now for restoration to the building that would in tandem with the one that we received 2 years ago now that allowed us to get the project manual for the building. This is now the construction end of that. We're researching that because there are Department of Interior standards and things like that we have to adhere to so we are researching that but very very exciting stuff.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Memorial Opera House and Memorial Opera House Foundation regarding Marketing Expenditures for Events.

Mr. MacDonald, The Memorial Opera House Foundation is hosting 4 different events throughout the year and they haven't set up a marketing budget for themselves for these events. Since the events that they are doing help the Opera House and they are providing direct support to the Opera House from these events we would like to be able to allow some of our marketing dollars to help them out with marketing their events because it all benefits the Opera House as a whole. Then they would be in return from the proceeds from those events giving us back the marketing money that we are giving them.

Atty. McClure, So these events are happening at the Memorial Opera House. Then this memorandum of understanding with the Foundation who has also signed allows that the money that would come out of the Memorial Opera House budget itself would be recouped directly from the event proceeds in which we are in control of. This is a win win, the Foundation exists to help and support the Opera House. These events are happening at the Opera House. This helps drive the business and then we're able to re-coop our money back from it so this is a win for everyone all of the way around.

Mr. MacDonald, If I may really quick as well. At the last board meeting the Foundation also has set aside direct support for building maintenance to the Opera House. They just approved \$11,000.00 for new exterior doors for the Opera House. We will be working with Ray on getting that taken care of as well in the future.

Com. Good, Scot how did your last show go? What were the numbers?

Mr. MacDonald, Mama Mia we were completely sold out for 11 performances and we grossed \$68,000.00. On that \$68,300.00 and it has probably been our bestselling show to date. We are very very very excited. We also saw our season ticket sales started during that production and are currently outpacing last year's season ticket sales by about \$5000.00. So in 3 weeks' time we brought in about \$35,000.00 worth of season ticket sales.

Com. Biggs, Didn't you set a record last year?

Mr. MacDonald, Last year we set a record for season tickets at about \$60,000.00 so we are projecting about \$65,000.00 to \$70,000.00 this year. It's a very exciting time.

Com. Good, So what is the next show that will beat the last show?

Mr. MacDonald, Our upcoming play is the Mouse Trap. We actually saw over 20 people last night auditioning for 8 roles in the show. We have another large crowd coming out this evening. We're very excited to be working with a director from St. Joe Rensselaer. He has directed over a 105 performances including the Mouse Trap I think 3 times. He has a very very clear vision. He really wants to market this because he knows plays don't sell as well as musicals anywhere. So we are excited to be working with him and then of course our Christmas show coming up of Miracle on 34th Street is already selling and again it's on the same track as last year's It's a Wonderful Life, which if you recall that sold out at Halloween. We are really knuckling down. We've got good things happening and we're very excited to see what happens here in the future.

Com. Good, Well to all of you at the Memorial Opera House and the Foundation great job. Let's keep it rolling.

Mr. MacDonald, Thank you and thank you for all of your support.

Com Good, Thank you for your leadership.

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

PORTER COUNTY MUSEUM – KEVIN PAZOUR, DIRECTOR

NCI – A proposal to provide the installation of cable in the amount of \$961.00. This proposal has been reviewed by Don Wellsand, IT Director.

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

EXPO CENTER – LORI DALY, DIRECTOR

A request for salary changes for the following positions:

- **Assistant Manager from \$43,805.00 to \$41,000.00**
- **Event Manager from \$35,000.00 to \$37,000.00**

Atty. McClure, Has the Council already approved this?

Ms. Daly, Yes, this is a housekeeping correction.

Com. Good, For our records tell us what you are doing here.

Ms. Daly, We were approved in last year's budget to add an event manager for 2019 with the remodel. I waited until August, well that was my plan and then Debbie retired so we weren't ready for that so then the assistant manager opened up. When of the gals I interviewed for event manager I hired her and then we have our new event manager who is Arman Dogruyol he started a couple of weeks ago. We are building the team for the future. We did get this approved at the Council meeting and I forgot to send it to Kathy so it's my fault.

