

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**August 27, 2019**

The Porter County Council will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., in the Dune Acres Clubhouse, located at 1 Clubhouse Drive, Dune Acres, Indiana 46304.

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

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

Mr. Whitten, Well first of all on behalf of the Council I would like to extend our thank you to the friendly folks of the Town of Dunes Acres for allowing us to have our meeting here at your fine establishment with these terrific views. I really appreciate that and it's awfully nice to get out and see everyone.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Council minutes for July 25, 2019.

Mr. Whitten, With that our approval of the Council minutes for July 25th, 2019. What is your pleasure?

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on the floor any questions?

Mr. Jessen, I don't remember seeing those minutes?

Mr. Whitten, Have you guys seen the minutes?

Ms. Graham, Yes

Ms. Blakely, Yes I sent I printed them out...

Mr. Whitten, So apparently we have a lot of yes's but you haven't seen them?

Mr. Jessen, No I haven't but it could very well be I could abstain.

Mr. Rivas, You didn't see them?

Ms. Graham, We can table them.

Mr. Whitten, If you have not seen them or are not comfortable voting on them tonight we can table them to the next meeting. Motion to table do the first and second concur?

(Jeff Larson arrived)

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, I concur.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor of tabling so that Councilman Jessen can look at the minutes please say Aye? Opposed? Minutes are tabled until next meeting.

Motion to table carries on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Whitten, So Joy make sure that Mike gets the minutes.

Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, I will.

Mr. Whitten, If you don't get them Mike please let me know.

**First Reading**

Mr. Whitten, First reading?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Porter County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Porter County, Indiana will meet in the Dune Acres Clubhouse, 1 Clubhouse Drive, Dune Acres, Indiana 46304 on August 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following appropriation adjustments affecting county budgets for the year 2019 and to transact any further business which might come before the Council:

**Recorder Perpetuation Fund**

Recorder Perpetuation	1189-11200-000-0004	Hourly	\$	12,000.00
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**Storm Water Fund**

Storm Water	1182-39500-000-0079	Contractual Services	\$	600,000.00
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**Park Operation Fund**

Park Operating	1179-22500-000-0803	Other Supplies	\$	7,000.00
Park Operating	1179-39510-000-0803	Contractual Attorney	\$	<u>2,362.50</u>
			\$	9,362.50

**Bioterrorism Response Fund**

Bioterrorism Response	8119-39500-000-0610	Contractual Services	\$	139,365.82
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**15-916 LWCF-Park 2018 Fund**

LWCF Park	8147-22500-000-0803	Other Supplies	\$	6,000.00
LWCF Park	8147-36200-000-0803	Building and Structures R&M	\$	2,487.66
LWCF Park	8147-44400-000-0803	Furniture & Fixtures over \$100	\$	<u>6,000.00</u>
			\$	14,487.66

**93.268 Health IIC Immunization Grant Fund**

Health IIC	8205-11200-000-0610	Hourly	\$	30,576.00
Health IIC	8205-12100-000-0610	FICA	\$	2,339.00
Health IIC	8205-21100-000-0610	Office Supplies	\$	263.00
Health IIC	8205-24100-000-0610	Medical & Dental Supplies	\$	810.00
Health IIC	8205-31300-000-0610	Training & Education	\$	37,460.00
Health IIC	8205-32300-000-0610	Postage	\$	1,408.00
Health IIC	8205-45400-000-0610	Other Equipment	\$	<u>1,618.00</u>
			\$	74,474.00

**2011 Library Improvement Reserve Fund**

2011 LIRF Fund	Westchester Public Library	Personal Services	\$	11,109.00
2011 LIRF Fund	Westchester Public Library	Other Service & Charges	\$	<u>26,823.00</u>
			\$	37,932.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Indiana Department of

Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Vicki Urbanik  
Auditor of Porter County

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Mr. Whitten, Thank you Vicki so we are going to jump just a little bit out of order here. I would like for us to entertain the Capital Projects Presentation at this time...Mr. McClure. Just for everybody's knowledge we've asked for an update on the Capital Projects throughout the County, as many of you know we issued a bond some time ago to do some renovations to a lot of the County Buildings and this point we just want an update on where we are at on those. So Scott where do you want to start?

County Attorney Scott McClure, I think we have Derek Anderson here from Skillman Corporation too, he is the Construction Manager who has been aiding us in managing the updates or the ongoing project at this point and time. The Valparaiso Court House is all but done, there may be a few outstanding payouts but that is done and there haven't been any additional change orders or things coming down the pipe. I think there are a few things left to (inaudible) to get paid out. We also have the Expo Center is done in the same format, so we are down to the 157 Franklin and North County those are progressing as expected. We are still looking at somewhere around October or November on this out building...the new build at the North County to be completed and the addition on the Court House completed.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have any idea when that will be?

County Attorney Scott McClure, October or November of this year and we're working with that date because we have early voting to accommodate...so what we are looking at right now is our goal is to have early voting in the new building. The parking things have gotten moved around a lot. Last week we were getting ready to pave a good portion of that parking lot to alleviate some of the concerns we had up there and then also allow hopefully the early voting. The goal right now is to have it in the new outbuilding. We've been working with the Trustee who is being very accommodating for the space for the early voting because we are trying to keep it out of the Court House at this time there has been some things that have been dismantled in there at this point so we are angling towards that. Those two things the outbuilding and the new addition we are hoping to have completed again in the October/November range which would then allow for some people then to be moved around and then the interior opened up to then allow the renovation on the inside to occur.

Mr. Whitten, So in the North County Complex you have an extra court room right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, That is correct.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have any idea what you intend to use that court room for I've been asked that question?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Right now it's going to be an extra court room the traveling Magistrates are going to use it. They are going to use it for the Small Claims calls and they are also going to use it for the Child Support hearings that need to be heard...

Mr. Whitten, Excuse me we need to wait a minute the Auditor's phone is ringing.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I thought I shut this off.

County Attorney Scott McClure, But at this point and time there is no proposal for a new Judge or Magistrate to go into there but it would be utilized for that Right

now I believe they have Commissioner Moser who does a day or two or more in Portage so she would probably utilize the additional court room on those days.

Mr. Whitten, Ok so let's kind of go project by project if you don't mind?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Ok

Mr. Whitten, On North County Complex so are we...when the Commissioners came to us originally and we had them sort of propose a projected expenditure kind of project by project. On the North County Complex how are we now with the initial projection costs? Are we under budget, over budget? Are we right on the line?

County Attorney Scott McClure, We are right on line if you look at the bottom we've been budgeting towards this \$26,400,000 dollar number, because the remaining money is for the Bridges if you remember...

Mr. Whitten, I do.

County Attorney Scott McClure, And so right now you will see that we are about a \$115,006 dollars over but we had with Expo and the Court House complete for this spreadsheet we still have Franklin and we still have North County. In both of those you will see we have...Well I will go North County first we have a little over \$100,000 dollars still in contingency allowances those are built into the contracts those haven't necessarily been let to go. We are managing those very tightly so that as those come in we know they are there and we made them bid them so that they would be not a change order so that we would get the best price but those are between Skillman and the Commissioners. When Skillman come into the Commissioners those get released on those types of thing so those haven't been...it's in the contract but they still have to get approval to get that. And then we also have \$90,000 dollars in construction contingencies that have not been spoken for at this point and time. Also on line 216 there is \$150,000 dollars in the technology line as we still sort through that so if we go to 157 Franklin we have just under \$80,000 dollars in the bid in the contract contingency allowances and we have \$125,000 dollars sitting in the contingency line and again \$150,000 dollars sitting in the technology line. Those lines are not especially the construction contingency and the technology lines those are not solid numbers yet.

Mr. Whitten, So parenthetically you know the IV-D reimbursement?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, Can you explain that?

County Attorney Scott McClure, So because of the IV-D being in this building we have an application through the State through the Federal Government to have reimbursement for their build out and this is a conservative number that we are hoping to get more but this number is the conservative number that we have been utilizing for budget so that we don't obviously get out in front of ourselves to much.

Mr. Whitten, And we don't have an issue at this point with ongoing rent reimbursement for IV-D right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No

Mr. Whitten, Excellent.

County Attorney Scott McClure, That's all been taken care of. They are currently in the building.

Mr. Whitten, So specific to 157 Franklin...I'm sorry the old Jail there was some talk that we were over budget but I think maybe there was some confusion because there were some estimates on maybe building out extra the basement?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes, so on all the original estimates we were dealing with building out the four floors. With Shive Hattery on contract we had them go ahead and as we went through the process of designing all the different departments that would be coming in we went ahead and said well while we have everybody here let's go ahead and design what the basement would be if we were to have the money to do that. And so we had to have a design to be able to have an estimate and what we ended up finding was the basement was for many reasons it was the most expensive floor in the building. Since it wasn't part of the original plan and there was nothing housed down there that was critical so it was taken off. But that floor alone was probably \$1.6 to \$1.7 million to do that at one point and time there was an estimate that was part of some architectural notes from a meeting that said with everything in we were \$1.6 to \$1.7 million over.

Mr. Whitten, When there was a discussion to build out the basement what was the thought? Did the Commissioners have thoughts of something that needed to go in there?

County Attorney Scott McClure, There was requests from the departments for things to go down there.

Mr. Whitten, (Inaudible)

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes...I mean all the things that we originally thought were going in there are still going in there as far as the offices that will be occupying floors one, two, three and four. The Difference was that downstairs there was a want or a very large conference room. There was some want for a gym for lack of a better term that was basically a way for 911...and that kind of came from the current location of E-911 were sharing the gym with the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Whitten, Gotcha.

County Attorney Scott McClure, And so that was....

Mr. Whitten, \$1.6 million dollars they can keep sharing with the Sheriff's gym.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct and so that got scrapped off. So this is where we sit right now, we are working through this and we are all cognizant that the end of the line is a \$115,000 dollars but the reason why things are being cut is because we still have \$215,000 dollars in contingency and \$300,000 dollars in the technology line.

Mr. Whitten, Alright so refresh our memory and for the benefit of the folks that we have in the crowd on 157 Franklin?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes?

Mr. Whitten, One, Two, Three, Four floors what's the end game now for those floors? We have E-911 in there so kind of go floor by floor?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes the fourth floor will be the 911 Center. One wing will be the actual call center itself the other wing will be administrative offices and their training room. The third floor will be the Prosecutor's offices including the Victim's Assistance office so they all be there. Again it's basically the Victim's Assistance the other side is the Prosecutor's Office for all of their space. The second floor is all of Adult Probation and right now when I say it is because even I was a little shocked at how many Adult Probation people we actually have and right now they are kind of spread everywhere. So this will bring them all under one roof on the second floor. The first floor will be the IV-D office and then that would still be the restaurant space available to turn back into a restaurant and rent.

Mr. Whitten, So as we sit here today are the Commissioners anticipating any surprise expenses with that building?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Nothing that I am aware of at this point.

Mr. Rivas, Where are we at along with building that out?

County Attorney Scott McClure, On 157 Franklin?

Mr. Rivas, Yes.

Skillman Corporation Derek Anderson, All the walls are framed forth, third, second floor, the drywall is done on the third floor and they are getting ready to drop down to the second floor and start doing drywall. Fourth floor we have some roof work to do before we can start finishing the drywall in there. So we are waiting on the rooftop units and when we get all that in place we can take the roof off and re-roof it and put new wires in to be able to start hanging drywall. So our goal...or we are scheduled to be 100% done in there in March.

Mr. Larson, So you need about \$100,000 dollars in the build out to put IV-D in there so how much of that are we going to use approximately to make that space usable? Are we going to use it as it functions now?

Skillman Corporation Derek Anderson, So the way the building lays out it is shaped like an L. You have one wing and the other wing where they are in now is where there used to be the restaurant and the other wing is what we're converting to their permanent space.

Mr. Larson, You haven't started that yet?

Skillman Corporation Derek Anderson, No not yet, we are working from the top all the way down. We should be getting to the framing down there probably in the next two or three weeks.

