

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

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

The Regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

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

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, Good Morning this is the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll – August 23rd, 2019.

Approval of Minutes – August 13th, 2019.

Approval of Claims – August 8th, August 15th, August 22nd and August 29th, 2019.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

ARTISTIC SERVICES AGREEMENTS

1. Nate Miller
2. Angela Heid
3. Sarah Leho
4. Allison Granat
5. Erin Sharpe

VENUE RENTAL AGREEMENTS

1. **Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce – Non Profit (2) dates.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Com. Good, We have three announcements to make. There will be a press release going out today where we are announcing repaving projects and lane restrictions on North Calumet and Meridian Rd. The roads will not be closed for those 2 projects, but they will slow for paving and these are two main north/south arterial roads in the center part of the County. This is also part of our Community Crossing Grants Fund for the State of Indiana. So we wanted to announce that there will be some repaving projects and lane restrictions on North Calumet and Meridian Rd. in Porter County. We also wanted to make some changes from now until the end of the year on the remaining Commissioners' meetings. We have had some schedule conflicts with Commissioners traveling. The next Commissioners' meetings from now until the end of the year are October 8th, November 5th, December 3rd and December 17th at 10:00 a.m. Again, they will all be held in this Chamber. Please make a note of those dates. We will also be changing the website and any other documents that people go to be able to look at these meetings. The last thing that I wanted to announce today was over the last several weeks the Planning Commission and Code Enforcement have been very successful. Over the last couple of years moving towards taking down unwanted buildings in certain neighborhoods. We've been making a push on that for the last couple of years. It actually takes a long time for these things to work through the system and be able to finally get the rights to go in and take these buildings down. There were 7 buildings approved at the meeting several weeks ago. We've already started on one in the South Haven Subdivision. We tore it down, but you will be seeing the County out there doing more work on these. We have another group of properties that are on the next que to take through the process and we are going to continue to be diligent in getting people that are not taking care of their

properties in trying to bring them up to the County standards. This is just something that the Board of Commissioners has decided to do. For many years there was no money in the Unsafe Building Fund. I know several years ago this Board moved to take a portion of ancillary building permits and other things to move it towards the Unsafe Building Fund. Now we actually have money in the Unsafe Building Fund and we are going to continue to keep that replenished and we are going to continue to keep moving forward to get rid of some of the eye sores out there along with helping some homeowners that may need some help. That is a big task and I would like to thank the Board for moving through on this and I would also like to thank the Plan Commission and the Code Enforcement. We've have also been working with Portage Township in South Haven. They have been helping us tagging certain homes that haven't been mowing their yards and doing other things. We're moving into the South Haven district and trying to work with the township in trying to get some of these houses back up to speed so the neighbors can enjoy the same benefits that everyone does in that subdivision. We're pretty happy about that and we will continue to keep monitoring and pushing forward on this initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS

NIPSCO – An agreement for Extension of Facilities for the provision of Electric Service beyond standard service.

Com. Good, This is in regards to the Portage Annex Project. As you know we are adding a new facility up there that we are sharing with Portage Township and the Food Bank in Portage. Obviously when you build a new facility you need to get an agreement with NIPSCO and this is that part of what we are working on today is that correct Atty. McClure?

Atty. McClure, It is.

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

VALPO COURTHOUSE RENO – PAY APPS. & RETAINAGE

Gariup Construction – Pay App. #9 in the amount of \$15,000.00 for General Trades. With a remaining balance of \$57,448.85.

Gariup Construction – Pay App. #10 in the amount of \$57,448.85 for General Trades. This is the final payment.

Gatlin Plumbing & Heating – Pay App. #18083-6 in the amount of \$6,794.40 for plumbing and heating. With a remaining balance of \$3,924.20.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Retainage in the amount of \$2,663.75. This is the final payment.

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

EXPO CENTER RENO – PAY APPS., RETAINAGE & CHANGE ORDS.

Continental Electric – Pay App. #11 in the amount of \$38,729.30 for electrical work. This is the final payment.

Keough Mechanical – Pay App. #6 in the amount of \$5,047.60 for plumbing. This is the final payment.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Retainage in the amount \$17,143.55 for flooring. This is the final payment.

Oosterbaan & Sons – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$213,768.00 for painting. With a remaining balance of \$11,251.00.

E.C. Babilla – Change Ord. #1 in the amount of \$1,281.00 to repair leaks in existing roof at Expo East/West.

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

157 FRANKLIN ST. RENO – PAY APPS.

Circle “R” Mechanical – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$24,653.92 for plumbing. With a remaining balance of \$188,716.08.

Continental Electric – Pay App. #2 in the amount of \$43,162.96 for electrical. With a remaining balance of \$1,057,537.88.

Midwest Tile & Interiors – Pay App. #2 in the amount of \$9,737.50 for flooring. With a remaining balance of \$202,377.50.

Stevens Engineers & Constructors – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$165,953.60 for engineering work. With a remaining balance of \$1,234,046.40.

Pangere Corp. – Pay App. #1 in the amount of \$328,922.68 for material and labor. With a remaining balance of \$888,077.32.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the pay apps. for the 157 Franklin St. renovations, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

NORTH COUNTY ANNEX RENO – CHANGE ORD.

Ziolkowski Const. – Change Ord. #4 in the amount of \$59,248.00 to provide additional sidewalk in accordance with ASI and remove unsuitable soils.

Com. Good, We had to remove an area of bad soil where we are putting part of the parking lot and sidewalks.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the change order for the North County Annex renovations, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

HEALTH DEPT. – CONNIE RUDD, DIRECTOR OF NURSING

A request to hold a blood drive with the American Red Cross at the Admin. Building on Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Blood Mobile would be parked outside of the Admin. Building with permission for donors to use the restrooms inside if needed.