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

IT – DON WELLSAND, DIRECTOR

Quote from NCI for the North County Annex:

- **Camera Cabling Area A \$ 4,852.00**
- **Camera Cabling Area B \$ 5,795.00**
- **Office Building Area A \$53,969.00**
- **Office Building Area B \$18,926.00**
- **Office Building \$29,417.00**
- **Fiber Backbone Cabling & Office Bldg. \$11,394.00**
- **Office Building Camera Fiber Cabling \$ 3,495.00**
- **Parking Lot Fiber Optic Camera Cabling \$ 6,905.00**

Com. Good, Before we get into these numbers I want to let everyone know that these numbers are in the budget for the project but because they weren't part of the construction contracts we're bringing them out here separately and we're approving these contracts separately

for transparency. They are in the budget but they are not under any contract so we are just cleaning that up.

Mr. Wellsand, We had different quotes here for whether it was Annex A or B or whether it was the new building. On the first one the \$53,969.00 we're going to be installing 247 CAT6 Cables there in Area A. Area B the \$18,926.00 we're going to be installing 88 new CAT6 cables and on the office building we're going to be installing 123 CAT6 cables and a couple of fiber runs. On the Annex the camera cabling came in at \$4,852.00. We're going to be installing 18 new cables for that. For Area B we're going to be installing 39 CAT6 cables for those cameras. The North County parking lot cameras there will be 15 CAT6 data cables and 2 fibers. That should be it for now.

Com. Good, So there will be a lot of new cameras in this judicial system which I think is long needed up there.

Mr. Wellsand, Yes, they are old cameras.

Com. Good, They're old and this will get us a heightened security.

Com. Blaney, Better resolution.

Com. Good, And cover a much bigger area. I would also like to point out that in these quotes the County is only responsible for our half of the building in the judicial center. Portage Township Government will be responsible for some of these costs as well as we're the lead on the project but then we have an agreement for them to reimburse us back on these types of things. I just wanted to clarify that this entire amount isn't entirely born by the County it's also born by the Portage Township Trustee.

Com. Biggs, I think it's sometimes lost the security component in the renovation of this building. From a security standpoint this building is going to be light years ahead of where the building was before we started. It is going to be highly secure, which I think unfortunately at this day and age is an absolute must. I think sometimes we over look that the technology we're putting in this building is first rate.¹

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

AUDITOR VICKI URBANIK

**An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Fee for Real Property Conveyance Documents
Endorsed by the Auditor of Porter County - 2nd Reading.**

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

FACILITIES – RAY CLOYD, DIRECTOR

Diamond Vending – A contract for vending machines at the County buildings.

Mr. Cloyd, We have our vending machines in the County buildings, this building, the Courthouse, the Jail. The current vending company is not just good for us, bad product in there, outdated. They are not replying to us on our customer service needs so we reached out to other vending companies and Diamond Vending was better suited for our buildings.

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

3 Quotes for a Hot Food Serving Table at the Juvenile Detention Center:

- **Restaurant Supply** **\$4,265.71**
- **Central Restaurant Products** **\$4,953.50**
- **R & P Restaurant Service** **\$5,747.00**

Mr. Cloyd, We have a steam table at the JDC. It has been having some issues for the last couple of months. The team has tried to correct it, but we're not having any success. We need to get them a new one. The steam table is pretty old, it has been there since the beginning of JDC and now they need to replace it because it keeps on leaking.

Com. Good, And for those of you that don't know the County slang JDC means Juvenile Detention Center that is out on Hwy. 2. Just for clarification purposes.

Com. Biggs, So the one that we're replacing is the original one?

Mr. Cloyd, Correct.

Com. Biggs, Oh we got our monies worth out of it.

