

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

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

The Regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

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

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, Good morning this is the Porter County Board of Commissioners' meeting Tuesday, August 14th. It is just a little after 10:00 and the first item on the agenda we will be waiting until Donna Criner for the Cancer Kids Foundation show up. So we will move on if they don't show up before the end of the meeting we will read it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes – June 19th, July 10th and July 17th and August 7th, 2018.

Approval of Payroll – July 13th, July 27th and August 10th, 2018.

Approval of Claims – July 12th, July 26th, August 2nd and August 9th, 2018.

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – June 16th to July 15th, 2018.

Comp Time Report.

Com. Good, I would like to make an announcement on behalf of our Human Resource Department that I think all of our department heads need to go back and look at their Comp Time Report again. We have certain departments that are starting to get out of hand. If we don't start trying to manage this a little better we are going to have to take it to the next level and maybe start calling out departments and start calling out departments and other things in this meeting because we have to get this under control. We have several departments that just seem to be treading water. I just want to make that comment with regards to the Comp Time Report. Any other questions, or comments from the Commissioners regarding this? We need to do a much better job at managing our Comp Time and that is what we are responsible for up here and that is what we're tasked with and that is what we're going to do. Hopefully everyone listening or hearing can dig into this and take this a little bit more seriously. If not like I said over the next couple of meetings we might be starting talk about different departments and other things to see if we can get them to abide with what we want to do.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

- 1. Sarah Leho – Artistic Services Agreement.**
- 2. The Lone Below – Performance Contract.**
- 3. Stephanie Reeder – Artistic Services Agreement – Audition & Rehearsal Accompanist.**
- 4. Stephanie Reeder – Artistic Services Agreement - Orchestra.**
- 5. Michael Ferraro – Artistic Services Agreement.**
- 6. Kyle Liedtke – Artistic Services Agreement.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Com. Good, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce to the Porter County Government employees and to Porter County residents and taxpayers that we have a new employee in our department Melanie Massey. Melanie is right here, she has been working for us now for 3 or 4 weeks. Time flies when you're having fun right Melanie. Melanie has moved into the role of what our Rhonda Young used to do here and Rhonda who is sitting in the audience is now the head of our H.R. and we are now taking a much more pro-active role in Human Resources and in order to

be able to do that we were able to free up Rhonda by hiring Melanie. I would also like to point out for everyone in the audience this is not a new hire, this is not an additional this was someone we always had a position in this department we just moved some people around. So we're not hiring anymore people. We're not growing government. This is just moving some players around. I just want to make sure that we made that real clear. Thank you and welcome Melanie.

Ms. Massey, Thank you!

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS

A request from Theresa Biggs to hold a Rosary Rally on the Northeast corner of the Courthouse grounds on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 12:00 to 1:15. There will be one banner posted with approximately 20 to 30 people in attendance. They will be praying for world peace and for our country.

Com. Good, Good morning welcome. Is there anything you would like to add to what we just talked about?

Ms. Biggs, Yes, I was wondering if I could get an extension so I could do this every year for the next 3 years so I wouldn't have to continue to come before the Board.

Com. Good, No we have to do this every year, sorry.

Ms. Biggs, Just thought I'd ask.

Com. Blaney, It gets you a little publicity.

Com. Biggs, It's probably not necessary for you to show up every year. Setting the record this year, then next year you can call Melanie and get it scheduled.

Ms. Biggs, Okay that would be great. Thank you!

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

Com. Good, Thank you for coming in. Have a good rally.

Ms. Biggs, Thank you!

An Ordinance Amending Title 9 Chapter 9.20 Truancy – 2nd Reading.

Com. Good, This vote will put everything in to play. Any other questions or comments from the Board on this 2nd Reading?

Com. Biggs, I had received a call from Juvenile Detention. I think they had some initial concerns about it. We were scheduled to meet and I wasn't able to meet when they could meet. The only issued that I have heard at all about this was with home school kids, that they would be picked up and transported to the school district wherever their residency was located. A couple of people didn't understand that or had an issued with it, but I'm just guessing here I don't think there are a lot of home school kids that are running around truant.

Atty. McClure, Well the other issue too is in the heart of this ordinance it says if any child who is required to attend school and is found during school hours either without a parent or without consent of a parent than this kicks in. The home school children under the age of 18 would have the consent of their parent to be out and about during school hours, which could be confirmed pretty easy in today's day and age with a cell phone call. So I think that should alleviate those concerns.

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

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

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

Atty. McClure, Pursuant to our policy certain requirements are met. Retired employees can request. What is being requested here everything is in good order and it's pursuant to our policy.

Com. Good, So this is COBRA?

Atty. McClure, It is the retiree coverage, it would be akin to COBRA, it's not COBRA.

Com. Good, Any other questions from the Board?

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

Skillman to award recommendation for Bid Package #2 for the Valparaiso Courthouse.

Com. Good, Last week August 7th the Commissioners had a special meeting where we opened the bids at that meeting and announced all of the numbers. One week later those bids and quotes have been taken into consultation with Skillman Corporation and they have reviewed all of the bid documents and bidding processes to make sure everything was on the up and up. Out of that now we will Dion give us the information.

Mr. Katsouros, Thank you Commissioners you're absolutely right. After we opened bids last week we took them back and verified that they complied with the specifications and the drawings. This is Phase II as you recall Phase I is for the work that is currently going on which is basically restoration of the exterior along with the window replacement and after we go through this I could kind of give you just a brief schedule of so you know where we're at and then you will know where we'll be going. Today before you in your packet we're recommending award of 4 bid categories. The first one is:

Bid Category #3 – General Trades Package – Gariup Construction in the amount of \$1,086,500.00

Bid Category #5 – Flooring – Midwest Tile and Interiors in the amount of \$55,775.00.

Bid Category #6 – Mechanical & Plumbing – Gatlin Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$71,500.00.

Bid Category #7 – Electrical – EMCORE Hyre Electric in the amount \$172, 435.00.

Mr. Katsouros, For a total cost of \$1,386,210.00.

Com. Good, So Dion for the purpose of record this Bid Package again give us just a general description, this is the final Bid Package for the Courthouse correct?

Mr. Katsouros, Correct.

Com. Good, Just give us a ballpark on what is going on in this Bid Package so everybody has an understanding.