Ms. Rudd, I would like to introduce you to my friends. This is Trish Cochran, she is our local representative for the American Red Cross and Jan Dick has been volunteering for giving blood 129 pints I think I heard him say this morning. The Health Dept. would like to sponsor a blood drive. We haven't done one in quite some time because we come inside and we haven't had an inside to do it for a long time. They will bring their blood mobile and park outside. We were hoping to line it up on a Tuesday with the Market in place hoping that we can pull as many people as we could, employees and outside folks and get as many people as we could on one particular day. You have particular questions about that that is why Trish and Jan are here to answer any of those questions. I know they need a bathroom from us and that is about it in case anyone gets ill. We need to park it as close as we can to get into a bathroom so whether that is up here on the front or on the side of Lafayette Street to come in on the ramp. Whichever way is the safest. I spoke to Ray about that so I just need to get approval from all of you. We are going to post these all over our buildings and the day of the blood drive we will have a nice sandwich sign out to try to get people's attention. If they didn't see the blood mobile hopeful they will see the signs and or both. We are hoping to have a successful day. I was just looking at stats before we came up here and I was telling Jan that 36,000 units of blood are needed every day across the United States and we're sure with Dorian the hurricane hitting that they are going to need some more. Usually summer is the time that they are really down on blood supply.

Com. Biggs, Don't you think parked out front would probably get a better response because all of the activity is there in front of the park.

Ms. Cochran, Are you referring to the East side of the building?

Com. Biggs, Yes, right here.

Ms. Cochran, Yes I think the East side would be the best because it is also the flattest part. It seems like on the North side the street is a little bit slanted. If we could be on the East we would have the best visibility and the flattest section.

Com. Good, I know we have one spot over there for Porter County Government on the East side but the other two spots I think are still controlled by the City of Valparaiso. I think we can act on our own if we put them in our spot, I would think. Now if they want to be closer to the corner then you may want to talk to Valparaiso about getting that corner spot taped off the night before and go from there. If the Porter County Government site which is a little further away, you can go out and look there is a sign out there. I would say we could do either.

Com. Biggs, I would think the City would be more than....

Com. Good, You know some folks over there don't you Jan?

Mr. Dick, I do, not speaking for the City but there have been no problem in the past getting signs and posting. I will take that to the Board of Works.

Com. Good, moved to approve the Red Cross Mobile Unit at the Admin. Building for a blood drive, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

CLERK JESSICA BAILEY

Approval of County Polling Locations for the 2019 General Election.

Ms. Schoon, Jessica had a family emergency so we will be sitting in in her place.

Com. Good, Good Morning, could you give both your names. We know who you are but could you give both of your names for the record.

Ms. Schoon, Sundae Schoon, Elections and Registration.

Ms. Rauch, Becky Rauch, Elections and Registration.

Ms. Schoon, We came to you because as you know you always have to approve the Porter County Voting Locations for each election. We have a consolidated list for you of the 2019 Municipal Election Locations. We consolidated the smaller ones that they don't have because it is a city and town election. One precinct only has 40 people that are eligible to vote in that polling location.

Com. Biggs, So how many did we start off with and how many did we end up with?

Ms. Schoon, How many polling locations?

Com. Biggs, How many did we eliminate?

Ms. Schoon, 4 for this election.

Com. Biggs, So nothing.....

Ms. Schoon, No nothing drastic. It is going to affect a total of about 1700 people for this election and we do send letters out to everyone letting them know that this is your temporary voting location just for this year and that you will go back to your old voting location for the County and Federal locations.

Com. Biggs, Will you be putting signs out at the old locations just to let them know?

Ms. Schoon, Yes we will put a large sign on each of the doors stating "your voting location has temporarily moved".

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

HUMAN RESOURCES – RHONDA YOUNG, DIRECTOR

A revision of the County Vehicle Policy

Ms. Young, We just had to amend some things on the policy for the take home cars. Just to clarify the maintenance and the usage of it.

Com. Good, And Atty. McClure has reviewed this?

Ms. Young, Yes.

Com. Biggs, We talked briefly here this morning. I noticed that in the established or current policy there is no revision in there about taking the vehicle out of state. It doesn't address out of state usage.

Ms. Young, When we revised it I put just to and from work. They can drive to and from work.

Com. Biggs, Yes I saw that. I thought it would be smart to have something that clearly stated that any time the vehicle is being taken out of state it must be preapproved.

Atty. McClure, We can add that.

Ms. Young, I can put that in there. Anytime taken out of state get preapproved?

Com. Biggs, Yes, I think Scott will clean that up a little bit more.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve to include the change of the wording discussed, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Ms. Young, Thank you.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – SCOT MACDONALD, DIRECTOR

A request to Transfer Funds from Acct. #3310 Printing other than Office Supplies in the amount of \$14,000.00 to Acct. #1120 Hourly. The transfer will cover the hourly payroll for the remainder of 2019.

Mr. MacDonald, With the increased hours of the holidays coming up and as busy as we've been we just want to make sure that we're covered for the remainder of the year. Then the other item is we are looking to change our ticketing software to Vendini which is a much more efficient ticketing software for us. It allows for mobile ticketing so we don't have to worry about paper tickets which get lost or people come into the box office stating they don't know where their tickets are. We can send it straight to their cell phones. It will allow for us to decrease our bottleneck that we are experiencing in the ticket office right now. The upfront costs are \$10,831.00. We are using the IAC Funds that we received that I mentioned at the last Commissioners' meeting to cover the bulk of this expense.

Com. Biggs, What is our cost now dealing with the ticket sales?

Mr. MacDonald, with Show Ware we run anywhere from about \$1500.00 to \$2000.00 a month. It's based on volume. This is just the upfront cost. Vendini is similar but the volume costs are less expensive than Show Ware so this is just to take care of getting all of the equipment set up. I'm also researching with Show Ware the current equipment that we have, scanners, printers if there is a resale value on any of that or if we get any sort of credit back to our account for sending those things back.

Com. Blaney, I think it is a great idea.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the transfer of funds, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Vendini, Inc. – An agreement to provide a ticket management system in the amount of \$10,831.00.

Com. Blaney, I think this is great. All of the big theaters in Chicago do it this way.

