

**PORTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 24, 2019**

The Porter County Council will meet on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., in the Hebron Community Center, located at 611 N Main Street, Hebron, Indiana 46341.

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.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Council minutes for July 25, 2019.

Mr. Whitten, Next thing on our agenda is the approval of the Council minutes for July 25th, 2019. Has everyone had the opportunity to read the minutes?

Ms. Graham, Yes, move to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on the floor any discussion? All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed?

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

**First Reading**

Mr. Whitten, First reading Madame Auditor?

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 Hebron Community Center, 611 Main Street, Hebron, Indiana 46341 on September 24, 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:

County Extradition Fund				
County Extradition	1155-31300-000-0005	Training and Education	\$	35,000.00
Recorder Perpetuation Fund				
Recorder Perpetuation	1189-45100-000-0004	Data Processing Equipment	\$	85,000.00
Tax Sale Fees Fund				
Tax Sale Fees	1203-39500-000-0003	Contractual Services	\$	20,000.00
EMA Donation Fund				
EMA Donation	4114-45400-000-0360	Other Equipment	\$	7,500.00

Innkeepers Tax Collections Fund
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Innkeepers Tax Collections	7304-33400-000-0000	Marketing/Advertising	\$ 65,000.00
Innkeepers Tax Collections	7304-39300-000-0000	Dues and Subscriptions	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
			\$ 70,000.00

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 next we are going to jump off of the agenda a little bit we have a couple of thing that I want to take care of. State Representative Mike Alyesworth has asked to address the Board so we would like to give you the opportunity to.

State Representative Mike Alyesworth, Well thank you.

Mr. Whitten, You are welcome.

State Representative Mike Alyesworth, It's so nice to have this opportunity to speak with you folks tonight. Your Clerk Treasurer visited with me and suggested I come up here tonight. Let me pass these out here, ok we are going to pass these around let me just make sure I have one here.

As is my custom the Council probably doesn't know this I like to visit with all the communities and councils in my district in the fall to give them an update of what we did in the legislator and then talk to Town Council about what's on the agenda and what's on your mind for the upcoming session. So I won't take very long and I think I have enough for most people here to have one as anybody can see by the sheets that I passed out what our legislative accomplishments were. We maintained a healthy reserve, we have a balance in our checkbook just like Porter County does we try to manage our money just like all of you try to manage your household accounts we keep a little bit back in our Rainy Day fund for savings. In our budgets we had planned to have about \$7,000,000 million dollars in the State as a surplus at the end of the year. Well that projection was done in April before the end of session and the summer quarter turned out to be humongous it was almost 9% percent more than what we had projected so we ended up with \$400,000,000 million dollar surplus in the state.

Mr. Whitten, We'll take it.

State Representative Mike Alyesworth, That is exactly right we have lots of needs and uses for that money which the Governor has made recommendations to those of us and we'll sanctify the Governor wishes when we get back into session in January. We also gave the teacher's a nice raise about 2.5% percent a year for the next two years because we do a bi-annual budget of over \$30,000,000 million dollars it's substantial. We made a commitment to Increase School Safety; Aligned Workforce Initiatives; Support Hoosier Veterans we are beginning a process to exempt military pensions from state income tax. We are phasing it in we can't do it all at once but it's something that is very necessary.

On the back of that first sheet is something that I think is sort of interesting because the legislature often times meets it's an ethereal thing you don't have any idea. You know we meet down there and what do we do and where does the money go. Well this little round pie chart explains where the money goes and the biggest budget item you will see in the green is K-12 Education (50%/\$17 Billion) it's about half of our General fund appropriation. Followed by Higher Education (12%/\$4 Billion) to our State Universities and then Medicaid (15%/\$5.1 Billion) which is used and continues to grow as the generations get older and we have a lot of people that have issues from

smoking related illnesses and they continue to grow. We have Health and Human Services (9%/3.1 Billion) which includes the department of Child and Family Services. Public Safety (2%/\$635 Million) the State Police and Homeland Security. Corrections (4%/\$1.5 Billion) those are for the people that acted badly and spend a little time with the State just like the County has with its Jail. General Government (6%/\$1.9 Billion) which is IDEM, DNR and other State agencies and Capital Improvement Fund (\$2%/\$723 Million) so you can see what we are happy about down there. We are rated No. 3 for Affordability of Living; No. 5 for the Cost of Doing Business; No. 1 for Doing Business in the Midwest; No 1 for State for Infrastructure...we are the number one state for infrastructure in the whole United States and you can all tell that by looking at what we have been doing with the County and State Highway systems we are pumping a lot of money into infrastructure. The No. 2 Business Tax Climate in the Midwest we are very proud of all these things.