Mr. Larson, Is the transition going to be easy for them then when we are squared away?

Skillman Corporation Derek Anderson, It should be.

Mr. Jessen, It should be the easiest one.

Mr. Whitten, Scott you can speak to that do you see any transition problems for the IV-D office?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No because they are going to have the easiest move.

Mr. Larson, Will they have an isolated entrance? Or is it going to be an combined entrance?

County Attorney Scott McClure, They're going to have one combined entrance to the building but you are going to come into their floor but then they will have another secured access point within there to let you into IV-D.

Mr. Whitten, Don't they have to have two?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes that's the first one and then they will have one more after that because of the IRS regulations.

Mr. Larson, It's a sensitive (inaudible)

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes.

Mr. Larson, Ok very good thank you.

Mr. Whitten, Any other questions specific to what we have heard so far?

Mr. Jessen, Yes the question I have and perhaps others might, the total funds versus what the cost that we are looking at it's all comparatively close and it all has worked out in totality. On a project by project basis refresh our memories in terms of how close we are on a project by project basis as best that you can?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Well the two that I remember for sure, I remember that we were estimating North County to be \$10 million in round numbers and we are at \$9.56 million dollars. I do remember that Expo was about \$3.5 million and that's at \$3.3 million dollars. I do not remember the other two numbers in terms of presentation of what the rough estimate versus project.

Mr. Jessen, Scott on Expo you said it was?

County Attorney Scott McClure, I think it was \$3.5 million in the presentation. I think we are still pretty close on all of those.

Mr. Jessen, Am I misreading the project costs on the Expo Center on this sheet then?

County Attorney Scott McClure, You have to go the bottom where it shows \$3.3 million.

Mr. Larson, It shows \$4.6 million.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Oh I am sorry the Expo is at \$4.6 million and I would have to go back to the original presentation. I don't...

Mr. Larson, We are over on that building right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, On which one?

Mr. Larson, On the Expo? I think it was \$3.5 to \$3.75 million

County Attorney Scott McClure, In the original estimates?

Mr. Larson, Yes I can't remember quite what.

County Attorney Scott McClure, I remember the bridges were \$2.5 and I remember that IV-D was \$10 million and after that I don't remember what those original estimate were.

Ms. Graham, That was the question that I had are you saying all that's left will go to the bridges? You didn't have those figures?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No because the bridges, most of them are still in the design phase. They are not...

Ms. Graham, So we actually bonded for something that we didn't have designed? Am I hearing this right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes because at the time those bridges just got added...

Ms. Graham, Was that two bridges?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Three bridges.

Ms. Graham, Three bridges.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Those three bridges got added because they were the worse ones that we had and so we knew they were bad so we added them to the project and then started the design process to get those completed. One I know is the Old Porter Road and that construction I believe is starting to begin. The other one is 700 North...

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Do you want me to give a report on that?

Mr. Whitten, Sure.

Mr. Larson, And one is Wagner Road.

Mr. Whitten, Hold on we will come back to it.

County Attorney Scott McClure, He can do the bridges.

Mr. Whitten, We'll come back to that.

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Ok

Mr. Whitten, Let's not get off the topic, so Mike is asking specific project to project and you don't actually have that?

County Attorney Scott McClure, From the original presentation on the estimates on how it was allocated around? No I don't.

Mr. Whitten, And Sylvia to speak to your question I think part of the idea of bonding architectural costs (inaudible) we needed to do that before we got to the designing stage.

Ms. Graham, Ok I was just wondering because I heard him say...

Mr. Whitten, That was a good question (inaudible)

County Attorney Scott McClure, (Inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, So no let's talk about the bridges Bob?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Ok there was three bridges and I will go through their numbers. Bridge 135 which is Old Porter Road over Salt Creek that was a new deck rehabilitation. That bridge may be opened up this week. Then the other one that we had going to is bridge 126 that's 700 North over Salt Creek just east of Hwy 149 there, that is under construction and that could be open in two weeks. The one that's kind of been held up that's bridge 84 that's on Sigler Road west of the Town of Hebron over a branch of Dog Lake Ditch. The design is complete on that and we are trying to purchase some right-of-way on that. We are hoping that goes out to bid for construction we are thinking October or maybe November that it would be going out for bid.

Mr. Whitten, What bridges do you have on the horizon after these?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, After these we just completed bridge 208 that's in Shorewood Forest over Lake Louise that was a deck overlay. Wagner Road is another deck overlay that we are doing and it's also painting of beams underneath the abutments which should be open this week. We have a bridge on West Street just outside of Valparaiso that might go out to bid later this year. Bridge 62 over Kankakee River we are in the right-of-way purchase phase of that or right-of-way acquisition phase that's a Federal Aid project that's set for letting in INDOT in March of next year.

Mr. Whitten, There not an issue with the State and the whole Kankakee River renovation?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Not for bridges...that's not a bridge issue.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, I'm sorry Bob please continue.

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, We have Brummit Road bridge over Little Calumet that is under design right now, that's going to be set for construction 2022. Mineral Springs Road over Little Calumet River is in design phase, that's going to be set for construction in 2022. Smoke Road over Jones Ditch, it's about 675 South and Smoke Road, that's set for construction in 2022 and that's in design phases right now. We are going to be approving contracts for Waverly Road in the Town of Porter over Little Calumet River. Hopefully at the Commissioner's meeting in September along with bridge 131 which is 200 West over Damon Run which is about 900 North roughly. Those two bridges are set for construction in 2024.

Mr. Whitten, And on Bridge 73?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Oh and bridge 73 was the one that we had closed it was washed out during the heavy flooding on the Kankakee River. On that we are going to be review RFQ's for construction on that and giving a recommendation for a consultant to bridge 73 probably October meeting with the Commissioners.

Mr. Whitten, Alright thank you that's a lot of bridge money. Ok is there any other questions on this? Here's what we will do Scott if you could get from the original estimates maybe do a comparison on that...

County Attorney Scott McClure, Sure.

Mr. Whitten, Because Mike makes a good point and we are pretty good overall but if there have been some changes on the price certainly these guys would probably want to know that.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Sure.

Mr. Whitten, Any other questions on this? Anything specific to any of the projects? Bob?

Mr. Poparad, On 157 Franklin when is the total project going to be done? Next year?

Skillman Corporation Derek Anderson, March of 2020.

Mr. Whitten, Sylvia any questions?

Ms. Graham, No.

Mr. Poparad, What about the basement (Inaudible)

Ms. Graham, Is it going to be water tight (inaudible)

County Attorney Scott McClure, Oh the basement in 157 is watertight but the voting machines will stay where they are at.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Ms. Graham, Where are they staying?

County Attorney Scott McClure, In the Admin building.

Mr. Poparad, I thought there were problems?

County Attorney Scott McClure, In the parking garage.

Ms. Graham, In the parking garage?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes.

Ms. Graham, Isn't that wet?

County Attorney Scott McClure, That's not wet.

Mr. Poparad, It's climate controlled?

County Attorney Scott McClure, It's heated it's cooled it's been...

Mr. Poparad, I thought that's been the conversation (inaudible)

County Attorney Scott McClure, It's been...I know it's staying there. I know that because I know we had to move the shelving around to make things work on the old machines. And the issues with heating, cooling and water were dealt with then.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

County Attorney Scott McClure, So that's where they are at.

Mr. Whitten, Mike do you have any other questions?

Mr. Jessen, I'm good.

Mr. Whitten, Jeremy?

Mr. Rivas, No.

Mr. Whitten, Greg are we good?

Mr. Simms, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, And Jeff?

Mr. Larson, I'm good.

Mr. Whitten, Alright thank you gentlemen.

Mr. Rivas, Just like you said at the next meeting I'd like to have that overlay.

Mr. Larson, Nice job on the progress.

Mr. Whitten, So far so good this is awesome work.

County Attorney Scott McClure, We are excited to get some of them too. Two seemed to be done or maybe a few payouts to go but there done and then finish up these two. So hopefully because I know that early voting is becoming a bigger and bigger issue so the idea is to...if you have been past Porter County North they have moved the fence back and started to grade and I think we're...where are we at in paving the (inaudible)

Skillman Corporation Derek Anderson, Next week.

Mr. Whitten, So the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> (inaudible)

County Attorney Scott McClure, So we've got the parking lot pretty small and that's because they are going to do the pave over next week at which time we can move to this parking lot. Which will be more spots (inaudible) and that's why we're keeping an eye toward early voting and try to make sure that's all (inaudible)

Mr. Larson, For the public that hasn't been to our projects we encourage you guys to get out and visit the Expo Center and stuff because it's really beautiful.

County Attorney Scott McClure, You can see most of the Valparaiso Court House too. You can see the windows, tuck-pointing, doors and landscaping and things like that...our parking lots. Most of that you can see from the outside.

Mr. Larson, Those building have almost been twenty plus years of neglect.

County Attorney Scott McClure, And the other thing inside of the Court House would be all the public restrooms, I believe that they have upgraded that too.

Mr. Whitten, Yes and this is all funded from our bond that is being funded though (inaudible) so this doesn't increase taxes in fact the rate has gone down so it's quite an accomplishment. Alright awesome thank you.

### **General Courts – Judge Bradford**

#### **County Court General Fund – 1000-000-0226**

Transfer \$10,000 from 13500 Jurors Expenses to 24300 Law Books. Reason: Funds will be depleted the month of September and need money to cover monthly expenses through 2019.

Mr. Whitten, So the next thing on our agenda is General Courts with Judge Bradford. He called me today he was unable to come he had a last minute issue that he had to deal with. He said he would deal with this for budgets but because he wouldn't have enough for the law books this is the request that he anticipated was coming. The request for transfer of \$10,000 from Jurors Expenses to Law Books what is your pleasure?

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on the transfer any discussion? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

Mr. Whitten, And Joy would you let Judge Bradford know the we have approve his transfer?

Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, Yes.

### **Development and Storm Water**

#### **Storm Water Fund - 1182-000-0079**

Additional \$600,000 to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason: To cover storm water projects through the remainder of the year.

Mr. Whitten, The first thing out of the gate is the Storm Water Fund request for \$600,000 dollars to contractual to cover storm water projects through the remainder of the year.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Do you guys have anything to add?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, No.

Mr. Whitten, Questions?

Mr. Rivas, So is this for specific projects or are you just kind of guesstimating?

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, Well we do have about ten miles of bridge bank work that we are going to do this fall and two other

major drain tiled reconstruction projects that is what this money is going for. Yes there is a number of projects...

Ms. Graham, Where is the drain tiles going?

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, We are continuing our work in (inaudible) and that is through 75 South and 250 West. And then we've got the Henderson Ditch (inaudible) but north east of Hebron. And then most of our ditches bank work that we are planning to do in the north half of the County which is where we did our vegetation management early this year so we could get in and take care a lot of that brush that we killed earlier in the year.

Mr. Whitten, How many culverts do we have left?

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, We have a lot of culverts that need replacement and so we are working our way through that list. When I initially did the list back in October of 2017 there were probably four hundred plus that needed attention. Between what the highway department and our department has done we are working our way through that list. I can't really give you the exact number of how many more that we need to do.

Mr. Whitten, Can you give us a copy of that list?

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, Yes

Mr. Whitten, Maybe you can give me a list of the culverts that you've replaced?

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, Sure

Mr. Whitten, But more importantly what's left on the list to do.

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, You know kind of give us the status updates that would be great?

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, Sure.

Mr. Poparad, Mr. President can I ask a question?

Mr. Whitten, Yes sure Bob.

Mr. Poparad, On the fund report you still have (inaudible) over one million dollars?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, And I know it is earning interest?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, I assume that when you put the storm water in you are going to supplement Dan's ditch with a little bit of money from storm water and use up that fund to get rid of it?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, We are but it's specific to particular ditches and we have some of them that have accounts, Crooked Creek is one and I know that Mike is working on a project for Crooked Creek. Crooked Creek also happens to be very protected by the DNR as far as that goes it also has (inaudible) releases.