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

Com. Good, When you get a chance I'd like to talk to you about those big pots in front of the Courthouse and what we're going to plant in there. They look good.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – RICH SEXTON, SUPERINTENDENT – TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

A Transfer of Funds from Acct. #3730 Lease Purchase in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Acct. #4420 Motor Vehicles. To trade-in and purchase 5 new supervisors and foreman F250 Trucks with snow plows to speed up snow removal and reduce overtime.

A bid from Lake Shore Ford for (5) F250 Trucks in the amount of \$112,573.00 minus trade-ins of \$81,100.00 for a total of \$57,220.00. In addition Riggs would install Ultra Mount 2 Style Hook Ups, halogen headlamps, a rubber snow deflector along with hand-held control and installation of all mounting hardware and wiring for a cost of \$28,250.00 which would bring the total cost to \$85,479.00. This bid is \$8,000.00 less than the State Bid from Currie Motors.

Atty. McClure, I have talked to Highway and on both of these requests if we could just continue them to the next meeting we are going to try one more avenue to make sure we're getting our best bang for buck on the request. Both of the requests are related to the purchase of the 5 F250's. One is to move the money and one is approve the purchase. If we could continue that to the next meeting we can explore one more avenue and keep this on track.

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

DEVELOPMENT & STORM WATER MNGMNT. – BOB THOMPSON, DIRECTOR

Receive and open bids for N. Calumet from Wesley Road to U.S. Hwy. 6 and Meridian Road from 600 North to U.S. Hwy. 6.

Mr. Thompson, This is receiving bids for paving of the reconstruction of North Calumet from Wesley Rd. to U.S. Hwy. 6 and Meridian Rd. from 600 North to U.S. Hwy. 6. Both paved roads are being combined into one project. This is part of the Community Crossings grant that we received this year.

Mr. Urbanik, We received bids that were due this morning.

Com. Good, What will do is we'll open up these bids, read them and hand them back to these gentlemen to make sure that the bids are responsible. I think because there are only 2 we can probably turn around and award it here later in the meeting because we need to get this in.

Mr. Thompson, That is what we would like to do.

Com. Good, If something doesn't look right though we could always put it on the next agenda. These are usually pretty straight forward.

BIDS

- Walsh & Kelly from Griffith, Indiana \$679,929.42
- Reith Riley Construction from Gary, Indiana \$818,518.48

Mr. Thompson, Matt is going to review those.

An Ordinance to Amend Title 15 of the County Building Code – Building Permit Conflict of Interest – 1st Reading.

Atty. McClure, This is a State Law change which is requiring us to modify our local ordinance to deal with any potential conflict of interest that our Building Commissioner, Building Permit people do not have. We do have a conflict of interest which would mean a direct or indirect financial interest in a permit that they are issuing or reviewing. Pursuant to State Law

change this is us mirroring what the State Law is requiring us to do as far as the definition of the issuance of permits etc.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

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

Com. Biggs, What is it about this amendment that we should know?

Mr. Thompson, The main thing is that if there is a conflict of interest between the Building Commissioner or Building Inspector they are supposed to approach the Director of the department. The Director is supposed to record this conflict and do a new assignment to keep the particular permit away. It is also talking about the permitting process when they do have everything in correctly and all of the information we are supposed to issue that permit and then it goes in further with the conflict.

Com. Biggs, Nothing wrong with that.

Com. Good, It's just for transparency.

Atty. McClure, Basically you can't approve your own permit on your own project.

Com. Good, Which you shouldn't be able to do anyway.

Atty. McClure, That is what this conflict of interest does.

DLZ Indiana, LLC – A Supplemental Agreement for bridge replacement of Bridge 68, on Smoke Road over Jones Ditch.

Mr. Thompson, The supplemental agreement is coming about because the classification of the road is real minor arterial so we have to hit certain design widths for the particular road with shoulder and bridge widths. With the skew of Jones Ditch it is making it difficult on this so we have requested DLZ to go forward with what is referred to as a Level 1 Design Exception Request to INDOT and the Federal Highway. This supplemental agreement is to proceed with that because we're asking for the lesser width on the road and shoulders because of the fact that if we have to stay with that design correct Mike if I'm wrong that we were going to have to do a total reconstruction of Jones Ditch to be able to do the skew necessary.