Mr. Katsouros, A quick snapshot it really includes the perimeter site work and on the east elevation where the judge's parking is at addressing that, cleaning it up, widening it up. Creating logistically for it to make more sense and flow better. Addressing security gates, some landscaping as well and on the interior of the building addressing some of the restrooms, the finishes overall and we're going to do that strategically. Obviously we'll work with the staff to make sure we create as little interruption as possible to them. And glad to say that overall for this package we're under budget by around \$288,000.00.

Com. Good, Like Dion said the east side of the building we'll be fencing that in as well. There will be a control gate. Right now where we access for prisoner transfer off of Lincolnway there will now be a duplicate access off of Franklin St. so we will not be accessing the Courthouse off of Lincolnway anymore it will be off of Franklin St. A new plaza out in the front with a brick paver area and again all of the bathroom work and all of the interior common area work, elevator, lobbies, bathrooms everything in the Courthouse. This will also make that building ADA compliant which is very important to have a 130 year old building that is ADA compliant that is a good thing. That was a big one on our list from the Federal Government that we will be taking care of as well too. Any other questions from the Board? Clarifications or questions to Dion?

Atty. McClure, Well do you think we'll see some of this begin?

Mr. Katsouros, As far as schedule we're going to start the site work in mid-September. The interior of the building we don't want to start tearing out bathrooms without being able to replace them in a timely manner so with your approval today we'll issue contracts, authorize the

submittal process to get started, procure those materials and then we'll actually start the restroom renovations and common areas mid-October.

Com. Biggs, Now are we missing the Valparaiso Popcorn Fest with any exterior work?

Mr. Katsouros, Actually Derik Anderson the Project Manager is coordinating that to make sure we don't create any disruptions with the Popcorn Festival.

Com. Good, The other thing too I'd like to point out thank you Dion, again this is another bid package that came in over \$200,000.00 under to date. So the projects that we have let to date we're trending very well under our budgeted dollar amounts. That is all great, grand and groovy to feel good about that but we also need to remember that these 3 projects that we're working existing buildings and one of them are historical. So I'm guessing once we start tearing into some things we're going to get some "Ah ha moments" here that we're going to have to deal with some things, but the good thing is is we have that cushion right now to be able to deal with these things. So I think what we had planned in our whole program and how we're moving forward seems to be working and we're going to continue to keep moving forward. I think in the next month we'll be getting some numbers in on the Portage project which is a big project. It has a lot of dollars involved in that and I think once we get through that one I think we'll have a pretty good idea where we're going to end up on some of this stuff, but it is still a work in progress but I think we need to pat ourselves on the back a little bit cautiously to this point. It's going well but we're not all of the way through it yet, but we're feeling good and trending well. Scott do we need to make the motion on all of those individually?

Atty. McClure, I think you can make it based upon their recommendation as a package.

Com. Good, And per the letter.

Atty. McClure, And per the letter.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Bid Package #2 and accept the recommendations of the Skillman Corporation per their August 14th letter in a total cost of \$1,386,210.00, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, Thanks Dion.

Com. Good, If any of the press wants dollar amounts or all of those things we will see you after the meeting and give you the breakdowns because I always think it's good to post all of those breakdowns to the public to let them know what is happening. I also we got trees going down out at the Expo that was interesting to see. Looks like we're tearing things up out there so we're working out at the Expo now. Thank you Dion.

American Structurepoint – A proposal for a Traffic Study along US 6 between Meridian Rd. and Calumet Ave. in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Com. Good, For some of you trying to get your bearings there that is pretty much the last section of 2 lane road for US 6 in Porter County. I know you can go a little east of Calumet Rd. and there is rural area there between here and Westville that is still 2 lane but this will basically take us from Sunset Hill Park on 6 all of the way out to Calumet past over 49 the hospital area, the courts, all the way to Calumet Ave. We will be studying that whole area. The reason for this I have some discussions with IDOT and some of our State Representatives. I think we all feel that that is a section of road that needs to be completed and widened. That is under the control of the State of Indiana not the County. There is a 5 year plan for that area. The County and that area is not on the State's 5 year plan. We want to get it on the 5 year plan so in order to do this this is the first step in doing some traffic counts, trying to get all of the data the analytics so then we can sit down with IDOT present this to them and say alright let's get this widened up here. I think if you all recall about a year and a half ago that same area had never been overlaid from a Plan Commission standpoint and this Board acted on that a year and a half ago. So we now have a development guidelines set in place for that area. Now what we need to do is to get the corridor up to speed and start moving towards getting the State to see if we can get that on the list and get them to widen that and improve that area. That is what this is for. What is the amount of the study Scott? So the traffic counting and the corridor study report we're talking \$22,120.00 for this traffic count. Just so everybody knows the County the Highway Department can do traffics counts ourselves, but in order to do a State funded program where the State is funding it we had to go to their preferred engineering companies to be able to do this study so it is all qualified all of the way through so this is why we're having an outside consultant do this because this is required by the State of Indiana IDOT Department. If people are wondering why wouldn't you just go out and do the study yourself we could but it really wouldn't be met with any acceptance from the State so that is why we're going this route.

Atty. McClure, And then also the corridor study itself not only summarizes the analysis of the traffic study but also takes into account the future anticipated development of the parcels in that area that we know exist or have been platted or have been planned. It's not just today's traffic study but it is also taking into account what we feel is going there or what has already been approved to go there. It may not all be built at this point.

Com. Good, I think it is also good timing because according to the consultants and talking to them they usually like to do traffic counts when schools are in session. So we are coming right into the perfect time to do this study. The timing is right and I think we'll get some good information out of this that we can use not only to move towards the development process of that but also gives us a lot of information that we can look at. Where people are traveling to and where they are going. It's becoming a very very busy corridor and we need to get some relief out there. Any questions from the Board?

Com. Biggs, Improvements along that corridor need to be made. It is literally stunting our ability for economic growth, especially in mediate area of the hospital. I hope this helps, I hope it kicks off some more interest from the State of Indiana to allow us to be added to that list. It's a good project.

Com. Good, Laura any comments?

Com. Blaney, No.

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

Gough Construction – Payment Application #2 for the Porter County Auditor's office in the amount of \$12,600.00 and Application #3 Retainage for the Porter County Auditor's office for a final payment of \$9,100.00.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Gough Construction Payment Application #2, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Gariup Construction – Payment Application #9 for the Porter County Plaza renovation in the amount of \$24,096.97. The final payment is in the amount of \$1206.00.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Gariup Construction Payment Application #9, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

An Amendment to Resolution No. 18-02 A Resolution of the Porter County Commissioners concerning the removal of parcels from the list of parcels to be sold at Commissioners' Tax Sale – 2nd Reading.