Mr. Whitten, Working on it?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, We are doing things on it...

Mr. Poparad, No I was referring to the million dollars what the plan for that? Because you have one set of funds...once those digits are down to zero you are going to close that fund out right?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Correct we have already closed one down.

Mr. Poparad, Ok, so it's on your radar.

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Yes it is.

Mr. Poparad, Ok let me know and so by next year that fund will be going to zero?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, I wouldn't say that.

Development & SW Management Engineer Mike Novotney, To be honest with you Crooked Creek south of the ditch has some significant amount of money and I think it's \$200,000 dollars and the Reeve's Ditch still has \$200,000 dollars. Crooked Creek still needs work and Reeve's Ditch we are waiting till a specific project or need presents itself then we will spend that money out. So we know that money is there and as a project gets presented that's what we are going to spend that money on. A majority of that money that you mentioned that you mentioned is locked up in several large areas.

Mr. Poparad, Right. But I thought the goal was to eliminate those?

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, Right there were two ditch fees and correct me if I am wrong 2600 and 2700 I think it was?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Development & SW Management Director Robert Thompson, One of those funds has been zeroed out or it has very little money in it.

Mr. Poparad, I just want to make sure.

County Attorney Scott McClure, I could be more specific there won't any dollars of Storm Water spent in that ditch until that ditch fund has been depleted.

Mr. Poparad, I thought we talked about joint ventures a little bit of Storm Water money and that Ditch Fund Fee?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Exactly but if Reeve's has \$100,000 dollars and it's got a \$4,000 dollar project we use that money first.

Mr. Poparad, Ok thank you.

Mr. Whitten, Any other questions? Hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes

Mr. Rivas - Yes  
Mr. Simms - Yes  
Mr. Whitten - Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

## **Sheriff**

### **Sheriff Donations Fund - 8118-000-0005**

Transfer \$17,000 from 44200 Motor Vehicles to 44300 Other Mobile Equipment.  
Reason: Purchase John Deer ATV

Transfer \$45,000 from 44200 Motor Vehicles to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason:  
Purchase Taser, Holsters, Batteries and Supplies.

Mr. Whitten, Next up Sheriff, so the first thing out of the gate are a couple of transfers \$17,000 from Motor Vehicles to Other Mobile Equipment to purchase a John Deer ATV and then a transfer of \$45,000 from Motor Vehicles to Other Equipment to purchase Taser, Holsters, Batteries and Supplies.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, On both transfers I assume?

Mr. Larson, Yes sir.

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Discussion? Hearing none all signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

## **Highway**

### **Highway MVH Fund - 1176-000-0530**

Transfer \$30,000 from 37300 Lease Payments to 44200 Motor Vehicles. Reason: To trade-in and purchase 5 new Supervisor and Foreman F250 trucks with snow plows to speed up snow removal and reduce overtime.

Mr. Whitten, Highway MVH transfer request \$30,000 from Lease Payments to Motor Vehicles to trade-in and purchase five new supervisor and foreman F250 trucks with snow plows to speed up snow removal and reduce overtime. What's your pleasure?

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Highway Director Rich Sexton, I only need \$20,000 dollars because we talked Enterprise, finally got the numbers and Enterprise can put the snow plows and everything on them for a heck of lot less. So we don't have to buy our own plows if we were to purchase it would be (inaudible) and something like that.

Mr. Whitten, Bob you had a lot of questions about this one when they first came?

Mr. Poparad, No I fine it.

Mr. Whitten, You've got your answers and talked to them?

Mr. Poparad, Are you getting decent stuff?

Highway Director Rich Sexton, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Your expecting the plows with that?

Highway Director Rich Sexton, Yes they are good plows and they are going to be outfitted.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Highway Director Rich Sexton, They are going to hook them up with lights (inaudible) and it actually comes with strobe lights and all that too.

Mr. Larson, Is there additional exposure because we are using those for plow vehicles? Are we incurring additional liability expenses...additional maintenance exposure?

Highway Director Rich Sexton, Not any more than my Ford Explorer.

Mr. Whitten, I mean you may drive like a maniac

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Scott do you want to speak to the liability exposure?

County Attorney Scott McClure, From a liability standpoint no, we've gone backwards and forwards with Enterprise on the issue of putting plows on it wasn't something that they (inaudible) they've done many other places before we made that jump so...

Mr. Poparad, It's figured in the price?

County Attorney Scott McClure, It is.

Mr. Whitten, So \$20,000 dollars is the number that you are asking for. So he's asking for \$20,000 dollars not \$30,000 dollars do the Motion and Second care to amend their motions?

Ms. Graham, Yes, so moved.

Mr. Jessen, Yes. For clarification we are not purchasing these trucks right? So we can get that out of our (inaudible). So the only other point that I would make on that is I'm still anxious to see an over County Vehicle list in terms of who has them? What departments? How are they used? I talked about that a couple of meetings ago and I still have not yet seen that, so I don't know who is the holder of that master list but for my benefit and perhaps others we talk about vehicles a lot some we pay for and some we lease so if we could get a list that would be great.

Mr. Whitten, So maybe we can ask for two things one is a list of all of the vehicles that we insure and maybe a list of all the vehicles that we own? And as much as it seems like those numbers might match let's just make sure.

Mr. Jessen, Who is authorized to drive? And what are the parameters surrounding the use of the vehicles?

Mr. Whitten, So let me ask you a question Scott who would be best to generate that list for us before our next meeting?

Ms. Graham, Vicki?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes we maintain the fixed asset list and we have that available.

Mr. Whitten, But he is asking for who is authorized to drive and all that.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We don't have that.

Mr. Whitten, Do we have to go department by department?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Ray do you still have the list from your predecessor that could be refreshed?

Facilities Director Ray Cloyd, Yes we can get it.

County Attorney Scott McClure, So facilities was the last department to have the list of vehicles by department.

Mr. Whitten, This is like the Da Vinci Code.

County Attorney Scott McClure, They were the clearing house to keep track of who had the vehicles and what department so we can refresh that and that will even tell you who is driving them. And I believe as part of that list we can add who is using them and I can provide the requirements for driving. There is one set of rules for Highway and there is one set of rules for everybody else and most of those are coming from insurance.

Mr. Whitten, Here is what I would like to know...pull that together and get somebody to pull that together before we start our budgets.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, So that would be September 16<sup>th</sup> I think is the day before our first reading so if we could get that? If there is an issue just let us know but I need to know, but that would be good to know going into our budgets.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Ok not a problem but you are probably not going to be surprised but the vast majority are in the Sheriff's department.

Mr. Whitten, Yes that is expected. So that would be awesome.

Mr. Larson, In on our new Handbook for HR do we have a limitation on the vehicles and their purpose for them and where the occupants can use them for and the actually destinations that they can travel to? Is there a (inaudible) requirement in there?

Mr. Whitten, I think there is a policy on that.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes there is a policy, I can't recite it off of the top of my head but yes there is.

Mr. Whitten, I know there is a policy on the Sheriff's department.

County Attorney Scott McClure, There is definitely a Sheriff's department policy.

Mr. Larson, Very good.

Mr. Whitten, Alright so we have a motion and an amended motion for \$20,000 dollars any other discussion? All signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

Highway Director Rich Sexton, Thank you very much.

Mr. Larson, Nice job thanks for the weekly reports.

## **Health Department**

### **Health Fund - 1159-000-0610**

Transfer \$14,000 from 36400 Rebinding Records to 45100 Data Processing Equipment.  
\$2,000 from 37100 Equipment Rentals to 45100 Data Processing Equipment  
\$7,500 from 32300 Postage to 45100 Data Processing Equipment  
\$4,800 from 36100 Maintenance Agreements 45100 Data Processing Equipment  
Reason: Required upgrade for Environmental, Foods & Vital Records

Mr. Whitten, Health Department, how is the Health Department?

Health Department Administer Letty Zepeda, Very well thank you.

Mr. Whitten, And hopefully healthy. Alright so let's start with the Health Fund we have a few transfers \$14,000 from Rebinding Records to Data Processing; \$2,000 from Equipment Rentals to Data Processing; \$7,500 from Postage to Data Processing; \$4,800 from Maintenance Agreements to Data Processing Equipment for the required upgrade for Environmental, Foods & Vital Records. What's your pleasure?

Mr. Larson, I make a motion on that.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second, discussion?

Mr. Poparad, Is this all been review by IT?

Health Department Administer Letty Zepeda, Yes (inaudible).

Mr. Poparad, Ok that answers my question.

Mr. Whitten, So what were you going to say?

Health Department Administer Letty Zepeda, I was just going to explain why we have to do this.

Mr. Jessen, Yes please do.

Mr. Whitten, Go for it.

Health Department Administer Letty Zepeda, Pretty much what it is there is a new program windows 10 is going to take over so we need to find programs that work with windows 10. So we researched and we did find programs that would work.

Mr. Whitten, Awesome, so does IT have anything to add to that? Everything is fine no issues?

IT Department Pete Bryant, Everything is great actually this is very good because everyone in this department will be on the same platform. So that allows them to be able to communicate easier with the LOW system for accounting functions because they are using this new software. It's replacing (inaudible) some of the software they are using is close to twenty years old so it's just time.

Mr. Larson, We don't have anything operating in windows 7 anymore do we?

IT Department Pete Bryant, No we don't, we have to move to windows 10. Windows 7 is (inaudible).

Mr. Larson, Yes there is no security update anymore.

IT Department Pete Bryant, (Inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, Just about every county around us has been hacked so we have to be careful. Just along that vein with the recent hacking of Lake County I have had discussions with the Commissioners and the County Attorney to insure that and Jeremy you initiated these conversations too to insure that we are as safe as could be.

Mr. Rivas, Or we have to have a lot of bitcoin.

Mr. Whitten, Well we don't have bitcoin.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Well you would have to shake some of that out Jeremy but I know where to come to get it.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on these transfers any other discussion? Hearing none signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

**Bioterrorism Grant Fund - 8119-000-0610**

Additional \$139,365.82 to 3950 Contractual Services. Reason: Bioterrorism Grant awarded 7-1-2019 through 6-30-2020 - Chicago Regional MSA & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

Mr. Whitten, Bioterrorism Grant Fund additional \$139,365.82 to Contractual for the Bioterrorism Grant.

Mr. Larson, Motion

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second Sylvia?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Any discussion? Hearing none roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

**93.268 Health IIC Fund (Immunization Grant) - 8205-000-0610**

Additional \$30,576 to 11200 Hourly  
\$2,339 to 12100 FICA  
\$263 to 21100 Office Supplies  
\$810 to 24100 Medical and Dental Supplies  
\$37,460 to 31300 Training and Education  
\$1,408 to 32300 Postage  
\$1,618 to 45400 Other Equipment

Reason: Appropriation of 1st half of Immunization Grant (July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)

Mr. Whitten, And then lastly the Health Fund Immunization Grant with a bunch of additional.

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Ms. Graham, Second

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second, any discussion on this? Hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

### **Parks and Recreation**

#### **Park Operating Fund - 1179-000-0803**

Additional \$7,000 to 22500 Other Supplies. Reason: For program supplies for remainder of the year. Additional \$2,362.50 to 39510 Contractual Attorney. Reason: For legal services rendered as part of ongoing litigation.

Mr. Whitten, Parks and Recreation Park Operation Fund additional \$7,000 to Other Supplies and additional \$2,362.50 to Contractual Attorney for legal services rendered as part of ongoing litigation. What's your pleasure?

Mr. Jessen, So moved.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, discussion on either one of these? So we have ongoing litigation (inaudible)?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Actually I understand now that it's been resolved.

Ms. Graham, So you don't need this?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, No I do.

Ms. Graham, Oh ok.

(Laughter)

Mr. Poparad, They pay them so we wouldn't lose.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, That's a difficult question to answer.

Mr. Poparad, It's alright Walter you don't need to go into details.