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

Com. Good, I did read the report that you sent over and I think it is very warranted for the amount of volume and the great things that are happening at the MOH right now. This puts us right in line with some of our competitors which are now in the Chicago theatre area. This is exciting times and we want to keep up with those enhancements.

Mr. MacDonald, Thank you.

AUDITOR VICKI URBANIK

Dossett Consulting – An agreement to provide professional consulting services.

Ms. Urbanik, The first item on the agenda from me deals with our annual contract approval with the vendor who prepares our cost allocation plan. The cost allocation plan identifies the indirect costs that our County incurs as part of the administration of our Child Support IV-D Program. And what indirect costs as the name implies are costs that are not directly attributable to costs like salaries or equipment or supplies, but indirect costs. What this plan does it identifies all of the departments that provide support services for other departments and then it runs a variety of calculations to identify how much all of these different costs can be allocated to IV-D. This is a plan that is required to be submitted annual to the State and Federal agencies for federal reimbursement. In calendar year 2018 you might be interested to know that our federal reimbursement was about \$197,000.00. This year our reimbursement increased a bit to just about \$202,000.00. This money is deposited into the County General Fund so this is a County wide program. It's not just the Auditor's office and it is treated as miscellaneous revenues which is really important especially as we continue to see increases in the tax cap funding losses. The contract is with a vendor who has been doing this plan since 2014. Even though I mentioned it is an annual plan you haven't seen me every year because back in 2016 you all approved a 3 year contract with Dossett Consulting. Now we're back to an annual approval. The reason why you did the 3 year contract was to get me through my term so whoever would be County Auditor beginning in 2019 would start fresh and I'm here. That pretty much sums it up. Your department is in this plan because you provide support services through a variety of ways. The Facility Dept. is in this plan, the Print Shop, Auditor's office and Treasurer's office and the list goes on and on.

Com. Good, This Board needs to decide if we are going with the 1 year option or the 3 year option. Which one Madam Auditor are you asking us to approve?

Ms. Urbanik, The 1 year, I didn't see a price discount for 3 years and this will allow us to get through a new program that I'm developing in terms of Auditor oversight of the cost allocation plan. I've come up with a worksheet that I would like us to work through for another year at least, but we have been very pleased with him.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Dossett Consulting contract for 1 year, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Steele Benefits – An agreement to provide Employee Benefit Enrollment software in the amount of \$7500.00.

Com. Good, I see Rhonda Young the County H.R. Director has joined you for this presentation now.

Ms. Urbanik, Yes.

Com. Good, What do you have for us?

Ms. Urbanik, The second item is an agreement with Steele Benefit Services. On August 22nd your office specifically H.R. and the Auditor's office participated in a demonstration put on by Steele Services and your insurance consultant Tony Bontrager also participated in this presentation. We did not ask for this, Steele Benefits came to us and asked us if we would sit in and I think that we agreed that it was worth looking into. I think it is fair to say we came away pretty impressed with this program and we think it would have benefits for our County. Basically what it would do is revolutionize our Open Enrollment process. Open Enrollment is handled by your office through H.R. but obviously the Auditor's office is heavily involved because we need all of the data from Open Enrollment in order to plug in the payroll in terms of what employees are participating, what plan they have signed up for. What this program would do is open enrollment would become an online electronic process. Right now what happens is that there are a series of meetings that are held usually through November or December. H.R. goes to these meetings and collects all of these paper forms and if any are missing or incomplete she has to spend the time tracking everybody down. Then they are turned over to our office or they're turned over to our office in the interim and if we can't read something, if it's not complete we have to spend a great deal of time tracking the employees. What this would do it would allow the employees to sign up for our health insurance program online through a digital process. They would see immediately what forms they are missing, what other items we need in order to finish processing their application. It would eliminate the paper format and another benefit for employees is they would be able to see in a way a one stop place in their insurance portal all of the information about their plans. The various add ons that they may have signed up for. It's obviously a benefit for H.R. because it will streamline the Open Enrollment process. It's a benefit for office for the same reason, but also because of the rules involving the Affordable Care Act. Employers must provide a 1095C to all employees as verification of their health insurance. We process these forms every year as part of our W2's and 1099 process and it is always a very interesting process to say the least. As we understand it this program will allow the 1095C's to be created and posted on each employee's site and they believe that that will satisfy the IRS's requirements so that we no longer

have to mail out these forms. So hopefully that will be a benefit. Because it is a benefit to both of our offices especially for our office with the ACA I would be willing to use my budget to pay for half of the cost and all of the ACA costs but that cost is not very expensive. I think it is an add on of \$750.00.

Com. Biggs, And you are asking us for the other half?

Ms. Young, Yes.

Ms. Urbanik, Yes.

Com. Biggs, Rhonda is broke.

Ms. Urbanik, Rhonda doesn't have her own budget because it has been rolled into the Commissioners', which is not unlike other counties I may add.

Atty. McClure, We know how it works.

Com. Biggs, And who will be actually managing the software and the information that is coming into that, your office Vicki?

Com. Blaney, No it will be H.R.

Ms. Urbanik, H.R.

Ms. Young, Tony Bontrager has worked with it. Duneland Schools have switched to it so people around Porter County are now switching to this and they also use it, it connects with LOW.

Com. Biggs, Paying to have various forms duplicated and sent out, brought back in, trying to read the handwriting on some of them.

Ms. Young, Exactly and they are willing to come out and help with Open Enrollment. I told him that we would go the Highway because the Highway Dept. can't come here. We will go to the Jail. They are willing to go to those places and help.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Steele Benefits agreement in which half will be paid by the Auditor and half will be paid by the Commissioners' office, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Ms. Urbanik, I would like to just add one thing. There is also an annual maintenance fee that is \$1500.00 but that can be negotiated with the providers. I believe Tony was working on that.

Com. Good, So we would see that agreement come back in one of our next meetings.

Ms. Urbanik, I believe so or it is rolled into this agreement.

Atty. McClure, Whenever that's locked down we will just put it back on the agenda.

Ms. Urbanik, Its \$1500.00 so it's not a major thing. I think the employees will really enjoy this.