Atty. McClure, This is just the follow up to put back into the normal flow the properties that we removed from the Commissioners' Certificate Sale based upon the fact that several of the properties had not been on more than one tax sale. The idea being the Commissioners took that action with the thought the entire list had been at least 2 if not 4 or 5 tax sales available to the public to purchase through the normal course of how these things process through to them back on the rolls upon determination that several of those parcels had only been on 1 tax sale. While it would have been legal for the Commissioners to continue on that track the Commissioners did that original resolution under the impression that they'd been at multiple tax sales so this would be the resolution to put those parcels back into the system, allow them to have another go at a tax sale that we'll have coming up roughly in.....

Ms. Urbanik, October 16th.

Atty. McClure, October 16th and if those properties don't sell then we will be circling back around back to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale as this is part of the overall plan of action to reduce these parcels that have kind been staggering around here for quite a long period of time. I would ask that you approve the resolution and we can get those back on to the normal course of the tax sale.

Com. Biggs, Scott could you talk a little bit about the other program that we are developing in trying to capture some of these homes that have been abandoned through utilizing the process of the tax sale program.

Atty. McClure, What we were doing is on properties that are for the most part unsafe buildings or abandoned properties that are going through the tax sale we are working with part of

the overall program with the Auditor's office of letting everyone the surrounding property owners be aware which I think was a big step in the right direction on certificate sales and on tax sales just that general knowledge of the surrounding parcels those are the people normally most interested in purchasing those and then giving them notice and then working with them if they do buy a piece of property that would have a building that would need to be removed because it is unsafe or fitting into that unsafe statute. Working with them at that point so that they can do it or we can do it and they can pay us back or we can monitor their process or their progress after the purchase to try to help push people along into being able to purchase those properties without fear that we are going to swoop in and through an unsafe building and tear down and lien the property. Work with them as best we can to facilitate those actions.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve amendment to Resolution 18-02 on 2nd Reading, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

ANIMAL SHELTER – TONI BIANCHI, DIRECTOR

A request to transfer funds – Fund #4008 from Account #3160 Veterinary Services in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Account #1120 Hourly Payroll. To cover hourly payroll until the end of the year.

Ms. Bianchi, We are transferring \$10,000.00 from our Animal Shelter supplemental veterinary services fund to the hourly payroll. I did my calculations and so far this year I'm going to be about \$10,000.00 short for that. Our adoptions have been up so I have been utilizing more of my staff. In takes are up. Everything is pretty much up at the Shelter so we have been trying to keep the Shelter staffed as nicely as we can to keep everybody happy so that has left us with a little bit of a shortfall come year end so I'm trying to take care of that now before we get into all of the budgeting issues.

Com. Blaney, Don't sell yourself short in the other area you've also needed less Vet services.

Ms. Bianchi, Yes, our Vet services have gone down this year again because of the new Shelter and the quarantine and isolation procedures. All of that has really helped keep our numbers down as far as that cost goes.

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

Com. Good, Thank you.

Com. Biggs, Real quick before you leave I wanted to bring up during the Fair as you know we had an incident on 49 bypass where someone unfortunately had lost a couple of mature pigs off their trailer. I just happen to be coming back from South County and was one of the first cars to stop because the pig was standing in the middle of the road. I just want to point out and state publicly is that there were 2 police officers there who really didn't know what to do, bless their heart. That's not what they're trained to do and several residents and a County Commissioner standing there didn't know what to do. I've never wrangled a pig and I can tell you he did not want to be wrangled at that point.

Ms. Bianchi, They usually don't.

Com. Biggs, No they don't and then your people came along, Animal Control and took control of the situation and very quickly. They got the animal off of the road using some ingenuity without physically harming the animal. They got it on the trailer so it could be taken to veterinary clinic. Traffic was backed up a good mile in each direction. We may have still been out there chasing that pig around had not been....

Com. Blaney, You can tell he's the North County Commissioner.

Com. Biggs, We can bring a pig in here and see how they do it. He obviously knew what he was doing. He didn't hesitate from the moment he walked up there. He knew exactly how he wanted to secure the animal and get it transported to get it medical attention.

Ms. Bianchi, He is one of our best guys that is for sure. I will let him know that you mentioned that.

EMA – LANCE BELLA, DIRECTOR

Martin Security Systems – Monitoring Agreement for a 1 Year term in the amount of \$25.00 per month.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Martin Security Agreement, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

SURVEYOR KEVIN BREITZKE

Swift Navigation – Site Lease Agreement for a new choke ring antenna on the northwest corner of the roof skirt of the Admin. Building at no cost to the County.

Com. Good, It looks like the Surveyor's office is going to spend a lot of money this time.

Mr. Breitzke, Not for this first item. Swift Navigation is a company that works with autonomous vehicles. The self-driving cars, the UAV's, the unmanned aerial vehicles like the County has, robotics, there is marine applications. This is a zero net sum project. What they are asking to do is put an antenna on the roof skirt at the northwest corner of this building. I have one already which is tremble systems, this will also be tremble systems in exchange we will get 8 licenses for connection as opposed to the typical 3 that they give. So with your assent I would like to make sure I had 2 of licenses for my office if this works out I might be able to abandon the system I'm using currently but they depends on if we get survey grade results on the new system. I'm hesitant to move totally over but on the other hand I'm kind of excited to be at the cutting edge of new technology. These are being set up on 100 mile grid throughout the nation. It's a positive impact for the local economy and we're being innovators.

Com. Good, You looked over the agreement?

Atty. McClure, I have, it's all good.

Com. Good, Okay. Any other questions from the Board?

Com. Blaney, Is this how they are doing it in other places? Should they be paying us rent?

Mr. Breitzke, They have an offer for rent but in lieu of rent and it is not very much money what they are offering at any of the places I figured it would be better to get licenses for use. This will be a bigger payback.

Com. Blaney, It sounded like you weren't sure you were getting those though.

Mr. Breitzke, Pardon.

Com. Blaney, It sounds like you're not 100% sure we are able to use this.

Mr. Breitzke, Well it's a little bit different because for the other applications you don't need as tight of precision. In surveying I need surveyor grade precision. I believe we will get that with time with this but currently with my system I have all the (Inaudible).