Mr. Jessen, How much do you budget for 39510 Contractual Attorney are you going to spend from that account?

Ms. Graham, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Good question how much did we budget in there and how much do we have left?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, We budgeted zero, we didn't anticipate that we were going to go to (inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, Vicki is that true that in the budget this year we had zero for Contractual Attorney?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, In our general fund but I am talking about our Park Operating we didn't budget anything in our non-reverting fund and additional allocation for the first quarter invoices which are approved and these are for the second quarter.

Mr. Rivas, That brings up another question do we have money in the General Fund to pay these?

Ms. Graham, Yes good question.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Why the Parks would bring it out of the non-reverting fund instead of the general fund? Because previously this board consistently asked that we take things out of the Non-Reverting Fund rather than the General Fund, I would be happy to shift it to the General Fund but historically...

Mr. Whitten, And we would be happy to tell you no.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Generally that's how it works...I come and bring something out of the General Fund and tell me don't you have money in your Non-Reverting Fund? I say yes and you say great pay for it out of that.

Mr. Rivas, So at budget session we will have remember to zero out the General Fund attorney line item.

Mr. Jessen, That begs the question what's in that for the General Fund? What was budgeted and what have we spent?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I don't think we printed it out.

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, We did not bring it.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, \$12,500 is what we spent (inaudible)

Ms. Graham, So you have already spent that?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, We've paid for the full year it's actually the Park Board's attorney correct.

Ms. Graham, Ok.

Mr. Jessen, So you (inaudible) for the year?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Correct.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And to answer your previous question there is nothing left in that appropriation for the 1179 Non-Reverting fund.

Mr. Jessen, And there was nothing to start with?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Not to start with but there was an additional appropriation during the year and that has been spent.

Mr. Jessen, Thank you.

Mr. Larson, Is that (inaudible) Walter?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, No problems in life that can't be handled with simple litigation.

(Laughter)

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, It's not official that the case has been (inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, You don't have to go there we're fine. Ok any other questions on the two additional? Hearing none roll call please.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

**LWCF-Park 2018 Fund (Land & Water Conservation Fund) - 8147-000-0803**

Additional \$6,000 to 22500 Other Supplies. Reason: For plant material and interpretive signs for rain garden and materials for concrete pathway

Additional \$2,487.66 to 36200 Building & Structures R&M. Reason: For plant materials for rain garden.

Additional \$6,000 to 44400 Furniture Fixtures over \$100. Reason: For new benches, trash cans and tables for new building.

Mr. Whitten, Ok lastly we have a few additional requests for Park 2018 Land & Water Conservation Fund what is your pleasure with these?

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on all three additional, any questions? Hearing none roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Simms, Before he goes that concert was unbelievable awesome with Los Lobos and the Prairie Magic. I tell you what there was six hundred plus (600+) people there?

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, I think we broke eight hundred (800) people.

Mr. Simms, Eight hundred.

Mr. Whitten, Wow.

Mr. Simms, It was amazing people were having so much fun! It was an unbelievable spectacle to see people enjoying one of our awesome parks and it couldn't have been run better. The weather was just awesome, so I just wanted to say sometimes our parks go a little bit off the radar and this is definitely something that was great. Everyone needs to know how awesome it was.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, About twenty percent (20%) of our ticket holders were from Illinois.

Mr. Simms, Congratulations that was brilliant you did a great job.

Parks Superintendent Walter Lenckos, Thank you I appreciate that.

Mr. Whitten, Have a good day Walter.

Mr. Jessen, Thanks Walter.

### **Recorder**

#### **Recorder's Perpetuation Fund - 1189-000-0004**

Additional \$12,000 to 11200 Hourly. Reason: Appropriation request to our Hourly Wage account for remainder of 2019.

Additional (Tabled 7-23-19) \$85,000 to 45100 Data Procession Equipment. Reason: For a full office computer system upgrade: Includes workstations and peripherals, network servers and back-up storage and other devices.

Mr. Whitten, Recorder...I saw you back in that rocking chair I thought you were sleeping.

Recorder Chuck Harris, I was relaxing.

Mr. Whitten, It's looked more comfortable than these steel ones. Alright so let's do the additional \$12,000 dollar to hourly this appropriation request to hourly wage account for the remainder of 2019.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second, discussion? This is self-explanatory can we have a roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

**Additional (Tabled 7-23-19)** \$85,000 to 45100 Data Processing Equipment. Reason: For a full office computer system upgrade: Includes workstations and peripherals, network servers and back-up storage and other devices.

Mr. Whitten, And we had that tabled additional request.

Recorder Chuck Harris, I had asked to be taken off the agenda today for that we still don't have all the information to present to you guys. I'd like to be able to get it all in one shot (inaudible).

Mr. Whitten, It's my understanding that you guys have had some discussions with Don...

Recorder Chuck Harris, That is correct he has given us thirteen bullet points that he was suggesting and as of today we were at agreement with twelve of those so we are...

Mr. Whitten, It depends what the thirteenth one is.

Recorder Chuck Harris, We are wanting some more information about the technology and believe that thirteenth one is probably going to be (inaudible) we don't foresee at this point...

Mr. Whitten, So we will just take it off.

Recorder Chuck Harris, Alright.

Mr. Whitten, If at any time you want to bring that back up feel free to do so. Awesome alright guys thank you.

## **Council**

### **Council General Fund - 1000-000-0061**

Transfer \$500 from 44400 Furniture/Fixtures Over \$100 to 37100 Equipment Rentals. Reason: Portable sound system rental(s).

Mr. Whitten, Council \$500 dollars for a transfer.

Mr. Poparad, (Inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, I won't do that...

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

## **E-911**

### **E-911 Surcharge Fund - 1222-000-0303**

Form 144 \$97,344 to \$0 Executive Director of Public Safety  
\$75,712 to \$93,000 Director

Reason: Eliminating position of Executive Director of Public Safety and increasing Director \$17,285 per year no additional is needed.

Mr. Whitten, E-911 so this is one that we put on because it had become a pressing issue and it seemed like it couldn't wait so that's why you got this later than

usual add-on. So Scott why don't you give us the bird's eye view and then we'll do the rest.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Well we had two positions that one is roughly \$97,500 dollars salary slot for one position and the other is \$75,700 and some change for the other slot we would like to change one salary spot...

Mr. Whitten, Let me just ask a quick question I think there was some confusion? So when the last time the Commissioners did a national search they came up with a Candidate ironically in Valparaiso so that person was at the top and then there were two for lack of a better word Assistant or underlings. One that was EMA and one that was E-911 correct? So we had three spots.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, So at that moment what was the top spot at that job?

County Attorney Scott McClure, The \$97,344 dollars.

Mr. Whitten, What does the EMA make?

County Attorney Scott McClure, I don't know.

Mr. Whitten, Vicki do you know that?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, I got it.

County Attorney Scott McClure, (Inaudible) and I am using 2019 numbers so current numbers. So that's approximately \$97,500 and \$75,700 dollars

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, \$78,957 dollars was the EMA Director.

Mr. Whitten, So \$78,000?

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, \$78,957 dollars that was EMA Director.

Mr. Whitten, \$78,957 was for EMA Director?

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, And then the top guy for 911 the guy that was the Chief.

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, Which one?

Mr. Whitten, The guy that was over those two?

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, \$97,344 dollars.

County Attorney Scott McClure, And 911 was 95,700?

Auditor Chief Deputy Toni Downing, And the Director was \$75,712.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

County Attorney Scott McClure, So the \$75,712 dollars and the \$97,344 would be collapsed down to one position and I believe that we propose that be increased to \$93,000 and that position would only be over 911 and EMA would continue to be only over his part as well.

Mr. Poparad, (Inaudible) two positions?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Poparad, Nobody in between?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, Alright so I'm going to ask the next question because I know the Commissioners have somebody in mind for the 911 position right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, And it's my understanding that the person is not residing in Porter County?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, Is there any indication that this person will move to Porter County? I mean let's just get it out there.

County Attorney Scott McClure, No and to be clear has there been overtures that they would consider that and it would be something that they would look at? Yes, is there a hard and fast time or date? No.

Mr. Whitten, I just want to say and this is just my perspective and I don't know that anybody would agree with me but when the reorganization and the national search and we found this person in Valparaiso I had great concerns. First of all about the person in Valpo being a fit, it turns out that it wasn't. But I also had some concerns later on when I realized that the 911 Director was living out of County, but there was a lot of indication that person had some inclination to move into the county there was various dates that were set but that person never moved into the county.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, So my concern is this and by the way I understand that the market is tough. I understand that it's an employee's market right now for 911 Directors (inaudible) based on the results of our last national search. But I have great concerns about the director of our 911 directing our 911 from out of state. I have a lot of concerns about that, now maybe circumstances dictate that we don't have another choice but I'm really concerned about that. I mean that is a pretty critical position to be operating from Illinois. So I would be feeling better about that if there were some date certainty if this person was going to move here in six months or three months but of course there is the question if it don't but at this time you can't indicate that.

County Attorney Scott McClure, I can not.

Ms. Graham, What my concern is on this is I don't feel like they are buying into the county they are going to be living out of state and I have a lot of concerns about this too.

Mr. Poparad, I don't know this guy...I am assuming it's a guy right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, It is.

Mr. Poparad, How many directors have we had in the last few years?

Mr. Rivas, Why would you assume it's a guy Bob?

Mr. Poparad, I'm not...did I say something wrong?

Mr. Whitten, Why would you assume it's a guy? Most of the dispatchers are female.

Mr. Poparad, I certainly didn't mean (inaudible)...how many directors have we had in the last ten years?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Quite a few.

Ms. Graham, Three or four at least.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Five.

Mr. Poparad, you mean the average lifespan is two years?

Mr. Whitten, I mean they don't die.

Mr. Poparad, What?

Mr. Whitten, They just leave.

Mr. Poparad, Well the job expectancy is two years. I don't if we can expect for someone to pull up roots if the average job expectancy is two years...I don't know if I would. Would you Dan?

Mr. Rivas, Can I build upon that a little bit? I mean I can see where you are going...

Mr. Whitten, Here we go Jeremy I can tell...go on.

Mr. Rivas, The thing is where did we find this person? Was this a part of the national search?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes.

Mr. Rivas, Was this number 2, 3 or 4?

County Attorney Scott McClure, This was number one.

Mr. Rivas, This was number one?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Rivas, And we skipped over number one because he wouldn't move?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes right the first time.

Mr. Rivas, The first time?

Mr. Larson, He was offered the position right?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, He was offered the position but he wouldn't commit to moving.

Ms. Graham, So this is from our first search?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Rivas, So where I am going is the job expectancy that you were asking Bob...I mean is there no interest from within? We have so many women and it is predominantly a woman's profession, none of them can climb that ladder, to take that task and know that room and know the women in that room and know our officers that we're grabbing somebody from across the state line? I mean is there no interest or are you saying that there is no one who qualifies? I highly doubt that.

Mr. Whitten, So we have a job description requiring this right Scott?

County Attorney Scott McClure, We do.

Mr. Whitten, To Jeremy's question...

Ms. Graham, Did any apply?

County Attorney Scott McClure, There has been to my knowledge at least two.

Mr. Larson, I was on that search committee and I think there was two that did apply.

Mr. Whitten, You are talking about the first time?

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, For me the idea of where a person lives...I mean I think it would be great to have them in Porter County makes perfect sense. And you would think for their job they would want to, but even more importantly than where they live as concerned as I would be that wherever this person is now if we are not more specific about it he could move further away. So it seems like there might be a benefit to having some sort of thing as far as where this person is located and how quick he could get to the County if necessary. I think that the bigger question then where he might live is the expectation on the job.

Mr. Larson, Right.

Mr. Jessen, It is my understanding that the most recent guy did not live in the county and for traveling purposes and all that it was necessary in his mind to report to the office four days a week. That would be a bigger concern of mine and I don't care where you live as long as you are there every day and you are there in the morning, you are there at night and you are available for any and all emergencies.