FACILITIES – RAY CLOYD, DIRECTOR

2 Quotes for the Porter County Museum Door Repairs. Due to the historical nature of the building, 2 quotes were only obtainable.

- **Allied Door and Hardware** **\$13,750.00**
- **Dennis & Sons Builders** **\$20,600.00**

Mr. Cloyd, We are looking to replace the north and the east side of the Museum doors. The east side has just a glass, it's easy to vandalize so we need to replace that and the front door needs to go too.

Com. Good, You have 2 quotes Allied Door and Hardware and Dennis & Sons Builders and both are responsible?

Mr. Cloyd, Yes.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Allied Door and Hardware, Com. Biggs, second, moved to approve.

A Quote from Central Restaurant Products for a Hot Food Serving Table for the Juvenile Detention Center is being recommended to due to the withdrawal from Restaurant Supply Co.

Mr. Cloyd, The last Commissioners' meeting we got approved for a steam table. The lowest vendor that was qualified he didn't see eye to eye with us in the purchasing and the way that they do business. We reached out to the other vendor to see if we could get a better deal.

Atty. McClure, You requoted it all. Here we are back again to do it again.

Mr. Cloyd, Yes.

Com. Biggs, What was it Ray that they didn't see eye to eye on?

Mr. Cloyd, They wanted a purchase order agreement and we told them that was not how we do it. The gentleman that we working with at the end said the person we were working with was an intern and they didn't know how they did business.

Com. Biggs, They wanted an agreement before this Board agreed to it.

Mr. Cloyd, Yes.

Com. Biggs, That is not how it works.

Mr. Cloyd, We got a better deal it came in \$1000.00 cheaper.

Com. Biggs, There you go.

Com. Good, What is the new amount?

Mr. Cloyd, I think it was \$3245.00.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve withdrawing the Restaurant Supply Co. and approve Central Restaurant Products quoted at \$3,295.35.00, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – RICH SEXTON, SUPERINTENDENT

A Transfer of Funds from Acct. #3730 Lease Purchase in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Acct. #4420 Motor Vehicles. To trade-in and purchase 5 new supervisors and foreman F250 Trucks with snow plows to speed up snow removal and reduce overtime.

Mr. Polarek, We are wanting to purchase 5 new trucks with snow plows on them for the foremen and the supervisors and exchange their vehicles for those. There has been some changes though from when we submitted this. We spoke with Scott and Enterprise. We can get a better deal going through Enterprise than purchasing them straight out. I think I saw that next on the agenda that you are going to address the Enterprise issue with Storm Water.

Atty. McClure, The master contract with the County is currently with Storm and Plan which you will becoming a part of. Later on in the agenda when we're dealing with Storm Water that is the deal with the consignment agreement that is the last piece of that transaction which will also be a master consignment agreement which would allow them to sell our vehicles. That is the official permission when we get our new vehicles and vehicles that need to be sold.

Com. Biggs, While they are still worth something.

Mr. Polarek, And at the price that Enterprise gave us.

Atty. McClure, To remind everyone at the last meeting we were going to buy 5 trucks. We paused, we went through the process with Enterprise to see what it would look like. We want to make sure it worked in Highway, we went through those things and I think we're all pretty happy with the results of what those numbers looked like.

Mr. Polarek, Yes it should be just over \$34,000.00 a year for the 5 vehicles.

Com. Good, Jim what has changed in the policy for the putting snow plows on the foremen's trucks. We have never done that in the past.

Mr. Polarek, We have never done that. I guess in the past they worried they would get abused, that's all I can say. Now what we want to do is 3 of the foremen's trucks and then me and Rich's truck so when we have these snow events instead of just going out and checking the roads we could actually help. We can get these smaller trucks in tight spots in subdivisions.

Com. Biggs, You see the towns doing that now.

Atty. McClure, There were some specific areas that our bigger trucks have a little bit more difficulty with.

Mr. Polarek, Right we could get in those and open them up a lot quicker with pickup trucks than the big trucks.

Atty. McClure, Sometime a cul-de-sac or an entrance to a subdivision is easier for the foreman who is looking to quickly clean it up than have the big truck go all of the way back.

Mr. Polarek, If it gets to an intersection and there is a snow drift coming across the intersection in two minutes he can have it opened up instead of having to wait for a big truck to get there.

Com. Good, I think it's great I just wanted to have you explain. I think its awesome more hands more help.

Mr. Polarek, The transfer after we got this figured out is what we are looking to now although it is not on the agenda we've been leasing a sheep's foot roller for the year.

Com. Biggs, A what?

Mr. Polarek, It is a type of roller for doing our chip seal roads. In the spring we purchased this dual steel drum while the County had never used a sheep's foot roller on the road so we wanted to try it and see how it worked out for the year. We are very happy with how it worked and the company that we are leasing it through Westside Tractors said they will credit us the \$15,000.00 that we would have paid for rent towards the purchase of that roller. We have an older backhoe that needs about \$5000.00 worth of repairs on the front end that they will take on a trade. The total price of the 2014 roller was \$49,000.00 but then we would take off \$15,000.00 that we have rental. They are offering us \$8500.00 for a trade in so for \$25,500.00 we can purchase this sheep's foot roller.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the transfer of funds, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Mr. Polarek, Do you want us to put the sheep's foot roller back on the agenda for the next meeting?

Atty. McClure, Correct.

DEVELOPMENT & STORM WATER MNGMNT. – BOB THOMPSON, DIRECTOR

An Ordinance to Amend Title 15 of the County Building Code – Building Permit Conflict of Interest – 2nd Reading.

Com. Good, This is the 2nds Reading and was discussed at our last meeting. We went through a public hearing and it was approved unanimously. We are now back today for the second reading to formalize the direction that we would want to take on this ordinance.

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

Enterprise – A consignment agreement for sale of department vehicles.

Mr. Thompson, This is an agreement with Enterprise to sell our 3 vehicles that we have. We're proposing to sell the 2 Ford Trucks we have that have been used by Building and Planning and also the Ford Taurus that we have for Code Enforcement. Instead of sending them down to the Sheriff for the Sheriff's sale we are allowing Enterprise to sell them.