Mr. Novotney, It would have created a whole set of complications for us with the project. We thought the best path forward was to pursue the Level 1 Design Exception.

Com. Blaney, Sounds like a pretty expensive complication.

Mr. Thompson, And the permitting on that would be excessive.

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

USI Consultants, Inc. - Annual Services Agreement.

Mr. Thompson, USI currently has been doing work for us on Bridge 168 which a Federal (Inaudible) project. They also did Bridge 126 which was part of Capital Improvement Plan on that. We have requested USI to give us annual service agreement to basically increase the pool we have in there for engineering services/consulting services on that. We didn't want to keep it strictly to the Highway Engineering section. We just explained it all for the department. So it is all inclusive to the department on that. One thing that is a little bit different on this is a lot of the service agreements we have go from January 1st to December 31st. This particular agreement is going to go from July 1st to June 30th still a one year contract. It is more or less following INDOT's fiscal year.

Com. Good, That is why we're doing it now. Usually we see these at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Thompson, Correct.

Com. Good, We are following INDOT.

Mr. Thompson, We've had a good relationship with USI so we requested them to put in this annual service agreement just to increase our pool.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve USI Consultants annual service agreement, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Matt Gavelek has reviewed the 2 quotes from Reith Riley and Walsh & Kelly so we will have Matt come up to tell us his decision.

Mr. Gavelek, Walsh & Kelly was the low bid at \$679,929.42. Their documentation was adequate and their math was correct. They are the low bid and I recommend them to be awarded.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Walsh & Kelly for the N. Calumet from Wesley Rd. to U.S. Hwy 6 and Meridian Rd. from 600 North to U.S. Hwy. 6 project, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Biggs, Is this pretty much all black top? There isn't any major sub-base.

Mr. Thompson, I believe there is some milling, is there not, a milling of a particular depth.

Mr. Gavelek, There is milling of 2 inches on North Calumet and an 1 ½ on Meridian and then we will be striping it as well. It is a pretty simple project.

Com. Biggs, We have to close the road in order to do that?

Mr. Gavelek, No we will keep one lane opened and they will have men directing traffic with flaggers. They will keep access to property owners. That side of Valpo has been under construction now the County side will be under construction but it will be brief.

Com. Blaney, And worth it.

Com. Good, Thank you gentlemen.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD – BOB GREGG

Michiana Rental – An Agreement to provide tables, chairs and tents for the Celebrate Wildlife Festival on Saturday, October 5th in the amount of \$3,490.00.

Indiana Wild – An Agreement to provide live animal shows with animal interaction for the Celebrate Wildlife Festival on Saturday, October 5th in the amount of \$850.00.

Silly Safaris Shows – An agreement to provide live animal shows at the Celebrate Wildlife Festival in the amount of \$750.00.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the 3 agreements for the Celebrate Wildlife Festival, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

VALPARAISO EVENTS

A request to use the Courthouse grounds on Friday, December 6th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm for "Holly Days" for all of the holiday activities.

Com. Good, This is an event that happens every year in the City of Valparaiso and we approve it every year.

Com. Biggs, And this is for the whole property correct?