County Attorney Scott McClure, And that expectation has been addressed (inaudible).

Mr. Whitten, And Mike I would agree with you if the person lived like in Hobart or in Michigan City. So the only reason that I bring up where they live is in the event of an emergency we have got to protect the police.

Mr. Jessen, And I understand but the bigger issue really is what the expectations are and how many hours they are going to work and how many days they are going to report to the office. Because what happen previously shouldn't have happened and we can't allow that again and the parameters that have been set for him in terms of what the expectations are can you elaborate on what those expectations are that have been laid out to him?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes it's everyday five (5) days a week to be here front and center and to be available day and night for whatever may occur.

Mr. Whitten, How long will it take this guy to get here?

Ms. Graham, Yes and can I ask what state?

Mr. Whitten, He lives in Illinois. Do we have an idea on the time?

County Attorney Scott McClure, I think it's 50 minutes.

Mr. Whitten, See that concerns me.

Mr. Larson, The other question is Scott do we have an industry standard that we look to? I mean everyone needs to have one today, you look at superintendents for schools a lot of them move from other areas to take over the charge of running the school corporation. Do we have an expectation of what that would be because they will give them like...ok we will give you a vehicle allowance for that first year but you are on your own that second year you lose it when you are living in the community. Is that something that we discussed or are we approaching that? I would concur with the rest of them that we do have a real problem because that position is so instrumental in protecting our people that I would hope that we could have some kind

of issue to 6 months or 9 months...something where we could say if you want the job we really want you to locate to our community.

Mr. Whitten, I think Scott that you are indicating that is not...

County Attorney Scott McClure, That is not in the cards, he was the first choice out of that committee that you were a part of.

Mr. Larson, Yes.

County Attorney Scott McClure, The job offer was given...

Mr. Larson, His qualifications are stellar.

County Attorney Scott McClure, And he was number one out of that committee and testing for a reason and we attempted the first time and the first time that everyone had the same concerns and that's why we backed off and went with the second choice on that list and now here we are so that's the issue. I will tell you if you remember back to when you were on the search committee we did get interest from other places...

Mr. Larson, Right.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Colorado, Washington State, Arizona but the problem was that the salary requirements were instead of in the 90,000's they were in the \$150,000's.

Mr. Larson, Right.

County Attorney Scott McClure, And so do I to some extent the needle being threaded here that if this position was being issued at \$135,000 to \$140,000 dollars do I think we could go on the market and require that residency or move happen I do. At \$90,000 or less than \$100,000 dollars or less than \$125,000 dollars, or less than \$130,000 dollars do I think that's as easy? No, as far as moving from within the problem is that I guess in the nutshell what I would say is we had a center that has had five directors in ten years, how well do you think the mentoring process has been in the administration that would allow someone to be able to and that's part of the issue. Now it's getting stabilized and getting it to run correctly and at the end of the day our issue is staff.

Mr. Jessen, In round two search did we have an expanded search nationally again or did we rely on previous searches?

County Attorney Scott McClure, We relied on that one. Now that it's been posted and we have been receiving resumes since then.

Mr. Jessen, I am wondering if it would be beneficial having a round two search to have an expanded search it's two years later. We are taking the salary which we advertise at that time at \$75,000 dollars or we ended up giving that person \$75,000 dollars now we are saying we are willing to give them \$93,000 dollars. Would that make a difference would that expand the interest to potential get someone will to move here?

Mr. Larson, The only thing that I would....

County Attorney Scott McClure, At \$93,000 to \$95,000 dollars is that the question?

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Ms. Graham, \$90,000 dollars.

Mr. Larson, That right that's the other issue.

Mr. Whitten, Hold on I want to hear this.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Obviously I don't know for sure unless we did it. But reading the tea leaves I think that we would get interest, however I'm not sure that salary level would be enough to move someone here. Because the other issue we are undoubtedly dealing with is that issue that Bob was touching on is that if you happened to be a hypothetical man or woman living in Wisconsin that would like this job you have to come here, move whoever your family may consist of to a position that has gone through about every twenty-four months there has been an issue and so here we are ten years later and we have had five that's a problem.

Mr. Jessen, I would say that a person is to move to a county and engage with a county that would be that much more likely to be successful.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Our five that we've had have been from here and some from within.

Mr. Whitten, Yes but the last one I have to be honest with you the last one was a head scratcher to me. It just seemed to be a bad fit right from the start so that was almost like a contract to fail.

Mr. Poparad, Will they be on probation? Will they be under someone's watch I mean scrutinized?

County Attorney Scott McClure, I would say that this office has had issues and the technology demands have increased and the problems out there don't seem to go away. The nice thing is that state that the center is in now is nowhere near like it was two years ago it's I have to say better which is really good.

Mr. Larson, So the timeframe is two weeks roughly right? I mean a little more than two weeks without someone in there before we have to fill the position?

Ms. Graham, You mean we are down to where we have to have someone in two weeks?

Mr. Rivas, I thought it was longer than that.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Right now our current director will be leaving September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Ms. Graham, I have a question?

County Attorney Scott McClure, What?

Ms. Graham, Why don't we try being the only woman here on the Council...is there no women that are applying for this? Nobody who is a female who is qualified?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Why?

Ms. Graham, They don't qualify? We've tried five men and that didn't work...

(Laughter)

Mr. Larson, Here now...

Ms. Graham, I don't know I'm just thinking what's the problem.

Mr. Rivas, I think what she is trying to say too is that room is dominated by woman who run the communications center.

Mr. Simms, But this candidate know the situation with all these women correct?

(Laughter)

Mr. Simms, I mean in the process of...

Mr. Whitten, Let me stop you right there.

(Laughter)

Mr. Simms, No, no, no...now wait a second the person that is interviewing understands that there is a lot of women in this role that will be underneath him.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes.

Mr. Larson, This is the first actual 911 Director we've had to this place.

Mr. Simms, Well but I mean that person knowing the situation, I am sure that there was some interview questions that said how have you handled these kind of things?

County Attorney Scott McClure, This individual is aware of our employee roster.

Mr. Simms, Ok and you are comfortable with the answers they gave knowing the employees that they will be working with.

Ms. Graham, That's what I want to know? Has he worked...

Mr. Whitten, You work with who you have.

Ms. Graham, Has he worked or supervised women before?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Is he our first professional 911 Director? Not a retired Fire Chief not a retired Police Chief?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Yes he would be.

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion to approve the \$93,000 and let's see what happens.

Mr. Larson, And that coincides with the other issue.

Mr. Simms, I second it.

Mr. Whitten, So the motion is for the form 144 on the \$97,344 to \$0 and the \$75,712 to \$93,000 correct?

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion is there a second?

Mr. Simms, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Let's get a roll call?

Mr. Larson, Wait a minute can we get some more instruction?

Mr. Whitten, I thought you were done.

Mr. Larson, How is the supervision going to work on this individual?

County Attorney Scott McClure, The Commissioners are going to be responsible to make sure that this works.

Mr. Larson, The group of Commissioners?

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct.

Mr. Larson, Not allowing one individual...

County Attorney Scott McClure, Correct at this point an time...

Mr. Whitten, They may say that.

County Attorney Scott McClure, we are back to all hands on deck where we were two years ago.

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Mr. Larson, I just think that would be a little more...

County Attorney Scott McClure, At this point and time again its 911 no one takes it any more seriously. I mean everyone here knows how serious it is, everyone knows that we've got to do this. This is really the last department that we have kind of been on a spin cycle and so we need to have however much attention needs to be spent will be focused back to do that because we don't really have a choice in all honesty it has to. We have to deal with the outstanding issue which has been and will continue needs to be staffing. That's not unique to us however it is our issue here and to get it staffed it's not so much in finding qualified people it's getting them through the training and getting them on the floor and then getting them to stay here. And so ultimately that's where a lot of the attention is needed and that's probably on the administrative side. On the other side of things doing the increasingly technical side of 911 itself and so ultimately I think probably some of the issues that are making this person less attractive to the point where they have made a contingent offer would be the fact that we believe that this individual has the experience of managing like kind centers from a staffing roster point of view and also dealing with the technical sides so hopefully we are getting both of those.

Mr. Jessen, What assurances can we get from the Commissioner's office to say that this person will be held accountable and it will be no different if he or she lived in Porter County versus Lake County versus Illinois? Because I think the oversight to this position is something that is critical in this whole process and up until now there hasn't been enough. So I don't want to get in a situation and if we've made some guidelines, let's say you are going to work Monday thru Friday at the office to start that would be at the top of the list and there is certainly expectations in terms of number of hours and responsibility and oversight but it obviously needs to be much more intensified then what we have had over the last two directors. So what can we be assured that even though he is not living in Porter County...

Mr. Whitten, Or Indiana

Ms. Graham, Yes or Indiana

Mr. Jessen, So he is not living in Porter County what assurances do we have that he is going to be held accountable to do the job.

County Attorney Scott McClure, Well he if is not held accountable then the Commissioner's office will be again be sitting here trying to fill the spot so they have no choice but to do that and I believe that the Commissioner's office because those conversations have had with this individual and the expectations...

Mr. Whitten, Yes but didn't they do that with the last one? Didn't they give him expectations about when would move into the county and didn't he not meet those expectations? And he wasn't terminated he in fact quit so isn't it true that the last one we had all of that? He just didn't meet them and the issue of his proximity was an issue to the extent that he was working four days a week and I am sure that is a concern.

Mr. Rivas, When the weather flies...I am just not comfortable with this. I am not comfortable with somebody that is not familiar with this landscape over here with the roads and talk about 911 communications he's never been over here that's going to be running the center. That has not given you any indication that he is going to move over here and commute around and live around here and start understanding our different communities. This is an important role I think this one is an important role in my opinion that this person should live in Porter County.

Ms. Graham, I agree.

Mr. Whitten, And I understand the situation that are in and we have a couple of weeks (inaudible) and we just have not a lot of time. We are in a time crunch here and the Commissioners haven't done another national search, we just went back to the well on the last one, who by the way his residency cut him from the list. So I understand (inaudible)...

Mr. Poparad, I guess the underlying question is do we trust the Commissioners to make sure that he's doing the job putting in the hours and making accountable (inaudible)...

Mr. Larson, I guess we have too

Mr. Poparad, Let's fast forward a month from now he brings us another candidate who lives in Porter County does he get a pass if he lives in Porter County? I don't know (inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, Look I give deference to the search committee, I give deference to the Commissioners it's their job to determine whether or not someone is qualified to be hired.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Mr. Whitten, I'm not questioning that, what I'm questioning is the fact and I get that I'm just telling you I have concerns about a position that is critical as the 911 Director living in another state running our 911 and living in Illinois that concerns me. Now normally I don't get into that stuff as you know, I don't get into it that's the Commissioners. We decide how much to pay people how much staff they get and the benefits and all that stuff. They decide who they hire and don't hire but I'm just telling you if this is such a grand concern it's a big problem for me.

Ms. Graham, It's our track record...

Mr. Jessen, Is it a requirement for anybody working for the County to be a Porter County resident?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No.

Ms. Graham, A state resident?

County Attorney Scott McClure, (Inaudible)

Ms. Graham, Nothing?

County Attorney Scott McClure, No (inaudible)

Mr. Simms, There is a lot of people that live in our community that commute to Chicago every day and they are traveling over an hour and they are making it just fine.

Mr. Whitten, Yes but I don't know that they are running an 911 center.

Mr. Simms, Well I mean if this is somebody who is highly qualified beyond what we have had in the past...we're worried about modern technology, cars they don't break down all the time I mean I assume that they would have a good car I sure he is smart enough to do that. He would know to get up early to beat the traffic and I

imagine if it's nasty at night he would spend the night instead of going home so he wouldn't have to deal with that. But if he is a qualified person and it seems like in the past there has been something wrong on qualifications and people have just given in and now maybe there is an opportunity to let a quality individual run the show and hopefully its better than it's been and there will be someone here for years.

Mr. Poparad, I guess we either have to rely on what they are saying or not.