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

Com. Good, They are going to make sure that antenna is not seen from....they will back it off a little bit from the building so it's not like right there right?

Mr. Breitzke, Well the skirt is backed off from the edge of the building. Mine is hardly noticeable and it's the same type of situation. They are eager to install this so I will be getting a hold of Matt Stechly again very soon. I showed him the plan and talked to him prior to coming here. So we will be expecting to see it very soon. The cabinet for the work by the will be housed in my office so we have ultimate security.

Com. Good, Thank you.

A request to purchase a 2018 Ford Explorer Interceptor from Lake Shore Ford at the Indiana Government Price Concession in the amount of \$29,954.00.

Com. Good, What is this vehicle for?

Mr. Breitzke, This is to replace the Ford Taurus we've been driving. It is a 2001. The money comes out of (Inaudible) perpetuation.

Com. Good, Then are you going to put that Taurus on the Sheriff's sale coming up.

Mr. Breitzke, Correct yes sir.

Com. Good, This year?

Mr. Breitzke, Yes sir.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the 2018 Ford Explorer from Lake Shore Ford, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Thanks Kevin.

Mr. Breitzke, I did check the auction and it's October 19th. That was in the back of my mind as well.

CORONER CHUCK HARRIS

Great Lakes Labs, LLC – A contract for 2019 to provide forensic services in the amount of \$22,651.00.

Com. Good, You have a contract. Why don't you tell us a little bit about it.

Ms. Morris, We're asking to approve a contract with Great Lakes Lab. It is significantly lower than we've asked for before because now we have to submit all cases that we presume our drug related deaths have to go down to State. So our budget is a lot lower with Great Lakes because the State is covering all of our drug related deaths. Even presumable drug related deaths we send down there.

Com. Biggs, So any testing if there is any kind of suspicion that it may be drug related the State is picking up the cost for the lab work?

Mr. Morris, Correct.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Great Lakes Lab, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Are we okay to do that because of the election on all of that?

Atty. McClure, We talked about it and dealt with the issue and part of the reason why it was put on the agenda because it was such a reduction. It locks in Great Lakes for 19 but it's only a 1 year.

Com. Good, So it's a 1 year. And for the folks in the audience we're trying to take a real close look on when contracts are let. We're trying not to let someone that is terming out come in and sign a contract for 5 years going forward. So we're trying to really take a close look on when these contracts expire. It's just part of what we're doing up here. It's not targeted towards anybody it's just good practice. Thank you.

ITS DEPT. – DON WELLSAND

Adams Remco – Copier Purchase for the Assessor's Office in the amount of \$22,500.00 along with a 3 Year Fixed Maintenance Agreement.

Mr. Wellsand, We have a QPA quote from Adams Remco to replace 5 copy machines that Assessor has in 2 of their offices.

Com. Good, And how old is the one they have now?

Mr. Snyder, 7 or 8 years.

Com. Good, Is it toast?

Mr. Wellsand, Yes.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the copier purchase agreement with Adams Remco for the Assessor's office, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

FACILITIES DEPT. – MATT STECHLY, DIRECTOR

3 Quotes for the Jail Sally Port Doors:

Tri-State Door Solutions	\$21,820.00
Overhead Door	\$22,300.00
Record Automatic Door	No response.
Express Door LLC	No response.

Com. Good, Good morning Matt. I have a question for you before we start. What fund are we taking this out of if we approve it?

Mr. Stechly, This is actually what remains in my Jail fund.

Com. Good, So this is Jail fund?

Mr. Stechly, This will cash out that fund.

Com. Good, The reason I'm asking is the Sheriff has been texting me wanting some more stuff and I was just asking Scott. We were curious because we didn't know....I knew that fund was getting drained.

Mr. Stechly, Regarding that fund there is actually 2 funds that I have for the Jail. I'll call one my General Fund. I can use it for anything regarding repairs and maintenance. The other is strictly contractual. Scott and I have talked that we're hoping to go into 2019 combining that amount. It just gives me more freedom to use those funds.

Atty. McClure, And to say that in our terms within your Federal Prisoner Budget you have 2 line items that you wanted me to make one line item.

Mr. Stechly, Correct and I'll get back to you. I don't think we're at zero.

Com. Good, That's fine I just wanted to know that's all.

Mr. Stechly, This is going to take a lot of it.

Com. Good, You're always updating us on where we're at.

Atty. McClure, And the take away is that the Federal Prisoner Money is divided between the Commissioners and the Sheriff's department. Our portion of the Federal Prisoner Money is in this fund and is budgeted solely for repairs at the Jail. That is the take away.

Mr. Stechly, Correct. It frees me up on my end so I don't have to have a specific contract with a vendor to do something small or large. So yes it frees me up a lot. So these sally port doors are original with the facility. They are used 25 to 50 times a day. Heavy use, real heavy industrial steel doors, the operators, everything has held obviously for this many years. It has just gotten to the point where I finally said that we're repairing these more and more. They're breaking more and more and now I'm hearing this part is obsolete and it's going to take 2 weeks special order to get this. It's time. I've obviously delayed and did the best that I could repairing it. It's time to replace. I will say on the scope of work this scope of work includes, there are 2 doors, 2 operators and everything that goes with it only one steel door is being replaced. That one has been hit multiple times and it's bent. The other steel door is still in real good prime shape. So I was able to knock off another \$12 to \$13,000.00 just by honing the scope down.

Com. Biggs, The ones that were hit is that a garage door or a walk through door?

Mr. Stechly, No these are both sally port. These are the really large overheads in the back.

Com. Biggs, So what is hitting them?

Mr. Stechly, Just cars over the years. Sheriff's cars, I don't know how they are hitting them but over time.

Com. Biggs, I've got a garage door in my house that is 30 years old and we never backed into.

Mr. Stechly, While we're doing this. We've got some dents in it and it doesn't close as easy and I don't want to put a new operator and it's grinding and it's harder and it's taking more amps to open that door because it's not perfectly aligned.

Com. Biggs, Well you can see here I mean these doors are very expensive. Moving forward whenever there is damage like that that is affecting this operation we need to see a report on it.

Mr. Stechly, I will let the Jail staff know for sure. These aren't residential garage doors. These are heavy duty industrial large doors.

Com. Biggs, No they are really expensive. And again I've gone in and out of sally ports and I don't understand how you can run into the door.