Com. Good, That is correct.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the use of the entire Courthouse grounds for the Holly Days Festivities, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Mrs. McDougal, Good morning I am Lynn McDougal and this is my husband John. We are residence of Dune Acres. My husband John has difficult speaking and has asked me to read this statement to you about needed improvements to the Calumet Trail. Thank you for allowing me this time this morning. I am a resident of Dune Acres. I use this wheelchair and also ride a recumbent trike which is a way I can still get out and get exercise and enjoy the outdoors. The Calumet Trail as it is today is unusable for me and would be very unusable or unpleasant for most bikers, runners or users of any kind. Most cyclists instead risk their lives to use Hwy. 12. The surface is very large rough gravel or slag set in some sort of concrete and so jagged that it is a hazard. East of the Dune Acres train station it is under water. The Calumet Trail is a critical link in the Marquette Green Way Plan and would be a valuable recreational asset to the region. There are plans to improvement it and I understand that there is funding available that could be used as local Sheriff or Estate Next Level Trail Grant. Many Porter County residences would like to see the Calumet Trail meet it's potential. Over 800 people have signed a recent petition requesting improvements, and there is a link on there. Sara Sminiak has also been investigating the trail problems. She has posted a video on YouTube that vividly shows the defects. I think Sara sent you links to the video and petition yesterday or the day before. The Calumet Trail improvements would seem to be a high priority for State funding. If there are some unknown roadblocks holding up a grant application for improvements to this trail I am here to ask if the Commissioners can explain what is holding up the improvements and how we might begin to address any such issues. Thank you.

Atty. McClure, Generally what we have here is that the Calumet Trail started off many years ago before a couple of key factors occurred and I think the biggest changes are the double tracking of NICTD and also a major pipeline that when through NIPSCO. We have a lot of engineering that occurred pre those two fairly large, I'm not sure you could get much larger issues that have changed since some of that original engineering has been done. Right now what we're attempting to do is gather the information necessary to determine what needs to change in that original planning now that we have those two issues here and done and are coming. The pipeline is in from the NIPSCO standpoint. The double tracking is funded and on its way fairly quickly. So at this point there is some grant money available, however we have a lot of issues to work through as far the best possible solution for the Calumet Trail as it stands now again, given the fact of those two major changes. Just to give you a little bit of an idea with the NICTD double tracking we have some issues of access and getting around certain areas. There is one bottleneck at 49 and 12 on how to get around in there. Since NIPSCO has put their pipeline in we have another issue of exactly what this trail would like when it was done. Whether it needs to be accessible by NIPSCO trucks, the size of those trucks, the weight of those trucks all starts to radically change the size and building specifications of the trail itself. While it is still obviously a high priority at this point what we're attempting to do is get enough information together with those new factors to figure out exactly if this is the same plan that we should be moving forward with these changes whether it needs to be slightly modified or greatly modified to accomplish the end goal. That is really the end goal. That is really the issue here is dealing with those 2 new things if NIPSCO hadn't put a pipeline and if NICTD had not done double tracking, which I don't think anyone is arguing are bad things. The issue might be a little bit more straightforward with the engineering, but we have engineering pre those big changes and now we have some backfill parts of it have done, parts of it haven't been done. Then we start getting into other issues as far as when you start going from a gravel trail or a chip trail to a paved trail to a road then it starts to become vastly different things. We are in the process of attempting to go through that and figure out with those changes what is the best course at this point. The money that is available is obviously State wide so again we have to that into consideration as to what kind of costs.

Mrs. McDougal, Well they had the grant, we're concerned about the money from the grant going away because other people would want it to use grant money if we don't.

Com. Biggs, That is what Atty. McClure just touched on is that we're competing with other communities throughout the State of Indiana for that grant money. The State of Indiana it can't afford to wait until we get the answers that we need before we make a future investment there. I just had been in the Commissioners' office when we first developed the Calumet Trail in the late 90's. The specifications then and the circumstances were much different than they are today. The materials that we have to use are probably much more expensive as Scott also touched on. We're going from a gravel base to an asphalt base and the trail has to be designed to the specifications that NIPSCO lays out because from time to time their trucks are going to be traveling on that base to maintain their powerlines along that route. That makes a big difference. There is no one up here that doesn't want to see that trail go improve, but like any organization we're limited in the amount of resources and in this case depending on what we find out over the next 60 to 90 days is it a smart investment that we're going to make on behalf of the residence of

Porter County to put that kind of money into that length of trail under those circumstances. That is what we also have to decide and that is not an easy decision.

Mrs. McDougal, Thank you.

Com. Biggs, You're welcome.

Com. Good, Is there anyone else here wishing to address this Board.

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

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