So this is just a little thumbnail sheet and then I include this for your reference the sample survey that I do and ask people to return, it's done on mailings in my district and it corresponds fairly well to the responses we get statewide in a polling and it might be a surprise to some of you but number three is very interesting it says should we support raising the age to purchase tobacco to 21? We have 73% percent who support that. And for your information I have a bill prepared that I am going to drop to raise the age of both vaping and tobacco use to 21 and it's got good support in the House and I think it's going to have pretty good support in the Senate, that will be coming up in the short session. The short session is not a budget session we don't deal will money issues we do that the year after the re-election campaign. So these little snapshots that we find sort of interesting that I sent out to the district we have a list of questions about twenty-five we can choose in fact number five is very interesting do you support the legalization of Medical Marijuana? Sixty-six percent (66%) or two-thirds of the people responded in support of this and as you all know marijuana is a hot topic in the states surrounding us. Michigan has legalized it, Illinois has legalized it. Ohio and Kentucky have medical marijuana should we do that we don't know it's up for play.

So this is just sort of a snapshot and now I'd like to ask all of you County Council Members as well as those in the audience what's on your mind for the upcoming session and I know the biggest question that I am running into as I talked in the other night in Kouts and Cedar Lake is coming up is the vaping issue. How do we handle the vaping issue especially among teenagers and high school students? That's a very daunting issue...do you forbid teenagers to have it by raising the age? Do you penalize that as an infraction if they are caught in possession of that? Do you just outlaw the flavor vaping material and leave the tobacco flavor alone? How are we to address that so I'd like some input if anybody has some suggestions because I met with a group of Doctors at lunch and they didn't have a firm suggestion either and I met with the other groups there is no easy answer because we've got not only high school kids that are vaping but these little things that they call a jewel that looks about like a thumb drive for a computer they sit in class and they take a puff and exhale and there is hardly any moisture evidence that they are doing this and even junior high kids are doing this stuff. The companies are bragging about well it helps people quit smoking...no that's wrong it helps people learn to be addicted to nicotine and tobacco and there is evidence now that has turned around where it is very damaging to young people. Young people don't realize how addictive tobacco can be and take it from a former smoker I know how addictive can be. Some of you in the room are shaking your heads yes because it's very addictive and hard to quit, so any thoughts from anybody up on that?

Mr. Whitten, Anyone from the board have some questions? Mr. Alyesworth thanks for sharing that with us we really appreciate it.

State Representative Mike Alyesworth, Ok I appreciate that and I am happy to be here tonight and it's nice of you folks to come down into our little community and have your council meeting. I enjoyed my time on the County Council a few years ago and I appreciate all the work you do so thank you.

Ms. Graham, Thank you.

Mr. Jessen, Thank you Mike.

Mr. Whitten, Next we have a presentation from Tourism are you ready?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Yes, first of all it was nice to have Representative Mike Alyesworth here because he is the father of our organization. He was a Commissioner at the time when we were created so there is a little bit of history there that a lot of people don't even know. I think he's like...

State Representative Mike Alyesworth, It was a few years ago but you are right, you are absolutely right.

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Well it's because of the downturn of the Steel Industry they wanted to diversify the economy and that's why they created our organization.

So I am just going to give you a quick overview to show you and some of this is going to be applicable to our appropriation request tonight but also for our 2020 budget.

(Jeff Larson arrives)

Mr. Whitten, All rise...