Mr. Stechly, I don't know either. I think over the last 15 years and 50 times a day it's happened a few times.

Com. Good, So what is your recommendation Matt?

Mr. Stechly, Tri-State Door Solutions came in....it was really hard I use Overhead Doors portfolio wise for overhead door repairs. It was really hard even getting other quotes. It is something that is far more specific then I realized in terms of the capability of vendors to do this. There are a lot of vendors that will do garage doors but not something like this. I was able to get 2 that responded. Tri-State you can see from the scope how close they came we're a couple of hundred dollars between the 2. So obviously award it to Tri-State Door Solutions for the install.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Tri-State Door Solutions, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, We're going to be talking about a lot of stuff regarding our Highway. It is going to get real interesting.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – RICH SEXTON, SUPERVISOR

Porter County Highway Mobile Device Policy.

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

Mr. Sexton, When we first sat down with the foreman we asked what is your biggest safety concern. Every single one of them agreed mobile devices seem to be an issue. We came with a policy and now we want to make it affective.

Com. Good, And I think this policy falls in line with the rest of the County's policies on mobile devices. I see Rhonda shaking her head yes. Thank you Rhonda. So good this is in line with the rest of the County's policies. Any comments or questions?

Com. Blaney, Do we need to vote on it?

Com. Good, Yes.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Highway Dept. mobile phone device policy, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Let me asking you do you think we should have these guys go through the proposal before we go through all of these additional or should we go through them first?

Atty. McClure, What my suggestion would be is go through the ones that are not equipment related. The ones that you guys are moving around for bituminous and things like that. Let's get those out of the way and then that way we could leave the ones are dealing with the presentation.

Com. Good, So that would be 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.

Com. Blaney, What about 10?

Atty. McClure, 10 would be okay.

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1176 Account #3650 Vehicle Repairs in the amount of \$50,000.00. Additional needed for remainder of year vehicle repair for aging equipment to maintain roadways.

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

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1176 Account #2320 Auto, Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$30,000.00. Additional for purchase of shop supplies and 60 cutting edges for snow plows.

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

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1176 Account #2220 Uniforms and Clothing in the amount of \$25,000.00. Additional needed for annual clothing allowance for employees.

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

Com. Good, Just to let everybody know before we approve that the reason that that number is so high we have been meeting since we have our new insurance company now the County has a safety committee and they have been meeting along with our insurance consultants and our providers through GIS and the consultant that was all part of the package of our insurance in the workman's comp. and one of the outcomes as we have been meeting has been that for slips and falls we need to change the type of soles that our folks are wearing on their work boots. So this would be for the Highway Dept., the Jail and Facilities. We feel that this is an area that we can really get better at and we can try to minimize slips and falls by having a certain type of boot. They have boots now that have certain types.....

Atty. McClure, Friction co-efficient.

Com. Good, Friction co-efficient boots. So we are trying to be proactive with that and we're trying to get all of our folks in these shoes so hopefully we can start mining on that workman's comp. number and start driving it down and have a safer environment for our folks working out there. That is why the dollar amount. I just wanted to explain that because usually uniforms in here is never this big of an amount but I just wanted to clarify that.

Atty. McClure, And it became clear and I want to thank the Highway Dept. they have been basically turning themselves inside out and trying to comply with the work comp. audit we basically had the suggestions we've had and attending and reviewing those claims that have come in. And it has become pretty apparent that one slip and fall is the equivalent of putting everybody in the right type of boot, shoe, whatever it may be for whatever area they're in and the Highway Dept. was willing and right away got on the issue and will be working towards a certain few options that the guys would be able to have that works with Highway but that also works on that friction co-efficient issue that we were dealing with.

Com. Good, And out Jail because they're working on slippery floors. They have people throwing stuff on the floor. I mean it's a different environment out there and they get tackled, they'll get into scuffles. They're feet need to be planted on the ground. For them it's even more of a life safety type issue. I can't say enough and I think we're going to continue to see more good things come out of these workman comp. and safety audits. I'm just tickled to death that a year later we're now being much more proactive on this front and it's working.

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1169 Account #2360 Aggregates in the amount of \$50,000.00. Additional needed for aggregates for projects for remainder of the year.

Com. Good, This is paving is what that really is. Any comments or questions from the Board?

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

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1176 Account #2362 Bituminous in the amount of \$250,000.00. Additional to finish paving projects for remainder of the year.

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

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1169 Account #2362 Bituminous in the amount of \$250,000.00. Additional to finish paving projects for remainder of the year.

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

Com. Good, What we're doing here folks is that \$500,000.00 we're going to be submitting for our Community Crossing Grant matching money but they're not awarding the money until November. This \$500,000.00 will allow us to pave the projects that we already had set up to pave this year. We will pay that and when we get our Community Crossing Grant money we will be getting that money back to supplement the account, but we didn't want to get into November getting the money and then having to fire up paving in November. Plus the other thing is we feel that asphalt prices looking at oil and other things we think that we could see a pretty good increase next year in paving so we wanted to get as much paving done at that \$62.00 a ton rate this year that we're under contract for so we're trying to get as much done as we can with that lower amount so we can get more paving done. So that is really what we're doing. That \$500,000.00 will be reimbursed back from the State that is why we're getting it out there. So we can continue to finish our paving projects this year. Sorry for that long winded excuse but we try to let everybody know what we're doing here.

A request to Transfer Funds - Fund #1176 from Account #2470 Calcium Chloride in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Account #3630 Equipment Other than Vehicles. For purchase of chainsaws and other small equipment for tree/brush removal.

Com. Good, I don't know if any of you folks have been out there in our County roads this year but we have been doing a tremendous amount of work in cutting back trees, brush, everything against our roads. It is something that we've sort of haven't done in a while and we're getting back at it again, but with all of the work we're doing we're wearing out our equipment so we need to buy some more chainsaws. Good news bad news that is what that is for.

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

Com. Good, Now we're going to get into number 5 and number 9. Do we want to do the presentation first?

Atty. McClure, Let's do number 9 first.

A request to Transfer Funds - Fund #1176 from Account #3730 Lease Purchase in the amount of \$65,000.00 to Account #4420 Motor Vehicles. To replace two aging pick-ups for foreman.

Com. Good, These trucks have close to 200,000 miles on them and they're getting to the point where we need to get our guys in some better equipment. So these are for trucks for the Highway Dept.

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

Com. Good, I think these trucks will also go on the Sheriff's sale right guys?

