

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

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

The Special meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

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

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and once we finish if we could stand for a moment of silence in observance of 9/11. Thank you. Welcome to the Porter County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting. It's Tuesday, September 11th, 2018. Before we get started I would like to make an announcement. We will be having a groundbreaking for the downtown Valparaiso County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 18th at 4:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Again, that is September 18th at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse grounds. Thank you.

Receive and Open Bids - Bid Package #1 for the Porter County North Annex Project.

Mr. Katsouros, If I can just add a few comments. As a reminder Bid Package 1 what that includes basically site, the shell, the overall structure for the North Annex and then Bid Package 2 will be forth coming here in the next few months which is going to include the rest of the package. All bids are going to be taken under advisement. We will review them and make sure everything is included as far as financial statements, acknowledgement of addenda, and the required statement requirements and then we will make a recommendation to the Commissioners and the intent is to award next Tuesday. There are 3 Bid Categories and I will start with Bid Category #1.

Bid Category #1 – General Trades

Pangere Corp. – Base Bid \$3,429,000.00

Gough Inc. – Base Bid \$3,356,000.00

Ziolkowski Const. – Base Bid \$3,039,800.00

Gariup Const. – Base Bid \$3,127,500.00

Gibson-Lewis - \$3,444,600.00

Bid Category #2 – Masonry

Ziolkowski Const. – Base Bid \$544,900.00

Gough Inc. – Base Bid \$591,000.00

Kwiatkowski Masonry – Base Bid \$547,740.00

Gariup Const. – Base Bid \$873,500.00

Combination Bid for Category 1 & 2

Gariup Const. – Base Bid \$3,927,500.00

Bid Category #3 – Roofing

Korellis Roofing – Base Bid \$976,605.00

E.C. Babilla - Base Bid \$816,400.00

Mr. Katsouros, That concludes the bid opening. I appreciate everyone's participation. If you are the apparent low make sure you submit your sub and products list within 48 hours and we will contact you for pre-order conferences.

Com. Good, Again we will be announcing these bids at next week's Commissioners' at meeting at 10:00 on Tuesday, September 18th. Thank you.

Rich Sexton, Highway Dept. Supervisor

A proposal to purchase a Reclaimer/Stabilizer from Asphalt Zipper, Inc. in the amount of \$199,600.00 – Sole Source Certificate.

Atty. McClure, We also have a sole source certificate for that.

Com. Good, It looks like you guys went to the Council and got approved and now your back here write the purchase order, right?

Mr. Sexton, Yes sir.

Com. Good, I think we've been through all of this before the reclaimer/stabilizer, the Asphalt Zipper piece of equipment. Are there any questions from the Board?

Atty. McClure, Just to set the record. On 1, 2 and 3 we're talking about the reclaimer/stabilizer, the chip spreader and the Tiger Guard mower the reason why all of those aren't close bids and or quoted because we have sole source certificates. Those are all specialized pieces of equipment. The Asphalt Zipper, the chip spreader of 12' with a fixed hopper that is what made that sole source and then the Tiger Guard mower. Obviously the John Deere itself is not necessarily a sole source situation but the Tiger Guard mower itself is sole source and made specifically to go on this particular John Deere series of tractor. So that is why we have sold sources and that is why it is a little different for us as we will see in 4 and 5 we normally do those procedures so I just wanted to make the record complete that we have those and that is why we're not looking at competitive pricing on those.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve a reclaimer/stabilizer from Asphalt Zipper, Inc. in the amount of \$199,600.00, Com. Good, second, motion carried.

A proposal to purchase an E.D. Etnyre & Co 12' Fixed Hopper Self-propelled Chip Spreader from Southeastern Equipment Co. in the amount of \$208,500.00 - Sole Source Certificate.