Atty. McClure, Correct this is actual the master consignment agreement for all of us, but right now what got us here was the vehicles were selling out of your department.

Com. Good, Any comments or questions?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Enterprise consignment agreement, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

United Consulting – A professional services agreement for Bridge 149 (Waverly Road over Little Calumet River).

Mr. Thompson, This is a federal aid project we receive funding for and it is due in for construction in the year 2024. This is a design services agreement for this particular bridge.

Com. Biggs, Why does it take so long?

Mr. Thompson, For....

Com. Biggs, You said 2024.

Mr. Thompson, The construction? We have the federal funding for construction dollars and construction inspection only. The design services were you're doing locally. We feel that also helps entice INDOT to get us these grants. This is the year INDOT advertises for the funding.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve United Consulting for Bridge 149 Waverly Rd. over the Little Calumet River, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

City of Valparaiso request to close Sturdy Rd. at the Norfolk Southern Crossing for water main installation.

Mr. Thompson, This is a request from the City of Valparaiso. They are working with Wessler Engineering on a water main extension which will be going down Sturdy Rd. It starts up approximately is it around Penhill?

Mr. Novotney, Yes just south of U.S. 30.

Mr. Thompson, Right and it heads on down and it will tie into the subdivision that they have services to Prairie Landing down towards Division Rd. This is going to create a loop for their system. They are requesting to be able to close the road. The main reason is because they are going to have to boar underneath the railroad tracks that are there.

Mr. Novotney, This is under that viaduct that carries the road under the track so the only way to jack and boar and put the boar pit in is to close the road.

Com. Good, Do we know how long this will be closed?

Com. Blaney, Or when?

Com. Good, Or when and how long?

Mr. Novotney, The time frame will be late winter/early spring next year.

Com. Blaney, So 30 should be done. A lot of people are using that to avoid 30 right now.

Mr. Thompson, Yes their original schedule was I think they were looking and trying to shoot for March, the beginning of April.

Com. Biggs, Of next year?

Mr. Thompson, Of next year yes.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the City of Valparaiso request to close Sturdy Rd., Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Biggs, I don't think I heard but Jeff asked how long it was going to be closed. Do you have any idea?

Mr. Novotney, It will probably be a week to a week and a half to do this.

Com. Good, Hopefully there is not a flooding event at the end February like last year. If you open up that whole thing that is a low spot, that will fill up quickly.

Com. Biggs, Good luck to Valpo.

Com. Blaney, And us.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD – BOB GREGG

DebbieJack Farm LLC – An agreement to provide a mobile petting farm for the Celebrate Wildlife Festival in the amount of \$200.00.

Potawatomi Zoo – An agreement to provide live animals for the Celebrate Wildlife Festival in the amount of \$300.00.

Mark’s Ark – An agreement to provide a petting zoo for the Celebrate Wildlife Festival in the amount of \$750.00.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve all 3 requests, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS - SANDRA S. PORTER-PHILLIPS, TEEN COURT COORDINATOR

A request to hold Teen Court in Judge Drenth’s courtroom for the school year 2019 - 2020. Judge Drenth has given his approval. Teen court will start in September.

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

Com. Biggs, I believe this is like an academic.

Com. Blaney, They do it every year.

Atty. McClure, It is through the schools.

Com. Blaney, It is a good program. Julia Jent used to do it too.

THERESA BIGGS

A request to hold a Rosary Rally on the Northeast corner of the Courthouse grounds on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. There will be one banner posted with approximately 20 to 30 people in attendance. They will be praying for world peace and for our country.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Rosary Rally, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

EDWIN KERR – COURTSIDE MINISTRIES

A request to station (2) volunteers near the Southern Courthouse door to offer prayer for anyone who asks for prayer.

Com. Good, Is there a date for this event?

Atty. McClure, No he wants blanket approval moving forward for 2 people to offer prayer for anyone who asks for prayer.

Mr. Kerr, This is an ongoing activity. It has been going on for 5 years. We offer prayer to people who pass by the courthouse or go in or come out of the courthouse any time the courthouse is opened and the weather is permitting. People will not stop for prayer if it is raining or too cold. We have been doing this for quite a few years and we have blanket approval from the City to do this. They have never placed a date on it or a limit of the time.

Com. Blaney, Where were you located because the City is.....

Mr. Kerr, We usually station one person with one or more people with a table on the City sidewalk particularly where the mailboxes and the delivery service boxes are because we can put the table there without obstructing the general flow of traffic on the sidewalk. Then the request for

the ability to place someone near the door is because some people have....people can approach the courthouse from any direction, you can see there are several sidewalks. When we have had a person there have been a number of people coming in and out of the courthouse wanting this service of prayer for whatever their prayer request was.

Com. Biggs, Are you requesting to set up a table as well there sir?

Mr. Kerr, No not at all. The place on the City sidewalk will be fine for the table. We only want a person or 2 people standing near the courthouse door because that way we can speak to anyone who approaches.

Com. Blaney, How will people know to approach?

Mr. Kerr, We wear a lanyard which says the same thing that the table banner says "Courtside Ministries, the question Need Prayer and my name is and then the name of the person offering the service.

Com. Biggs, I apologize but I need to ask these questions. I don't mean to offend you. Do you as for donations while you are out there?

Mr. Kerr, Never, we never ask for donations. We do not sell anything from the table. Everything we distribute is free of charge.

Atty. McClure, My one issue that and it's not a big one but I think it is going to need to be part of the motion. If this Board is going to entertain a blanket approval I think that needs to include that, because there are days that the courthouse grounds have already been utilized for something else or promised or someone else has come here and asked for them. I don't think we want to or we should overlay those types of things together. For instance Popcorn Fest. things like that where people have come and done the process to utilize the courthouse grounds in total. I think an approval would need to be and could be blanket for those days that have been approved for the courthouse grounds in total for some other event or demonstration.