Mr. Larson, That doesn't mean that he...

Mr. Poparad, I mean we don't beat them up when he wanted to hire somebody else.

Mr. Whitten, Let's have a roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Whitten	-	No
Ms. Graham	-	No
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	No
Mr. Simms	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 4 – 3 for the 144 salary changes.

Mr. Whitten, I wish you the best of luck.

Mr. Rivas, Thank you Scott

County Attorney Scott McClure, Your welcome

**Second Reading**

Mr. Whitten, Let's have our second reading please Madam Auditor.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

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

Recorder Perpetuation Fund				
Recorder Perpetuation	1189-11200-000-0004	Hourly	\$	12,000.00
Storm Water Fund				
Storm Water	1182-39500-000-0079	Contractual Services	\$	600,000.00
Park Operation Fund				
Park Operating	1179-22500-000-0803	Other Supplies	\$	7,000.00
Park Operating	1179-39510-000-0803	Contractual Attorney	\$	2,362.50
			\$	9,362.50

Bioterrorism Response Fund
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Bioterrorism Response	8119-39500-000-0610	Contractual Services	\$ 139,365.82
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15-916 LWCF-Park 2018 Fund
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LWCF Park	8147-22500-000-0803	Other Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
LWCF Park	8147-36200-000-0803	Building and Structures R&M	\$ 2,487.66
LWCF Park	8147-44400-000-0803	Furniture & Fixtures over \$100	\$ 6,000.00
			\$ 14,487.66

93.268 Health IIC Immunization Grant Fund
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Health IIC	8205-11200-000-0610	Hourly	\$ 30,576.00
Health IIC	8205-12100-000-0610	FICA	\$ 2,339.00
Health IIC	8205-21100-000-0610	Office Supplies	\$ 263.00
Health IIC	8205-24100-000-0610	Medical & Dental Supplies	\$ 810.00
Health IIC	8205-31300-000-0610	Training & Education	\$ 37,460.00
Health IIC	8205-32300-000-0610	Postage	\$ 1,408.00
Health IIC	8205-45400-000-0610	Other Equipment	\$ 1,618.00
			\$ 74,474.00

2011 Library Improvement Reserve Fund
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2011 LIRF Fund	Westchester Public Library	Personal Services	\$ 11,109.00
2011 LIRF Fund	Westchester Public Library	Other Service & Charges	\$ 26,823.00
			\$ 37,932.00

And that concludes second reading.

Mr. Whitten, Thank you Madam Auditor what's your pleasure on second reading?

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second, roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Graham	-	Yes
Mr. Jessen	-	Yes
Mr. Larson	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes
Mr. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Simms	-	Yes
Mr. Whitten	-	No

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 - 1

Mr. Rivas, Good move.

**Attorney's Report**

Mr. Whitten, Attorney's report.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I don't have anything to report just to ask about what we had talked about at the last meeting regarding the Park Board Resolution? (Inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, Yes so to refresh everyone's memory and Harold can contribute more to this...we had that brief conversation about change for the Park Board and we

have the ability to appoint an Elected County Official to appoint that member. We still maintain our two but we have to decide A.) And I've think we've already decided that we are going to choose someone and that authority won't be going to the Commissioners. But we need to get some indication as to who that person might be and Harold why don't you take it from here what we are down to.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Well the statue is pretty general in that the Council is going to amend the Park Board composition. They can choose to have fifth member you have two (2) members from the Commissioners and two (2) members from the Council. You can choose to have a fifth member who is an Elected Official and so presumable the Ordinance or the Resolution that the Council would make if they choose to make those changes would refer to a particular Elected Office as opposed to a particular Elected Official. I think the Council if they choose to do that you would need to decide because we would need to draft a resolution for the next meeting for the Council to consider if there is going to be a particular office and then that will hold that fifth board member position.

Mr. Whitten, And it seems like we would have to do that by the end of the year but we would want to give this individual ample time for that to happen so we were thinking we need to try to get this accomplished at our September meeting. I don't know if we are ready to discuss it tonight so that Harold could put this together or do we want to reach out and discuss it amongst ourselves so that we could get it to Harold so he is ready at our next meeting.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, And if you want to do that at the next meeting I can have a Resolution ready for November I just...

Mr. Whitten, We want to give them as much time as we possibly can because when you get into November you have the Holidays (inaudible) for the Park Board. Bob do you have a question?

Mr. Poparad, So we get to designate once they pick them? Or will they have appointment powers?

Mr. Whitten, She is not our appointment she just gets to pick them and it has to be a County Elected Official not us and not the Commissioners.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, The person who appoints has to be an Elected County Official and they cannot appoint a Commissioner or a Council Member.

Mr. Whitten, So my hopes and dreams of being on the Park Board are dashed once again.

Mr. Poparad, If you resign we'll put you on the Park Board.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, So we have Judges, we've got Recorder, Auditor, Coroner, Sheriff...final criteria it has to be a democrat...

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, So that's our choices it's not unlimited we just have to decide logically what it the most seamless and what makes more sense.

Mr. Jessen, So for my clarification for the remainder of the year the Park Board remains in tack.

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, Do all the members/appointees know that or is it kind of up in the air still a question?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, This statue is crystal clear...

Mr. Whitten, Our appointee's know because I told them. I don't know about the other appointees though.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, And the statute is clear that the composition of the Board the way it is currently stays the same unless the Council makes the change before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. If the Council doesn't do it then the Commissioners have the option to do that and if the Commissioners don't then it stays the same.

Mr. Poparad, The more I hear the more I like to do the option.

Mr. Whitten, So along that vein Harold with the appointment our two Park Board members irrespectively of who we have currently we will need to reappoint two people effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes and if you decide to exercise that option the two appointments that we have one has to be of different parties and same with the Commissioners they each have to be of each party.

Mr. Whitten, So I don't know if you guys have any ideas tonight? Do you want to talk about this...any preferences?

Mr. Larson, I served on the Foundation but I think that Judges have a vested interest in the Park Board just because they have several people that would be interested in doing it (inaudible) so that's one of my thoughts. I know they have had appointments in the past...

Mr. Whitten, The Circuit Court Judge had a couple.

Mr. Poparad, Can I ask a question Dan?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, If I (inaudible) so if we clean the slate in January everybody's term is up four years later?

Mr. Whitten, I don't know the answer to that question.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, The way this statute is written is it is a new board and they have to...the Council and the Commissioners have to reappoint so presumable if someone's in the middle of their term they potentially could not be reappointed or (inaudible)...

Mr. Poparad, Do all terms start at ground zero?

Mr. Whitten, See he's asking as we are looking forward are there staggered terms like they are now?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, You know I don't think the statute addresses staggering but I can look at that.

Mr. Whitten, Why don't you look into that...yes why don't you dig into that a little bit but that's the issue with our two appointments that's not the thing with the fifth member. And certainly Harold you've gotten the message from all of this that we will be executing that authority to name somebody so we are past that question.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, So we've got some thoughts here I don't want Harold to draft up a Resolution/Ordinance naming somebody...

Mr. Poparad, We could leave the office holder blank till we decide and then we can fill in the blank later.

Mr. Whitten, Well I mean if we are going to do that we might as well wait on the whole thing. The whole idea is to give that person ample notice and we don't have to do it at our next meeting we could wait till October if you want. I just kind of want you all...we want to get it done and give them a couple of months.

Mr. Jessen, Just bring it forward next month with it blank and then we will figure it out.

Mr. Poparad, We need to pick it out amongst ourselves we can arm wrestle for it.

Mr. Whitten, You win.

Ms. Graham, How about a woman.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Alright so Harold get the documents together that you need and get our answer on the staggered terms is on the new Board and between now and the next meeting we'll have conversations about striking a line on ones that just make no sense and we'll see if we can't just come together at that meeting so we are ready. Is everybody ok with that?

Mr. Larson, Yes.

### **Any other matter that may come properly before the Council**

#### **Westchester Public Library – Director Lisa Stamm**

- Westchester Public Library – Library Improvement Reserve Fund (LIRF) Additional Appropriation Resolution/Ordinance

Mr. Whitten, Westchester Public Library.

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Hello

Mr. Whitten, How are you?

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, I am doing well.

Mr. Whitten, So Harold you and I have talked a little bit about this so why don't you kind of give us the reader's digest version of why this isn't for us?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, The Westchester Public Library was originally constituted as a merger Lisa may know this more accurately (inaudible) is between the Town of Porter and ...

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, And the Township.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Right and the statute they have funds that are...that have been there for a little bit and need to be used to...

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, We have saved these funds so it's called Library Improvement Reserve Fund (LIRF) and they have saved over the years. I am almost a year and one half in so my predecessor the (inaudible) director saved and my Board has safely invested so it's multiplied and we have these funds to take care of the many, many projects that we have for locations that have aged. So this is the first ever request for an additional appropriation from this separate fund that we have.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, And the statute that deals with additional appropriations for Library Boards explicitly states that the Board go to the City, Town or the County fiscal body it does not mention Townships. So there was a question whether the Library Board Attorney as to whether the Township be the body to

approve this or would it be the Council? The DLGF looked at this and their opinion was given the...I wouldn't say uncertainty but given that the Township is not explicitly named the Council was the appropriate body. The money is there and the Council is certainly part of the Levy Limit that we have to look at tonight anyways and looks at Westchester's Levy and so I think for those reasons I think it's safe for the Council to approve that. Certainly the Township could have (inaudible)

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, And from what DLGF told me repeatedly it would be the Council.

Mr. Whitten, Do we have the Resolution tonight?

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Yes I have copies (inaudible)...

Mr. Whitten, Joy do we have copies of that?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, No.

Mr. Whitten, How in the world are we going to vote on something without a copies?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, I didn't receive any copies so I couldn't include them.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have copies?

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Yes

Mr. Larson, Can you just share those with us for a minute so that we can look at the Resolution?

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Sure

Mr. Larson, Thank you.

Mr. Whitten, So the law that has changed with respect to oversight of Library budgets doe that affect them?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, That's a great question and we've talked about that as well the oversight law refers specifically to the Council funding that particular library or creating is what I believe the statue refers to and the Council/County did not create the Westchester Library.

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Correct.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, It was the Township and the Town of Porter so arguable under the statue the Council would not have that oversight but apparently the State is trying to clarify that for everybody because it's...

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Per DLGF it is because that was my question and the Library's attorneys question as well. But again both times after they finally got back to me that indeed after the County Board approved it (inaudible).

Westchester Public Library Attorney, If you take a look at the statue that Mr. Harper was referring to in order for the Council to be involved in the budget oversight irrespective of this additional appropriation you had to adopt a resolution by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year and you had to...

Mr. Whitten, Next year though.

Westchester Public Library Attorney, Well it could have been this year, next year you don't have to step into the mud unless you choose to do so.

Mr. Whitten, Right.

Westchester Public Library Attorney, But if you choose to do so you have to give notice to all the taxing units in the county (inaudible) and adopt a resolution that you are going to step into the role of having oversight over library budgets. You may remember some of you old-timers that there was a time when all the libraries came to the Council and Council said looks good and signed off on it or whatever. We got away from that and now we are back again but we are only back again if you decide if that's a role that you want to have. If you don't decide that's the role you want to have you don't have to accept that responsibility.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, There's also a trigger as well...

Mr. Whitten, It has to do with the available funds or (inaudible)...

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, There was a lot of question about when that trigger actually explodes or is detonated because it's a 150% and we've got the 18-month ruling (inaudible) tax draws so there are a lot of questions that exist about this.

Mr. Poparad, Do you need a motion for us not to be involved?

Mr. Whitten, So let me ask Vicki this question, it's not so much a question for you guys, so remind me did we determine or do we know if our Porter County Library Board falls under that? Is it something that...

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, We don't know yet because the word from the DLGF is that if they are going to issue more clarifying guideline and they expect and I just heard it from them today that they expect that this guideline is going to come out after the start of the year.