(Laughter)

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, So the reason we were created was to diversify the economy in Porter County. A lot of people don't know that because of visitor spending we (inaudible) on an annual basis \$476,000,000 million dollars of new cash into our county and into our community. We get 6 million visitors a year, of those 6 million visitors 3.6 million visitors are coming to the Indiana Dunes which is significant. I am sure all of you know that we became because you helped us to celebrate that we became the 61<sup>st</sup> National Park in the Country. What people don't realize is there are some folks that think that we are not deserving of this title. There are 419 park units in the country and there are only 61 that is an actually National Park. When you look at our visitation of those 419 units we are 3.6 million visitors. We are just under Yellowstone and we are the 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation and that is what is sitting in our backyard or front yard however you want to look at that.

We received International and National media coverage on two different rounds the first round came when the name change was first announced and what we didn't expect was round number two which was right before the season. And just to give you an idea we are tracking all of the media coverage and just on the National Park name change we had media coverage valuing \$40.9 million dollars and then the media coverage that is mentioning Indiana Dunes with the National Park name change that's valued at \$6.4 million dollars that is the positive coverage that we are getting on Porter County because of us having the National Park. Now the first thing that has happened is people kept saying so what does this mean? What does this mean for visitation? What does mean for Economic Impact in Porter County and we couldn't answer that question till about April when our front desk staff started coming to us and said we have a lot of people that are coming to the Visitors Center that are much higher than normal. So we started taking a really close look at our visitation and so just to give you an idea in July since 2011 our average visitation in the highest month of the year is 22,000 visitors for July. This July...if it pulls up

Mr. Whitten, We are on the edge of our seats here.

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Well hold on to your seats because we had 42,263 visitors we started doubling the visitation starting in May. We literally had people lined up to talk to a ranger or one of our staff members which is phenomenal. So just to give you year to date our average year total is about 98,000 we are going to break 150,000 visitors and these are people that are coming here. They are a different visitor these are people that have the National Parks on their bucket list and so they are not just coming to learn about the beach experience they are learning about the overall dunes experience which we are really excited about. So our agency was

created to be the branding and marketing experts for the County, our job is to get visitors here and it is the Dunes that does that but then we want them to shake off the sand south of the Dunes and get them into our community where the real spending actually takes place. Now this just give you a flow chart of all the marketing that we are doing you can't see it very well but these are all of the different components that make up our marketing.

And now I am going to move into destination development and a lot of the things that I am going to talk about tonight and the things that I am asking for in the increase in our budget for this year as well as for next year. These are not kind of one and done projects and we're really about these particular projects. There are a lot of other projects that we are working on but we are just focusing on the ones with our budget.

So a lot of people have no idea that the Cruising industry is growing significantly in the Great Lakes. There are six different cruise companies right now that are in the Great Lakes and there are two more that are coming on board. Out of all the states that are connected including Canada that are connected to the Great Lakes only Minnesota and the State of Indiana does not have a port of call for the cruise ships. Duluth Minnesota will be coming on soon and that will just leave the State of Indiana. So our organization is hoping to change that so we are working with the International Port in Portage they already have a place for the cruises to come in so we're gathering our partners together to try to make this become a reality. And that's why you are seeing us asking for the dues and subscriptions because we have to join the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers Organization as well as the Great Lakes Cruising Coalition to make this become a reality. So we are working on that project right now.

The other thing that we are doing is we create community videos for our community. We have a video on Kouts and Hebron those videos are outdated so we are shooting new videos and so that is another request tonight. This is because we have to do them from scratch so we are requesting \$15,000 dollars to do all the videos over again for our communities.

Mr. Whitten, I have some theatrical experience on stage.

Mr. Rivas, Dan's available.

Mr. Whitten, I'm a trained thespian if you guys need me.

Hebron Town Council, We are doing the video in Hebron on Saturday.

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Yes and our guys (inaudible)

Hebron Town Council, They will be in Hebron shooting Saturday.

Mr. Whitten, Alright, I got to play the wizard in the Wizard of OZ.