Com. Biggs, I agree with Atty. McClure, but if it would be alright with Board is to have Atty. McClure write up the agreement first. There are issues of security that we have to be concerned with here and conflicting dates as well. If you wouldn't mind coming back he will write something up and then we will be able to review it and do this the proper way. This way you will understand where we're coming from and we understand where you're coming from.

Mr. Kerr, May I speak to this now?

Com. Biggs, Yes sir I don't have a problem with it.

Mr. Kerr, Even if the Popcorn Festival or some other group utilizes the entire courthouse grounds the activity of people going into see their parole officers and so forth goes on. The Popcorn Festival would never....

Atty. McClure, Well we're mixing two things now, because when that is happening the courthouse isn't opened. So there are Saturdays and Sundays, some of what I was referring to isn't on a regular Tuesday when court or probation meetings are happening.

Mr. Kerr, We would never come out if the courthouse is not opened.

Atty. McClure, I think that ties back into what Com. Biggs was saying. Getting something with all of us on the same page as to what we would be approving is the point.

Com. Biggs, If we're talking a blanket approval sir you or I or none are going to be up here forever.

Mr. Kerr, That is what I mean. I believe that there is no conflict because first of all most groups that are demonstrating can find their activities to the north of the courthouse because they get more exposure on Lincolnway. They can go on and do their activity and there is no interference with our activity on the south side. As for the entire courthouse grounds are dedicated to this or to some activity like the Popcorn Festival but the courthouse is closed we wouldn't come out.

Com. Biggs, We appreciate your comments. You're asking for something that we've never approved in the past and that is a blanket approval. I personally would appreciate the time

and the attorney's legal opinion on making sure that we're addressing as much liability here as we should be addressing under those circumstances.

Com. Blaney, I agree with you.

Atty. McClure, Plus if we put it in writing any issues, because your particular request and your particular activity isn't an issue for Lincolnway it is an issue for that south side door. The uniqueness of your request is the interplay of the building security with the people right on the front landing pad by the door which is different than....every one of these requests is unique in some way, but you're right you're not on Lincolnway with signs you're by the door. I think clarifying what the blanket approval would look like. Clarifying you know and I can't think of one off of the top of my head where the grounds are utilized in total but court is opened, but just to go through that process. Then where the limits of approaching people as you get to that front door.

Com. Biggs, Especially people who are under arrest.

Mr. Kerr, If they are under arrest the officers wouldn't even allow us to approach them. That has happened we've seen people being led out with handcuffs and so forth.

Atty. McClure, We're just being mindful of what we're approving. What those parameters are and ultimately trying to get something in writing so that we all know. Whether you're dealing with us or you're dealing with Court Security or whoever you are dealing with we have something written and approved by the Commissioners that kind of demystifies what may or may not have been approved so that we can all just deal with it in a more efficient manner.

Com. Biggs, I don't want you to be surprised if you have to come back here. I am very wary of giving a blanket approval of this type and sir I think you do wonderful work, your organization it is just that another organization comes up and they want blanket approval precedence has been set. I'm just very cautious about doing something like that.

Mr. Kerr, Well I do agree with this and I want to honor the Commissioners especially for the willingness to open dialogue with this. I guess I'm happy to dialogue with you and to meet your concerns. Actually according to the bible we are required to give honor to whom honor is due. Certainly dialogue is an honorable process. We are under higher orders to do this we willing comply.

Com. Good, We have your contact information so what we will do is we will start developing a document that we can have our attorney look at. Then once we get some things ironed out you can come back up here.

Atty. McClure, Right now we can put you on the next agenda. We will have it worked out by then.

Mr. Kerr, That will be fine, when is the next meeting?

Com. Blaney, October 8th.

Mr. Kerr, I will remember that thank you. Thank you we will be there.

Atty. McClure, I'm sure we will talk more than once before then.

Mr. Kerr, Okay, thank you.

Com. Good, Thank you for coming in.

NORTHERN INDIANA ATHEISTS - TROY MOSS, DIRECTOR

A request to use the Courthouse grounds on Friday, December 6th from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. to decorate for the Holly Days celebration. They are asking approval to set up their holiday display, 2 NIA signs, an information table and canopy.

Com. Good, It doesn't look like anyone is here. Should we go ahead and hear it out?

Atty. McClure, I wish they were present because this is part of the issue of....have we already approved the grounds for something else?

Com. Good, Yes.

Com. Blaney, I'm ready to (Inaudible).

Atty. McClure, I think we should continue it to the next meeting.

Com. Biggs, I'm not comfortable in approving where I can't ask questions.

Com. Blaney, No.

Atty. McClure, Well the other bigger problem is that we have another event. It goes back to what we were just talking about. We have a previous event who has already got the whole courthouse grounds.

Com. Biggs, This gentleman and his group brought them all in.

Atty. McClure, So from 5 to 8 there wouldn't be any court so in your particular circumstance you wouldn't be present. That is part of the issue here.

Com. Blaney, moved to continue the request until October 8th, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Good, Just for notification for the people in the audience and public record that is the same day as the Valparaiso Holly Days event that is going on in downtown Valparaiso where all of Valpo is consumed with celebrating Christmas.

Com. Good, Is there anyone wishing to address this Board? Please come forward, state your name and address.

Ms. Kaminos, Hi my name is Evelyn Kaminos. My address is 1087 N. Pierson Rd., Chesterton. I may have been misunderstood about the meeting. I thought that you were going to address a problem that has been in existence for 20 years now. It has to deal with the golf course that was built across from me. I have been there for over 40 years and they have been there about 20 years. When they eventually put up theirs nets they did not go far enough north. If you look directly at my house there is a net, but the golfers are north of that net and there is no place on my property unless it is in the back of my house that is protected from the driving range. When they slice them I get them all. They have broken my siding, they have broken windows. It is very dangerous to go out there. I shouldn't have to live like this. I have been told by them I could move. Well I built my house there and that is where I wanted to live. I just don't have the resources to just pick up and move whenever. I just don't understand why something cannot be done. I am not asking for money. This should be an easy fix I would think. I can't be going to get an attorney for a problem that I did not create. I did not move there with it already being there. They built after I was there for 20 years.