Mr. Polarek, As long as we get the replacements in time. I just wanted to point that Mark Steffel the Maintenance Foreman ended up finding trucks under the State bid from local dealers.

Com. Good, So we need to get those numbers together, get them to us so we can get them on the next agenda and approve them.

Mr. Sexton, These will be Chevys from here in Valpo. They were cheaper than the Fords.

Atty. McClure, Before we vote this to back fill this a little bit the reason why this one is a little different is on a lease purchase we normally have a rotation of bigger equipment that is going through a lease. The first half of the year payment paid off one of the leases. There are normally 2 leases rotating through that account. So this money that is set aside here that we are transferring over would have been the second lease payment so this is the transfer over to be able to purchase those vehicles. It's not a transfer, not an additional it's the same money going basically into the same type of equipment.

Mr. Sexton, Correct.

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

A request for an Additional Appropriation – Fund #1169 Account #4430 Other Mobile Equipment in the amount of \$750,000.00. Additional needed for the purchase of chip and seal equipment. Road Grinder, Distributor, Chip Spreader and Boom/guard rail mower.

Com. Good, Now we're going to get into the presentation. First of all I would just like to set it up a little bit. Since we changed leadership at the Highway Dept. about 2 months ago we have been working diligently and meeting quite a bit on trying to decide where we are going to go as a Highway Dept. One of the things that we've known about up here at least for the last couple of years is that up until about 5 or 6 years the County used to do their own chip and seal roads. We're not advocating that we're a big chip and seal road County but we do have a lot of tons of rural roads in South County and other areas where chip and seal works very well and it is a lot of miles of road. Right now the since about 6 or 7 years ago the equipment that we had to do our own chip and seal got up to about 30 years old and it was just old equipment they couldn't use it anymore. Instead of repurchasing and reloading and doing it again the County made a decision to start hiring this out to outside vendors to do it. We've taken a look at the cost to hire it out versus doing it ourselves. There is a price difference but the other thing that we are really missing here we feel is we can control how we do this better. We can start earlier. Right now we have to wait for vendors. There are just a lot of things that I feel are going to be very beneficial for us. So what we are going to show you today is the equipment that it's going to take to get back into this business again and the County buying that and next year we will be starting to get into chip and seal and doing a lot of the road work ourselves. That is what this program is today. We're going to show everybody the equipment that we're going to be buying. We have even done some payback analysis and what our return on investment in this equipment. With that I will turn this over to guys and we can start with the program. Thanks guys.

Mr. Sexton, (Slide show) With this we can help increase the lane miles. We can actually plan it better. We can do a township by township type thing instead of all at once. We can take a week and decide that these are the roads that we are going to do. It will all be pre-planned. It will be chosen with using the new technique using Pazour and traffic counts for chip and seal and all of the other roads. It says increased miles of road preservation from current levels. We're going to try to get 100 plus miles per year. There should be no problem with that. We have a better quality control by eliminating outside contractors for chip and seal road building. Faster start to finish by working on our own time line. Using fuel tax dollars more affectively and extend construction season. As of right now we contract it out. We get them for a certain amount of time and that's it. We get them for 2 or 3 weeks at most and then they're gone to another county. With this we can start in the spring and end in fall and we've got three seasons to do it instead three weeks. That is something we're all very excited about. A lot of the employees we've talked to them are very excited about moving in this direction and doing our own work. There is nothing wrong with the contractors we can plan this better and do everything more affectively with our own personnel. This is for a road grinder, the asphalt zipper. Right now we're paying about \$26,000.00 a year to a consultant. This mounts in the front of our loader and grinds the road. We have complete control over this. It actually does a very nice job of leaving a better product so we may not have to add as much 73 live stone to this road to give it a better base. This will help us control that better.

Com. Good, So what this things does as Rich says it mounts on front loader. We have a loader in each of our districts. This machine is self-contained has its own engine and everything. It mounts on the front of an existing piece of equipment and it goes in and basically grinds up the road and preps it to the point where you can add lime stabilization to it. You can add more stone to start increasing your base. You can grind it wider if you want to widen your roads. So it gives us a lot of flexibility to be able to do that. What county is proactively using this and you went down and looked at it?

Mr. Sexton, Newton County. We drove down there me, Jim and the head mechanic and we watched a little video. It's not in this presentation but if anybody wants to see it we have it of them actually using theirs on their parking lot because they're getting ready to redo it. The product that this turns over and grinds up is far better than what we can do from a contractor I feel. There is no doubt in my mind on that.

Com. Good, So that is the asphalt zipper. Then the next piece of equipment I believe is the distributor.

Mr. Sexton, With this when we do the dust lay we can spray that. The distributor we have now is a 1987 model and keeping it running lately has been a very big issue, but this is just part of the chip and seal process laying the tar down before we put the stone down and it's necessary to have control over the chip and seal that we need.

Com. Biggs, Does this machine allow you to drive along and spray the top of the chip and seal?

Mr. Sexton, Correct, what you do is you spray like a tar down and then you lay the rock over this tar and then you roll it in.

Com. Biggs, Does it allow you to add additives to this material as well?

Mr. Sexton, I'm not 100% sure on that I will definitely look into.

Com. Good, Well you can add lime stabilization while you're doing it so that is one thing.

Mr. Sexton, That is coming from Mt. Carmel which is our current grinder. We're asphalt grinder / road grinder contractor people.

Com. Good, That lime stabilization component is very important because we have certain areas in our 816 miles of county roads where they are chip and sealed where we actually have soft roads. They're soft because of the ground and as you're grinding it you can add lime stabilization to that process. That lime will tighten up that road and make it much harder so it gives you a much better base. So you can actually add that as you're grinding it which a lot of times you have to get another company to come out to do lime stabilization injection we can now do that ourselves as well too. Those are the little wins I think that we get out of this. You might have a stretch of 200 yards of bad road you go in and lime stabilization and grind it and when you redo it that road is going to be 4 times harder. The other nice thing about too is while we're grinding we can start adding more stone. We can also start increasing our base of our chip and seal too. So it is going to give us a lot of flexibility to do a lot of different things at a very low cost.

Mr. Sexton, The next thing is the chip spreader. You pretty much load it in the back and it comes out. It's like a drop spreader. Once they spray the tar with the distributor then we use chip spreader and we spread the stone over the top of it.

Com. Good, And the County used to have one of these right?