Com. Good, This is the piece of equipment that distributes the gravel evenly for when we start to do our own chip and seal roads. Just for the record the County did have this piece of equipment for about 35 years and it became obsolete about 5 or 6 years ago. So we have had this piece of equipment before. This is just a new one. I think it should have a long useful life especially buying it new.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve E.D. Etnyre & Co 12' Fixed Hopper Self-propelled Chip Spreader from Southeastern Equipment Co. in the amount of \$208,500.00, Com. Good, second, motion carried.

A proposal to purchase a John Deere Tiger guard rail mower in the amount of \$106,797.20 - Sole Source Certificate.

Com. Good, Scott we're splitting the cost of this mower with the bridge fund?

Atty. McClure, That has been in the discussions.

Com. Good, So 50% will come out of Highway Dept. money and then the other 50% will come out of bridge fund and this is actually a piece of equipment that we'll be able to clean and mow a lot around our bridges which we will have the ability to from a street level get this mower to down in below the bridges and clean underneath. It is going to be used for a multitude of different things but I just want to clarify for the record that this will be split between two funds.

Mr. Sexton, Just to add it does get rid of the guys weed eating, trying to stand on un-level slopes and stuff so this will help out a lot with that as well.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve a John Deere Tiger guard rail mower in the amount of \$106,797.20, Com. Good, second, motion carried.

Quotes to purchase 2 pick-up trucks:

Team Chevrolet	\$29,016.00 each
Advantage Ford	\$30,024.27 each
Schepel GMC Merrillville	\$39,100.00 each

Com. Good, Why don't you tell us how you went out and obtained the quotes.

Mr. Sexton, These are the 2 foreman trucks that we're trying to replace. Both have about 180,000 miles. We went out and we pretty much told them what we wanted, a back-up camera, a few specifics on the truck and we received a priced from Team Chevy, Advantage Ford is a State bid and Schepel GMC of Merrillville. Chevy was the lowest of what we wanted according to the specifications of what we set out.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the Team Chevy quote for 2 vehicles in the amount of \$29,016.00 for each, Com. Good, second, motion carried.

Announcement of release of request for bids for the following equipment:

- **4 Dump Truck/Snow Plows**
- **1 Asphalt Distributor**

Com. Good, These are not single source certificates as the other equipment so we will be going out to the market. I would also like to point out we will not take delivery of the dump truck until.....

Mr. Sexton, Next fall, about this time next year.

Com. Good, So it is about a year out to buy these dump trucks that we use.

Atty. McClure, This is just an announcement and then it is going to be advertised and the specs will be available and the guys will be sending out those specifications and the dates that they need to be back in. So we will do the same type of thing open them and award them.

Com. Good, Anything else you'd like to discuss?

Mr. Sexton, We looked more into the striping machine and we're starting to get some prices and we'll find out how much that will cost. That will be something we will purchase next year. Striping is a real big issue right now. It seems we have been getting a lot of calls about it. It's something that we definitely want to look into. We are looking into getting prices for adding plastic to it with our two paving contractors. We're still working on getting the prices from them.

Com. Biggs, Do you still have quite a bit of striping left to do this season, don't you?

Mr. Sexton, I just sent a list of 10 miles out. It doesn't sound like a lot but when you paint 4 lines on each road it turns into a lot. And we did the railroad striping so we will be looking to spend another \$30,000.00.

Mr. Polarek, We're on your agenda next week for an additional for the reimbursement we received from the State for railroads. When we get that we will put it back in and do more striping.

Mr. Sexton, So that will equal about 20 more miles we will do on top of that, 20 – 25 more miles of striping. Most of them will be just like freshening up of the paint on that road. We're working that way to get them safe again.

Com. Good, What you guys are looking at as far as product right now we're just using paint and the paint doesn't seem to last real long. So we're looking at another application and when we put it down it will last a much longer time on the road.

Mr. Sexton, The good thing is we tried thermoplastic, which was the first time we used it on Smoke Rd. from Division to 150 S. We painted the center no passing lines with thermoplastic. The fog lines are painted with paint. It is going to be real easy to tell how long which one lasts. A real good comparison.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Jeffrey J. Good

Laura M. Blaney

Jim Biggs

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Vicki Urbanik, Auditor