Atty. McClure, Has there been a significant change in the golf balls in the last 20 years?

Ms. Kaminos, Well no, they put up a net and.....

Atty. McClure, I guess my question is so I and the Commissioners understand what has been the as you said you've been there roughly 40 and they have been there roughly 20 what has been the catalyst to this becoming an issue now or has it always been?

Ms. Kaminos, No I have been complaining for years and years and years. I have been here before. I think now I'm retired for the past 2 years and I don't have just evenings to run outside and mow or weed my flowers I can do it any time I want, however I can't. If there are people at the driving range my life revolves on if there is anybody out there. I cannot park cars outside and that has been going on for 20 years. At one time when there were no nets it was worse without the nets, because the balls off of the house into the backyard. My children could not play outside. We were prisoners in our house all of the time. Now with the nets you take your chances, but they still fly at us.

Atty. McClure, So the nets that you're referring to heading north with north being into unincorporated or is north into Chesterton?

Ms. Kaminos, North is unincorporated.

Atty. McClure, So continuing this net north would still be in unincorporated Porter County?

Ms. Kaminos, Yes. At one time they had the driving range at a lower level and that kind of helped because then the nets...they weren't taller but they were taller because the level was a little bit shorter. With the lower level it was also further south. For me it helped but they didn't like

it because it was hitting their maintenance shed and they did not want to have their maintenance workers being bothered.

Atty. McClure, Right now the net is 40 ft. tall?

Ms. Kaminos, You know I don't know.

Com. Biggs, Oh yes it is every bit of that, it is every bit of 40 ft.

Ms. Kaminos, I thought it was 45 but I'm not really sure. I don't know.

Atty. McClure, I believe the net is sitting at 40 or there about and 40 I believe is our highest level without varying from our ordinances. So they are at the maximum level at this point.

Ms. Kaminos, But it's not far enough north. I can walk out into anywhere in my front yard and it is not protected by a net.

Com. Biggs, I think I spoke to the....I think the Chesterton Tribune called me on the issue and we have spoken and I certainly remember your first visit here. My belief is that you wouldn't be allowed to sit there and chuck golf balls on to their property or on to your neighbor's property. And I don't believe that even though they are a golf course that they should be allowed to do that. You can see where they have made some type of preparation or decision to try to keep the balls off of the neighbor's property there. There is also an issue of regarding the public road between your property and the golf course as well. I'm not sure as you said that this has been going on for 20 years. When I went and spoke to the golf pro I was told talk to our attorney. It's just (Inaudible) to living next to a golf course and that is not the response that I was going to receive. I didn't think it was very friendly or very neighborly. What I would like to ask the Board of Commissioners to do is if Scott would draft a letter to the golf course to try to open up some dialogue, some conversation to see what they are willing to do and it will also give Scott some time to see what we can do in this situation. I don't know if we have any legal right here.

Atty. McClure, Just so everyone...to be at the proper context, this isn't the only golf course and I'm not sure I've ever played a golf course that didn't have a public road around it and or (Inaudible) specifically a hold or two when you are either driving over the road or you are driving next to the road. This isn't a one off issue I guess is my point. I'm not suggesting that the golf balls coming into your yard isn't upsetting. I want to be clear that this area is not new. It's not unique to Porter County or to Chesterton and that the law in who is responsible when they hit that golf ball is pretty crystal clear and it is that crystal clear because this issue is not unique.

Com. Bigg, And that is the golfer?

Atty. McClure, That's the golfer. And what we can deal with is looking at the net looking at where the net is, how tall the net is and whether or not that is something would potentially cure the problem. Again, the reason why I brought earlier the height of the net is because right now the existing net is to the highest it can be in the County without going through basically the process to not have to follow that rule. I think what we can look at is the issue of the net, where it is located and attempting to opening up some dialogue with the golf course is a good first step to see where that is going and where that could go and what may or may not be able to be done in that direction. At the end of the day I just want to get the context to it all that this isn't unique to just this one area. Again, I'm not saying it's not upsetting to have golf balls in your yard or to have the issue of potentially having one of them hit you. I just want to be clear that the reason why this hasn't been completely eradicated in the 20 years the golf course has been there is because now we're dealing with the golf course is rights, the homeowners rights, whether this is a public nuisance, whether it rises to the level of a public nuisance, who is responsible for the golf balls when they hit them, assuming we know that Jim is at the driving range and Jim leaves but at that point in time we realize one of Jim's shots has hit somebody. Do we know if it was Jim, can we transfer that liability to the golf course? We start getting into some significant legal areas when you deal with that. I do think a good first step is I could reach out to the golf course ownership and attempt to see what kind of dialogue and what kind of plans they have for that driving range moving forward.

Ms. Kaminos, I kind of disagree with you because it's one thing if you're on a hole if you're a golfer and you're on a hole. I think they take your name and your credit card information and things like that. On a driving range....

Atty. McClure, They do the same. You have to get the driving range balls.

Ms. Kaminos, You might have 9 people out there and they are all shooting at my house. So which one hit it because not one of them even though they have almost missed me numerous times and my car, not one of them has ever said fore to let me know that something is coming. You cannot see these coming at you at like 90 or 95 miles per hour. You only hear them going through the trees and by then it's too late.

Com. Biggs, Are they orange balls?

Ms. Kaminos, They are white with a black stripe on them.

Atty. McClure, They are range balls.

Com. Biggs, Has anyone talked to them about just moving the driving range or repositioning it?

Ms. Kaminos, Yes we have many many times. They said it would hit the people on the golf course their paying customers.

Com. Biggs, That is why we need to have some dialogue, we need to communicate with them.

Ms. Kaminos, The net needs to go further north and it needs to probably be higher. They need to turn it or just get rid of the driving range if they can't fix the problem.

Atty. McClure, How much farther north would you want it?

Ms. Kaminos, At least a couple of 100 ft.

Atty. McClure, So 200 ft.?

Ms. Kaminos, Probably.

Atty. McClure, And how tall would you want it?