Mr. Whitten, So in terms of this Library we may not want to step in and our Library Board does not want us to step in by the way.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Right.

Mr. Whitten, They made that clear.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, It has been determined that there is one library system in Indiana that definitely meets the criteria and that's my (inaudible) library in Whiting Indiana.

Mr. Whitten, So you don't know yet and it may not happen till after the first of the year.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, As Lisa said there is lots of questions.

Mr. Poparad, Do we want to convey to the folks in front of us that we're not going to stick our nose in that?

Mr. Whitten, Let's wait and see (inaudible)

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, I would be delighted to hear that.

Mr. Whitten, Yeah but that's (inaudible) I just through that out but that's got nothing really to do with this so have you seen this phantom resolution? Has everybody got a copy?

Mr. Jessen, Yes

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, So this is our first foray into requesting funds so I started small and I'm glad I did because it gives us a chance to

suss out what this means and how the process will be and we have two projects, a sinking patio and a faulty staff door, so the two of those is approximately \$37,000 dollars to pull from the LIRF fund.

Mr. Poparad, Do you need a motion Dan?

Mr. Whitten, Can I get a motion?

Mr. Poparad, I make the motion.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second on this so we are doing this as a resolution Harold?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, The statue refers to a resolution from the fiscal body (see below).

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the \_\_Porter County Council\_\_\_\_\_  
(Governing Body)  
of \_\_Westchester Public Library\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_Porter\_\_ County, that for the expenses of the  
(Taxing Unit) (County)  
taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds  
named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name: 2011 LIRF	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ 11,109._____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Services & Charges	\$ 26,823._____	\$ _____
Township Assistance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2011 LIRF Fund:	\$ 37,932._____	\$ _____

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Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Mr. Whitten, Because it's called Resolution/Ordinance which (inaudible)...So I assume that motion is by title only? Let's get a roll call on this?

Mr. Jessen, Can I ask a quick question?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, How much is in that fund after the \$38,000 dollars is gone?

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, We have approximately \$8,000,000 dollars.

Ms. Graham, Wow.

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Yes

Mr. Whitten, We are taking our oversight.

(Laughter)

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Hold on I have a list of problems...a stack of them that need to be done immediately.

Mr. Poparad, I rescind my motion.

(Laughter)

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, (Inaudible) and really not to be facetious I have a ton of expensive projects that need to happen like a new roof tops, new HVAC so we have saved this money for this purpose.

Ms. Graham, Yes you have.

Mr. Whitten, So we have a motion and a second can I get a roll call on this please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Ms. Graham, Congratulations on saving that money.

Mr. Larson, Really that is awesome.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have anymore questions for us? Anything else that you need from us tonight?

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, I believe that I need your signatures...

Mr. Whitten, That is going to happen, that is going to happen real soon. So we are signing off on that so thank you very much.

Westchester Public Library Director Lisa Stamm, Thank you.

**Levy Limits and Tax Caps – Auditor Vicki Urbanik**

- Council Review of Levy Limits and Tax Caps per IC 6-1.1-17-3.6

Mr. Whitten, And then Vicki let's get to the next thing which will be our Levy Limits and Tax Caps.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Do you want me to go up there?

Mr. Whitten, Go on up there.

Mr. Poparad, Do we need to sign our names?

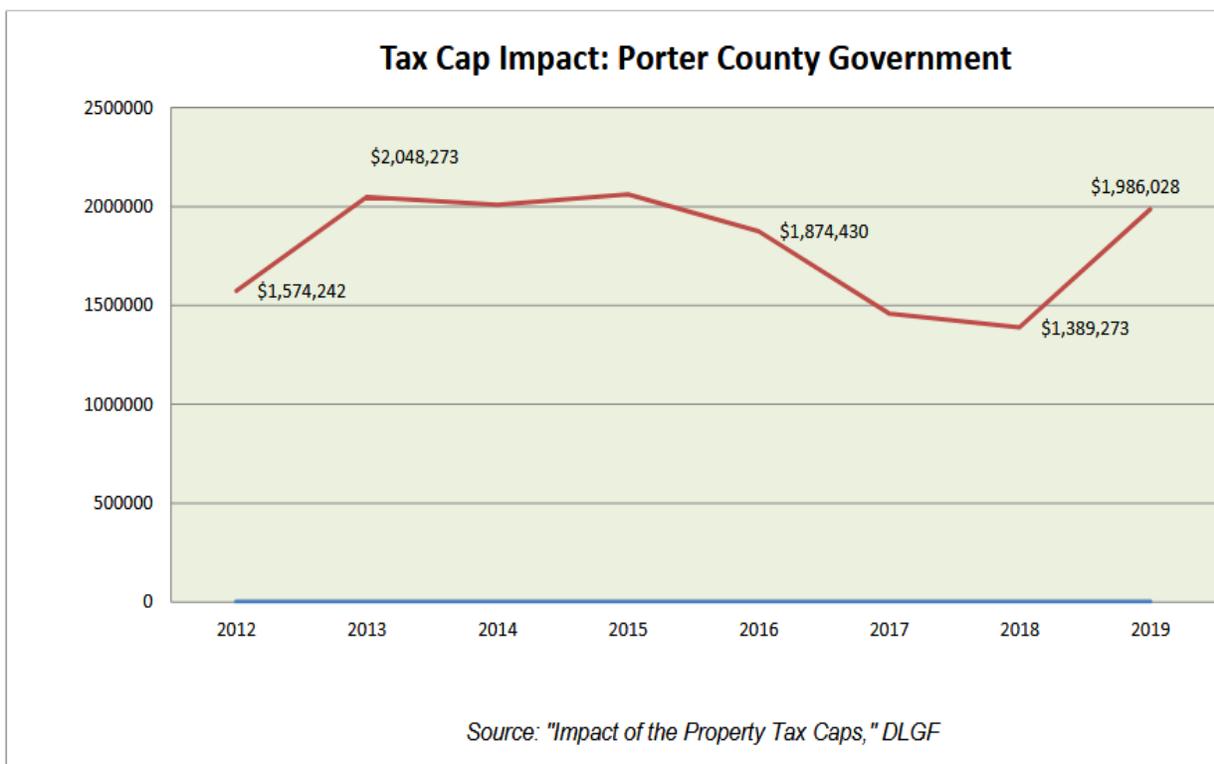
Mr. Whitten, Yes it is coming your way.

Mr. Poparad, Alright.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Ok Councilmembers as you may recall State Statute requires that at your first meeting in August you must review the State's estimated Maximum Levies and the State's estimated Tax Caps, not just for the County Government but for all taxing units in the County.

Mr. Poparad, Does that include the Public Libraries?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes they are in there too and rather than have you look up all of these reports yourself we in the Auditor's office have gathered the relevant numbers for you and should be in your packets. So it give you the numbers are available online from the State reports and again these are only estimates and it shows what the Maximum Levies are expected to be and then what the Maximum Tax Caps losses are expected to be.



## Estimates of Maximum Property Tax Levies and Revenue Losses due to Tax Caps, 2020

Compiled by the Porter County Auditor's Office

Presented to the Porter County Council, August 2019 in accordance with I.C. 6-1.1-17-3.6

To look at the Porter County Government our max levy is expected to go up to \$42,372,391 dollars (see chart below) that's for a tax supported funds not just the General Fund but all property tax supported funds. Now why that might sound like good news the estimated funding loss due to the Tax Caps is also estimated \$2.7 million dollars for Porter County Government and you can see when you put together the numbers for the Municipalities as well as for the Schools the Libraries and the Townships. All of this is taken directly from the State reports.

**Estimated Max Levies and Tax Caps: Porter County and Municipalities**

	Estimated Maximum Levy			Estimated Loss Due to Tax Caps		
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
<b>Porter County</b>						
Porter County government*	\$ 42,372,391	\$ 40,936,606	\$ 39,523,812	\$ 2,776,702	\$ 2,362,123	\$ 1,928,006
Porter County Airport	\$ 639,276.00	\$ 617,658	\$ 597,348	\$ 55,598	\$ 42,119	\$ 33,112
<b>Municipalities</b>						
Valparaiso City**	\$ 16,511,640	\$ 15,955,841	\$ 15,426,090	\$ 1,855,488	\$ 1,618,145	\$ 1,851,624
Valparaiso Fire Territory**	\$ 6,795,146	\$ 6,565,358	\$ 6,349,476	\$ 507,326	\$ 441,905	\$ 498,704
Portage City	\$ 18,102,556	\$ 17,490,694	\$ 16,918,449	\$ 2,460,059	\$ 1,631,407	\$ 1,188,904
Chesterton Town	\$ 6,244,397	\$ 6,038,338	\$ 5,839,260	\$ 767,096	\$ 717,524	\$ 621,751
Beverly Shores	\$ 529,667	\$ 515,184	\$ 500,260	\$ 22,800	\$ 264,122	\$ 17
Burns Harbor	\$ 226,841	\$ 2,153,200	\$ 2,091,068	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ 40
Dune Acres	\$ 414,145	\$ 401,262	\$ 389,001	\$ 4,893	\$ 6,027	\$ 3,734
Hebron	\$ 830,258	\$ 803,244	\$ 777,559	\$ 137,124	\$ 260,973	\$ 160,556
Kouts	\$ 403,163	\$ 387,342	\$ 375,564	\$ 363	\$ 3,229	\$ 2,523
Ogden Dunes	\$ 870,800	\$ 841,685	\$ 816,520	\$ 76,876	\$ 37,063	\$ 3,500
Porter	\$ 2,733,408	\$ 2,644,667	\$ 2,542,386	\$ 464,309	\$ 368,848	\$ 293,416
Pines	\$ 128,206	\$ 123,871	\$ 119,798	\$ 217	\$ 5,937	\$ 127

Notes:

The maximum levies shown are for all funds within a taxing unit subject to the max levy limitations.  
 \* The max levy estimate shown here for the county differs from the DLGF's estimate due to Auditor Office adjustments to reflect the latest Porter-Starke estimate and OE's requested levy-funded appropriation.  
 \*\*Two sets of levy and tax cap figures are given for Valparaiso, due to the fire territory, which also includes Center Township.

Sources:  
 "2020 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report"  
 "Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for Budget Year 2020"  
 "2020 Maximum Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Appropriations"  
 "2019 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report"  
 "2018 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report"  
 "Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for Budget Year 2019"  
 "Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for Budget Year 2018"

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**Estimated Max Levies and Tax Caps: Schools, Libraries, West Porter Fire**

	Estimated Maximum Levy			Estimated Loss Due to Tax Caps		
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
<b>Schools</b>						
Boone Township	\$ 1,430,812	\$ 1,382,427		\$ 521,893	\$ 1,707,421	\$ 685,886
Duneland	\$ 14,593,916	\$ 14,100,402		\$ 984,785	\$ 978,183	\$ 711,230
East Porter County	\$ 4,116,419	\$ 3,967,415		\$ 264,098	\$ 170,102	\$ 84,493
Porter Township	\$ 2,728,212	\$ 2,635,954		\$ 2,120	\$ 976	\$ 5,693
Union Township	\$ 3,067,476	\$ 2,963,745		\$ 3,032	\$ 2,165	\$ 1,734
Portage Township	\$ 11,585,043	\$ 11,193,278		\$ 2,505,577	\$ 1,230,552	\$ 595,625
Valparaiso	\$ 10,135,182	\$ 9,792,446		\$ 1,451,061	\$ 996,829	\$ 1,147,619
<b>Libraries</b>						
Westchester Public Library	\$ 3,286,760	\$ 3,175,614	\$ 3,071,193	\$ 223,620	\$ 174,399	\$ 141,503
Porter County Public Library	\$ 5,749,774	\$ 5,555,337	\$ 5,372,666	\$ 353,726	\$ 299,423	\$ 231,492
<b>West Porter Fire District</b>						
	\$ 139,569	\$ 134,849	\$ 130,415	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 115

**A Note about School Max Levies**  
 The state began a new fund structure for Indiana's public schools beginning in 2019. Prior to 2019, the state's max levy estimates for schools excluded the Capital Projects Fund levies. The DLGF max levy reports now include all levies that make up the school operations fund.