Mr. Sexton, The County used to have one of these I believe it was in 1989 if I remember right I'm not 100% sure on that. There would have been a link for the asphalt zipper to see. In 2017 this is how much we paid last year for the pulverizing and chipping \$91,000.00. Next year we won't have to pay a contractor to do that. \$91,000.00 a year this equipment is eventually going to pay for itself. Not counting being cheaper for us to do it ourselves.

Com. Biggs, Does INDOT require any of our people to be certified to operate these machines.

Mr. Sexton, When we get the piece of equipment they will be trained by the actually distributor of the equipment.

Com. Blaney, So a 6 year return sounds pretty good when you take into account with one machine you talked about or one truck. The distributor we have is over 30 years old.

Mr. Polarek, When you get in the cab of that you could be Fred Flintstone sometimes using your feet.

Mr. Sexton, It's to the point actually where it costs more fix our distributor that we have then it's actual value.

Com. Blaney, So we'll have this equipment for a while too.

Mr. Sexton, Yes, we've had the last stuff for 30 years.

Com. Blaney, One of the things that you went over pretty quickly that is important to me is shortening the amount of time from starting the chip and seal process to ending it. That's the most complaints I get. The roads are torn up most of the summer so this is going to really help.

Mr. Sexton, Like I said we will be 100% open about what we're going to be doing. We're going to tell you exactly what we're going to be doing. When we're going to be doing it of course weather permitting. If we take a week and we decide this is what we're going to do in this district, this township, this road we will try to advertise as much as we can to get that out so everybody is informed about when and where.

Com. Good, We could start in April. April / May we could start. Right now most of it is being done in July and August. We could start in May and start our process. We could be done by the time summer hits. So from a control standpoint we're at the mercy of the subcontractors right now. They are going to get to us when they get to us. This way we're being proactive and we're doing it the way we want to do it. Plus it also allows us to.....maybe we need to widen this road a little bit. Like I said before we need to deepen the base a little bit more. Every time you deal with a subcontractor they come back with their hand out and they want more money to do it

that way. We can control this and really all it is is a little more tar, a little more grinding and a little more stone and we're there. I think it just gives us a tremendous amount of flexibility and I think if we have 816 miles of road in this County, unincorporated county I think we need to be in that business, because that is what the government does. So I think this is a no brainer.

Mr. Polarek, When we were down in Newton County as soon as the threat of a heavy freeze is gone they're out doing their roads. They're starting at the middle to the end of March and they're grinding these roads and as Rich said you can probably figure about 4 days, go in grind it, lay it out weather permitting. You come in lay the tar, roll it, come back chip seal it and you're in and out of there. Instead of with the contractors where they sat open for a month.

Com. Blaney, That's what people don't like.

Com. Good, That's what we heard about last year.

Com. Blaney, And not knowing when they were going to get back to us. At least now we can give people a better estimate.

Mr. Polarek, You have our County where we did 20 miles last year and then you have Jasper County where one of their big contracts and they have 100 plus miles they're doing. So we're a small fish as far as the subcontractors are concerned.

Com. Good, This is the cost for all of the chip and seal equipment?

Mr. Sexton, Yes.

Com. Good, Do we want to talk about the mower too?

Atty. McClure, The mower is in this number.

Com. Good, So why don't you tell us about the mower.

Mr. Sexton, The mower will be for mowing guard rail. Smoke Road for instance if you go down there and see miles of guard rail we have down there to mow we have one boom mower for the entire County all of the 815 miles. This mower is actually designed for guard rail. What it does is actual head instead, it slides in and out. So you pull up to a guard rail post you slide out the mower you slide back. Right now we have the bridge crew doing weed eating by hand. Once we get all of these bridge decks, guard rails maintained then we can spray them and keep them at a much more manageable level then what they are right now. Extending the life of all of the bridges and guard rail everything like that without having growth on them and all of that unnecessary stuff that we don't need. This is very big in Ohio they're starting to use these because they have tons of guard rail. They're starting to move it into Indiana. We will be one of the first County's to have this style boom mower for guard rail. This takes away the guys with weed eaters. This will do everything that they do with the weed eater.

Com. Good, I think we're proposing to pay for part of this machine with bridge fund money because they are going to be working on the bridges a lot.

Mr. Sexton, Another thing about all of this is the emissions for next year. With one piece of equipment next year if we decide to wait until next year we're talking between \$10 and \$40,000.00 in price increase due to emissions, steel prices, things like that. So that is why we kind of want to move forward as fast as possible this year so we don't have to pay the Tier 4 Emissions we can be in the Tier 3. The asphalt zipper for instance was \$40,000.00 difference between.....

Com. Good, More?

Mr. Polarek, January 1st of this year they had to go to Tier 4 Emissions from EPA. So last year they advanced built 60 of these units and they have like a half dozen left. And if we don't get one of those half dozen like I said it goes up \$40,000.00.

Mr. Sexton, Just of that one piece. According to the equipment that we contacted on this they are all saying the same exact thing they go \$10 to \$40,000.00.

Com. Blaney, Well it's a lot of money but I think it's going to pay off for us in the long run though.

Mr. Polarek, Well as you can see in the one slide show within 6 years you can recoup the cost and that was at this year's levels of road rebuilding. So obviously we're going to increase that so you can even maybe shorten that down to 3 or 4 years.

Com. Good, So why don't you explain to us how we came to the cost and how we're going to pay for all of this so we have a record of that because you know we met several times on this to try and figure it all out.

Mr. Polarek, When we got in and started reviewing the funds available we noticed at the beginning of this year the Local Roads and Streets Fund which this equipment would be coming out of started the year with a cash balance of over \$1 million. In meeting with the Commissioners and Mr. McClure we wanted to try and shoot for a goal of having a balance about 10% of the budget. The budget we submitted for 2019 is \$1.8 million so we would want to keep a minimum reserve of \$200,000.00, 10% of that budget. If we purchase this equipment and along with the other additional that you approved earlier at the current funding level that we receive from the State every month we'll finish the year with approximately \$300,000.00 in cash and reserves moving forward for next year. Right now that fund balance is I believe at one point \$3 million but it changes every month because every month we get money from the State and those deposits have been coming in at about \$150,000.00 a month. Our 2018 budget was submitted at just over \$1.5 million. LTAP's estimate when I ran the numbers came out to be the same that we should receive about \$1.8 million from LTAP. So that is where that \$300,000.00 is going to really come from.