Ms. Kaminos, I think its 45 ft. because they put a berm up and they put it on top. With it being real close to the driving range they may not need to have it as tall because it seems like it goes up as it goes further. I don't know probably the same height as it is but further north, much further north. There is nothing in front of my property that is at an angle from that driving range. It has been like this for numerous years. I did take them to court recently. I left town for a short time on a vacation with relatives and my son found for me a broken outdoor light and a broken window, which I had a hassle with. I notified them they just don't answer back. I took them to court because there is no way I can sit out there and watch all of these driving range guys. Why waste my life, it's already been wasted for 20 years by staying indoors. I did win and I have yet to be paid even though they had a due date of paying me by July 31st. Previously with the other owners I would call them up and say you broke my siding and they would send someone out to fix it. You broke my window, but I'm tired of that. I shouldn't have to live like that.

Com. Biggs, That was brought up in a conversation I believe I had with the Chesterton reporters that the previous owners responded when something was broke.

Ms. Kaminos, They did and a lot of them were much kinder to us, however we still had the problem. It would really be nice to quite having the problem that we did not create.

Com. Biggs, As far a County Commissioner I think as long as the houses are there and the golf course is there we're going to have problems, some degree of problems. I think that if the golf course just communicates and is a little bit more attentive about...like I said I can't take something I own and keep chucking it over the fence in my neighbor's yard and not expect something. The law is going to come in and make me stop doing that.

Ms. Kaminos, Or break a couple of windows and say tough luck, that is what they do.

Com. Biggs, I'm sure they don't mean to do that. We're going to reach out to them to see what we could find out and then let's go from there.

Ms. Kaminos, Do I come back next month or what happens.

Com. Biggs, Sure.

Ms. Kaminos, Thank you.

Com. Biggs, You're welcome.

Mr. Evans, My name is David Evans. I live at 1081 North Pierson Rd. adjacent to the driving range. My issue is also the range balls coming over the net which they state is 40 or 50 ft. high. I probably get 50 to 60 golf balls a summer coming over the net. We've had near misses. I've almost got hit and my wife has almost gotten hit. The neighbor to the north of me which is between Evelyn and I did get hit maybe 6 or 8 years ago. It ricocheted and hit him in the hand. He didn't request any medical attention so I don't if there was any documentation that the man did get hit. I feel our home is safe haven and I can't be safe in my front yard. I almost got hit. I called down there and told them. They said well stay out of your front yard and hung up on me. I have 4 police reports of damage to my vehicle. In one of these police reports I stated my concern for my safety. I had damage in 2016 and in 2017. They will not pay for it. They will not talk about it. All of these are coming over the net. I know Evelyn's issue is they're coming in front of the net because it definitely is not far enough North. At mine they are all coming over the net like a missile. They are not just a stray ball. A stray ball I consider maybe dribbles into your driveway or on your property and you have to go pick it up before you can go mow your yard. This is not the case. They are coming in like missiles and denting my garage door and my vehicles. I come before you and ask for some help. If I can't be safe out in front of my house I can't be safe anywhere and neither can any of the kids who will probably be moving in the neighborhood someday. About a year and a half ago my neighbor was on vacation. His brother and niece came over to let the dogs out. She almost took a golf ball and nothing was ever done about it.

Com. Biggs, You said you have 4 police reports there in any of those cases they did not pay for the damage?

Mr. Evans, Dwayne paid for the first 3 damages.

Com. Biggs, Who is Dwayne?

Mr. Evans, He was the previous manager before Jill and then Andy. I believe Dwayne still worked under the current owner. About the time they quite paying was when Jill McCoy was the manager and Andy. She was the one that told me they don't pay for it at the course on the east side of town. What is that one?

Com. Biggs, Sandcreek.

Mr. Evans, Sandcreek and she said they are not going to pay for it here either. I said well maybe in Sandcreek those people know they are buying a home on a golf course. Our situation was we've all lived in those homes for years before the course was ever built. We should not have to deal with 1 golf ball coming on to my property and hurting my family. I don't think any of you gentlemen would want your wife, children, grandchildren hit by a golf ball. We have the same situation and we're asking for help.

Com. Biggs, We're going to give you some help. We're going to look into it. Let's see what we could find out and communicate better.

Mr. Evans, But this is how often it's happening. I believe as long as that driving range is allowed to operate along that road there is going to be problems.

Com. Biggs, We're going to get to the bottom of this one way or another.

Atty. McClure, How tall do you think the net would have to be?

Mr. Evans, I do not know I'm not a golfer. Enough to keep a ball off of my property.

Atty. McClure, Being the homeowner of 30 or 40 years across the street with the balls coming over what do you think it would take?

Mr. Evans, I don't know how they are clearing the net. I know there is a driving range in Schererville called Ringo's. I was told they have a very high net. I don't know how high it is. It might take another 40 ft. to take care of the problem I do not know. I don't want to say another 20 ft. and have the same problem and still be back here. I do know that we can't keep taking these balls somebody is going to get seriously injured. It is a big time safety hazard with 50 or 60 every summer coming on to my property. My front yard is only 80 x 100, that is my front lawn and I'm getting 60 golf balls on that yard like a missile every summer.

Com. Biggs, Thank you.

Com. Good, We have another person behind you that wants to speak as well.

Mr. Evans, This is my wife.

Com. Good, Please give your name and your address.

Ms. Evans, Hi I am Kim Evans. My address is 1081 Pierson Rd. My recommendation is after hearing everything that has been happening is to shift the driving range until you raise the net and can lengthen the net in front of Evelyn's property. This has been going on way too long. They have not dealt or been a good neighbor to us. You do need to shut this driving range down for us until they can stop the balls from coming in our yards. Our vehicles are parked in our driveways and I'm sure none of you would want golf ball dents on your vehicles parked in your driveway. It is on our property. They are harassing us on our properties with their balls coming on our property and you need to stop that. If you can shut that driving range down....that's my recommendation. That is the only way you're going to stop it. Until they raise the net and lengthen the net. That is the only solution I see that the driving range should be shut down.

Com. Biggs, Thank you.

Com. Good, Thank you.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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