**Estimated Max Levies and Tax Caps: Townships**

Township	Estimated Maximum Levy			Estimated Loss Due to Tax Caps		
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
<b>Boone</b>						
Fire	\$ 45,107	\$ 43,582	\$ 42,149			
Civil	\$ 145,505	\$ 140,585	\$ 135,962			
	\$ 190,612	\$ 184,167	\$ 178,111	\$ 21,843	\$ 52,995	\$ 26,432
<b>Center</b>						
Civil	\$ 610,673	\$ 590,022	\$ 570,621	\$ 61,997	\$ 37,358	\$ 43,021
<b>Jackson</b>						
Fire	\$ 80,718	\$ 77,988	\$ 75,424			
Civil	\$ 42,405	\$ 40,971	\$ 39,624			
	\$ 123,123	\$ 118,959	\$ 115,048	\$ 663	\$ 508	\$ 445
<b>Liberty</b>						
Fire	\$ 241,146	\$ 232,991	\$ 225,330			
Civil	\$ 153,068	\$ 147,892	\$ 143,029			
	\$ 394,214	\$ 380,883	\$ 368,359	\$ 4,126	\$ 3,810	\$ 3,395
<b>Morgan</b>						
Fire	\$ 53,205	\$ 51,406	\$ 49,716			
Civil	\$ 32,954	\$ 31,840	\$ 30,793			
	\$ 86,159	\$ 83,246	\$ 80,509	\$ -	\$ 34	\$ 8
<b>Pine</b>						
Fire	\$ 57,132	\$ 55,200	\$ 53,385			
Civil	\$ 69,936	\$ 67,571	\$ 65,349			
	\$ 127,068	\$ 122,771	\$ 118,734	\$ 672	\$ 8,070	\$ 56
<b>Pleasant</b>						
Fire	\$ 57,591	\$ 55,643	\$ 53,813			
Civil	\$ 194,385	\$ 187,812	\$ 181,636			
	\$ 251,976	\$ 243,455	\$ 235,449	\$ -	\$ 574	\$ 433
<b>Portage</b>						
Fire	\$ 514,949	\$ 497,535	\$ 481,175			
Civil	\$ 1,801,109	\$ 1,740,202	\$ 1,682,981			
	\$ 2,316,058	\$ 2,237,737	\$ 2,164,156	\$ 267,838	\$ 148,479	\$ 111,651
<b>Porter</b>						
Fire	\$ 233,625	\$ 225,725	\$ 218,303			
Civil	\$ 88,417	\$ 85,427	\$ 82,618			
	\$ 322,042	\$ 311,152	\$ 300,921	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ 375
<b>Union</b>						
Fire	\$ 285,968	\$ 276,298	\$ 267,213			
Civil	\$ 77,313	\$ 74,699	\$ 72,243			
	\$ 363,281	\$ 350,997	\$ 339,456	\$ 243	\$ 186	\$ 168
<b>Washington</b>						
Fire	\$ 111,321	\$ 107,557	\$ 104,020			
Civil	\$ 97,197	\$ 93,910	\$ 90,822			
	\$ 208,518	\$ 201,467	\$ 194,842	\$ 5,007	\$ 3,020	\$ 1,701
<b>Westchester</b>						
Fire	\$ 42,838	\$ 41,389	\$ 40,028			
Civil	\$ 94,648	\$ 91,447	\$ 88,440	\$ 6,283	\$ 5,008	\$ 4,098
	\$ 137,486	\$ 132,836	\$ 128,468			

Mr. Whitten, What are you doing back over there?

Council Administrative Assistant Joy Blakely, Trying to help Harold out.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, That's alright.

Mr. Rivas, Getting sunburned?

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, Alright so give us the long and short of what we are looking at.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Well basically we're looking at a variety of increases in the Maximum Levy and that's not unexpected the levies tend to go up every year, but the Tax Cap Levy Losses are also expected to go up.

Mr. Poparad, What did we loss last year in this do you know?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Countywide it was about \$1.9 million dollars between 2018 and 2019.

Mr. Poparad, What kind of percent? About 50% loss?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, About 50%?

Mr. Poparad, We lost more money last year then we did this time because it's \$2.7 million.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That still only an estimate, we don't really know what the Tax Cap losses are until after the numbers come out.

Mr. Whitten, So that brings up an interesting point Vicki if you could mention it at our budget session for next year's budget?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, We've also talked about this too.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, We know that we don't have unlimited funds.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Correct.

Mr. Whitten, We know that we can expect some increase here to our available money which (inaudible) money for our General Fund.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, So are we talking about a million dollars?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, A million dollars meaning that would be your increase?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That you are allow to budget?

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, And in that million dollars there is about \$80,000 to \$90,000 dollars mandated raise increases?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, Which leaves \$900,000 dollars and change and as we just mentioned as a thinking piece that September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 we start out with the loss of the Hospital Interest fund correct?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That has been...

Mr. Whitten, Budgeted?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, And that is about \$500,000 dollars?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, So we are going to have to deal with that and in a cursory review of the requested increases by the various departments we are north of \$2,000,000 million dollars of requested increases.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes and those requested are just a little under \$2,000,000 million dollars.

Mr. Whitten, Oh ok.

Mr. Larson, One of those is a large item it's pretty substantial.

Mr. Whitten, We have Board of Elections and Registration and it's a big hit.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And roughly the \$2,000,000 million dollar figure that you spoke of does not include any raises, new positions or special requests. When you add those in we are looking at roughly about \$3,000,000 million dollars increase.

Mr. Whitten, And before we get to any discussion about the raises across the board for county employees and a 5% raise brings us to \$4,000,000 million dollars right? Give or take (inaudible) dollars?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes slightly over a million dollars actually.

Mr. Whitten, So 3% raise is \$700,000 to \$800,000 dollars?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, So this is going to be an incredibly daunting task. It's going to be a very difficult budget session.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, And just to let all of you know we are compiling all those numbers and we have many of those number already compiled. But we are going through all of the figures one last time just to make sure that we are not missing anything and we will have all that available for you at budget hearing time.

Mr. Whitten, Ok.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, But going back to the Levy and the Tax Caps the State statute also requires that we issue a recommendation to all the taxing units. This now takes the place of that non-binding review that you used to do a few years ago. So basically in the past your recommendation has been to be mindful of the Maximum Levies and the Tax Caps when preparing your budgets. If that is your recommendation to all taxing units I will send that recommendation out. Alternatively we could just send out the meeting minutes to all the taxing units.

Mr. Whitten, No I think it's kind of good to send them a letter just to let them know that we care.

Ms. Graham, Absolutely

Mr. Whitten, So does anybody have and I know that it seems like a really (inaudible) but does anybody have a problem with this? It's not binding it's almost a finger wagging or (inaudible) so does anybody have a problem with us doing that same just sort of a general statement to stay within you Maximum Levy?

Mr. Poparad, It's just us (inaudible) the State is going to (inaudible) anyway.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have a problem with that? So can I get a motion to that effect?

Mr. Larson, Motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Vicki you have our approval.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Yes and as I've done in the I've sent out this report to the taxing units after your review it will be posted online.

Mr. Whitten, Ok, when this first started in the beginning we received calls from Municipalities angry that we gave them the finger waging but then along the path they realized that it's non-binding so they don't call anymore so that's kind of the end result. So alright, with all that having been said anything else that any of the members want to bring forward tonight? Anybody from the audience?

Dune Acres Clerk Treasurer Jan Bapst, I just want to comment after Vicki's report I'm the Clerk Treasurer from the Town of Dune Acres this is actually a retirement job for me I worked for many, many years in the school administration in our neighboring county and I have to say that working with Vicki it is like night and day and I hope that everybody in the Council realizes the great job she does getting settlements two weeks before the end of the year via electronic transfer is unbelievable in comparison to what other counties are doing and she just does a fantastic job.

Mr. Whitten, A little known fact she was the Council's budget specialist before she became Auditor.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, That's where I learned everything.

Mr. Whitten, So she is awesome.

Mr. Jessen, Thank you for saying that we agree.

Ms. Graham, Here, here!

Mr. Rivas, Our problem is she is term limited.

Ms. Graham, Yes this is a problem.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, Thank you Jan, really it's tribute to my staff they do an awesome job.

Dune Acres Clerk Treasurer Jan Bapst, The amount of training that you do for your staff I think it should be copied by other departments.

Mr. Larson, We concur with that as well.

Mr. Whitten, Alright guys can I get a motion to adjourn?

Ms. Graham, Wait one more.

Mr. Rivas, Hold on.

Dune Acres Resident Sarah Smenyak, I'll come over there, my name is Sarah Smenyak and I do live here in the Town of Dune Acres. I have contacted a few people including the newspapers as of late there has been some discussion about the status of the Calumet Trail. I am sure that none of you guys have road your bikes over here or tried to ride on the Calumet Trail to get here but it is an ongoing concern. There is

an online petition that has over 800 signatures to try to seek funding to get that trail improved. I have been listening to you and I know that budget is an issue and money is an issue. But I think you also know that there are some State grants for trails that are coming up and the application are opening up I believe in October and I am here to really encourage you guys to look at encouraging the County to apply for those grants. It would benefit the County in a lot of different ways to have a more useable trail. Currently if you guys stop over there and take a look it is dirt...not even dirt that can be used for mountain bikes it's...I'm a runner I've been a runner for years and I coached Cross Country for years in Portage and now I live in this community. It's not even that great for running on because the rocks are so big that it's difficult, I have a bad knee now and I don't like to run on it. But that's just me personally also biking is difficult because of the puddles if you go east of the train station it's almost impassable because the puddles are so large there are actually tadpoles in them.

Mr. Larson, Can we address that?

Mr. Whitten, Well hold on a second so go ahead and finish.

Dune Acres Resident Sarah Smenyak, Ok so I have made it through there muddy very wet and it is not impassable but it is not comfortable to get through. The last part...the last point I would like to make is it is a really important part and a link to the Marquette Greenway Trail System and at some point I know that Michigan City got their trail approved, I know that Portage is working on their trail put in place. It would be possible to ride a bike from Chicago up to New Buffalo and I would hate to see that this portion...the Porter County portion to keep that trail from being an amazing trail and it would draw tourists here we have the National Park and the State Park with people being able to use that. It would help our county in a lot of different ways and we could do it at very minimal cost if we are looking for applying for these grants.

Mr. Whitten, So along that point we've talked and we are aware of it and we are aware of the same grant. We have had some meetings myself and Councilman Simms actually had a meeting early on. We have had meeting with the Commissioners to talk about money and the grant we know that it is time sensitive.

Dune Acres Resident Sarah Smenyak, Right.

Mr. Whitten, And Mike here it's a little known fact that he has rode for four hundred and some miles on his bike...well done.

Mr. Jessen, Not on the Calumet Trail.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, So yes we are aware.

Mr. Poparad, It is something that is on everybody's radar.

Mr. Whitten, Yes, so it's not something that is lost upon us and we hear you.

Dune Acres Resident Sarah Smenyak, And I appreciate that and that's basically why I am here to make sure that it's staying on your radar.

Mr. Whitten, Sounds good.

Dune Acres Resident Sarah Smenyak, Thank you very much.

Mr. Whitten, Jeff did you have something more to add or is that it?

Mr. Larson, Well I did but I think we've addressed it. I think there is some engineering aspects to that trail that we are trying to look at so there is a genuine interest in accomplishing what you want it's just that some of the agreements have in the past don't fit well with what the County would do and really leave us on (inaudible) with some of those responsibilities.

Mr. Whitten, And there was some more on the engineering because some of that stuff is antiquated and if it would still be applicable...

Dune Acres Resident Sarah Smenyak, I know it really needs to be updated.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Mr. Whitten, So ok with that having been said can I get a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, I have a yes and a second all those in favor signify by saying Aye?

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
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