Com. Blaney, This is an investment in ourselves and money that we already have. Sounds like a no brainer.

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

Com. Biggs, And you're dealing with transportation, you're dealing with these roads that move everything. It moves commerce, we're certainly not in the business to waste money but our job here is to make sure these roads are in best repair as they possibly can be and maintained properly so people can move from A to B, safely and quickly. Unfortunately you can't always do that by....well you can do it by we're not going to spend as much as we did last but in that business you don't spend as much as you did last year, you're not going to do as much work. I mean there is no doubt about it.

Mr. Polarek, Life expectancy of a chip seal road is about 5 years and with the number of roads we that are chip sealed we're not on pace to be on that 5 year window.

Com. Biggs, Well I complement you I think we're approaching from a smarter direction that we're more effective and efficient that in doing what we're supposed to be doing and that can't help but improve all of aspects of what we're responsible for in that department. Kudos to you.

Mr. Sexton, Thank you.

Com. Good, I would just like to say I hear a lot of people when we come out in the summer to chip and seal and some people get upset that we're chip and sealing their road we're not paving their road. What everybody needs to understand is that a chip and seal road usually doesn't have a very deep base. So if you go in and you pave over a chip and seal road you don't have much base there so if we can continually try to every time we chip and seal these roads add to that base once or twice at some point in time we'll be able to start paving over the top of that road because we'll have the base built in. These roads in this County as we continue to grow they get busier and busier. I think this summer was one of the most busiest I've ever seen it around here. It just seemed really busy this year. I don't know why but maybe it was just me, but I think this puts the Highway Dept. in a situation now working with Storm Water Management and all of the other things and the Bridge crew working together this is really going to help us in a lot of different areas. This is what we're here for and we should do it at the least cost way to do it and just going to entitle some investment in some equipment that is what it's going to take here.

Com. Good, Thank you, good luck at the Council meeting we'll be there for you.

Mr. Sexton, Thanks.

DEVELOPMENT & STORM WATER MNGMNT. – BOB THOMPSON, DIRECTOR

The Planning Workshop, Inc. – A contract to assist in amending the Porter County Subdivision Control Ordinances at an hourly rate of \$100.00 per hour.

Mr. Thompson, This is an agreement with Planning Workshop. We're taking place on the planning side of the department up there where we're actually looking over the subdivision control ordinances and reviewing them to see what we feel is working, what is not working and this particular agreement is for assistance with actually writing ordinances if we foresee that we're going to be needing to change ordinances.

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

Com. Good, Basically what that entails Bob is they're going to be going in and re-writing everything, they're taking our.....

Mr. Thompson, I'll say potentially because of the fact that we.....

Atty. McClure, Let me clear that up because that could sound a little alarming. What we're really doing is looking at our current subdivision control ordinances with an eye towards the potential growth that we think is coming our way because of the economy and because of our dwindling lot supply that we know is out there that is currently platted at some form. So we're looking at those to clean up of what we've seen as issues that have come up over the last 5 or 6 years to make that those things are those subdivision control ordinances are working in a way that we want them to be working and encouraging things that we want to be encouraging and vice versa. There is a committee meeting on that. This contract would assist that committee in formalizing ideas into code. Those would then come up before the Plan Commission go through the public hearings, come out a Plan, come back up here for Commissioner approval. The other side of this coin is getting our subdivision control ordinance in total in some sort of a format that you can edit that we don't have currently right now because I believe our vendor is no longer in existence who originally wrote it.

Mr. Thompson, Exactly.

Atty. McClure, It's two different things but it's not a complete re-write. We're not redoing the UDO but we are tweaking some of the subdivision control ordinance parts of it.

Com. Good, And as our Storm Water Dept. gets its legs Plan Commission they're all working together so out of this now is coming all of these holes in these areas that we need to relook at. As Atty. McClure said with an eye on where it's all going in the future, so I think it's all good.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD – BOB GREGG

A request to approve the Michiana Rental invoice in the amount of \$3,460.00 to provide tents, chairs and banquet tables for Celebrate Wildlife.

Com. Good, Where does this money come out of?

Atty. McClure, They have their own budget and it's based upon donations.

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

SANDRA S. PORTER-PHILLIPS – PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Request for approval by Sandra S. Porter-Phillips, Portage Township Schools Teen Court Coordinator, to hold Teen Court in Judge Drenth's courtroom for the school year 2018-2019. Judge Drenth has given his approval. Teen court will start in September.

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

DONNA CRINER - NORTHWEST INDIANA CANCER KIDS FOUNDATION

A Proclamation dedicating September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATION
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2018**

- Whereas In the past 12 months, more than 26 Northwest Indiana children have been diagnosed with cancer, some for the second time and in the past year, 3 more Northwest Indiana children have lost their lives to Cancer and
- Whereas Childhood Cancer remains the #1 disease related killer of kids in the U.S. 1 in 5 children are terminal at diagnosis. 3 in 5 suffer life altering impacts of treatment that significantly alter their quality of life. 1 in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20 and
- Whereas Childhood cancer is on the rise. Childhood cancers and adult cancers are different, yet we continue to use the downsized adult cancer protocols on kids with many times devastating effects. The lack of childhood cancer research has tremendous impact to kids and significant costs to society, now and in the future and
- Whereas Despite these facts, childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded. Less than 4% of the National Cancer institute's Budget is solely dedicated to childhood cancer research. In 25 years the FDA has initially approved only two drugs for any childhood cancer and half of all chemotherapies used for children's cancers are over 25 years old and
- Whereas The incidence of childhood cancer is on the rise with an estimated 16,000 children diagnosed every year (43 per day) in the United State alone. Of those 43 children per day, 8 will die and somewhere in the world a child is diagnosed every 2 minutes and
- Whereas The incidence of cancer among adolescents and young adults is increasing at a greater rate than any other age group, except those over 65 years of age and an estimated 2,900 children die each year of cancer in the United States alone. The average age of death for a child with cancer is 8, causing a child to lose 69 years of expected life.
- Whereas Many adult cancers can be diagnosed early, in 80% of kids, cancer has already spread to other areas of the body by the time it is diagnosed and
- Whereas The causes of most childhood cancers are unknown and at the present, childhood cancer cannot be prevented, and families who are or have been in treatment work tirelessly to change these alarming statistics.

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

Attest:/s/Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

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

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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Attest: _____
Vicki Urbanik, Auditor