(Laughter)

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, The only thing that people don't realize is nobody is telling the Native American story in our area and so we are creating a Native American Cultural Trail and this will give you an idea. So we are excited because this project we are working directly with the National Parks Service and we have two tribes that are working with us the Miami Tribe out of Fort Wayne and the Pokagon Band out of Potawatomie Tribe in Dowagiac Michigan. So I'm just going to show you where it's going to be, so if you are familiar with the Visitors Center we are located right here at the bottom right and then all the land that surrounds the Visitors Center is owned by the National Parks Service. So we are in the process of defining the stories we are going to be sharing those stories via videos; signs; web; interactive touchscreens; brochure maps and phase one is starting at the Visitors Center itself. So again that is one of the things of why we are increasing the budget for this year and next year is this particular project as well.

And I am just going to show you this quick video this is just a snippet, it's called the Monarch Video. We are going to be telling the Monarch Butterfly on the Native American Trail and we are also going to be telling it on the Beach Discovery Trail which we are going to be showing you right after this.

(Monarch Butterfly Video played with music background)

So somebody heard PremiumBeat.com we haven't purchase the music yet. So that's one way to get you to purchase is they put that weird voice in the background.

(Laughter)

So thanks for catching that because I forgot to mention that. That's our videographer out of Chesterton so that is our original footage that we have taken.

The next project we want to talk about is our Biodiversity Project. So what people don't realize and this is about a seven county region, people don't understand that we are the crossroads to biodiversity to the country. National Geographic said we're the seventh most bio-diverse area in the United States and the reason for that are the four climate zones that converge in this area. So when we think about the Dunes and the Kankakee River we think about the river and the beaches but we don't think about that biodiversity story. So what we are doing is we are taking a project that we launched about 15 years ago called Beyond the Beach Discovery Trail and this is the story about the Bio-Diversity. We are going to reimagine this and we are going to take it to a deeper level and we are going to really improve the content. We have interview over forty specialists in this area that have to do with bio-diversity. And what we are going to do just to give you a sampling of it. This is like a four phase project and we are just trying to whittle away at it piece by piece and that's one of the requests for today and as well as the 2020 budget. We are going to be producing 36 videos we just did a mini documentary on Pinhook Bog if you saw it's just like National Geographic. We are going to do a digital guide to revving up web content, landing pages. We are going to have a flower hunt, a monarch campaign, a do one thing that can make a difference campaign. We are going to have volunteer and professional blog posts. We are going to have social media and digital advertising and then we have to update our signs. We have about 65 signs out in the Communities that we have to update and that's about today's request as well.

So this last video is just a video to explain the Beyond the Beach Discovery Trail and where we are taking it and then I will answer questions when we get to the additional appropriations.

(Beyond the Beach Discovery Video played)

#### Beyond the Beach Discovery

More than any other anywhere our dunes show magnificent and contrasting types of life. Everything from bare dunes to magnificent primeval forests no other dunes than our show such bewildering displays of movement and struggle for existence. Such labyrinths of motion form and life they are without parallel. This is Indiana Dunes country and we've made a self-guided tour for you to enjoy what Mother Nature has uniquely provided us. Welcome to the Discovery Trail nestled in Northwest Indiana on the shores of the massive freshwater sea of Lake Michigan is a remarkable place a unique landscape carved by immense glaciers during the last ice age. As these frozen giants slowly advanced and receded the ground beneath them shifted violently and in their wake the left behind cornucopia of natural wonders from sandy beaches and majestic dunes to sprawling wetlands and lush forests. It is a land of startling juxtapositions where mighty evergreens and oaks grow alongside prickly pear cacti without a desert in site and where delicate orchids thrive in the same ancient bark where trees grow and carnivorous plants patiently wait to devour their prey. It's a fragile place where scholars and naturalists help found the modern science of ecology even as heavy industry forever transformed the region. Here a dizzying array of birds and butterfly still find refuge with their perilous migrations north and south resting their tired wings in the shadow of the sandy hills. Today visitors from around the world to Indiana Dunes Country to watch the waves lap the shore and to marvel at

this natural treasure resting just moments away from the crossroads of America. Join us on the Discovery Trail so that you can explore the splendor of the ecosystem unlike any other on earth and learn how you can join the multitude of volunteers, students and scientists working to preserve this special place for generations to come.

### **Treasurer**

#### **Treasurer General Fund - 1000-000-0003**

Transfer \$1,200 from 39500 Contractual Services to 44100 Office Equipment over \$100. Reason: To purchase a currency counter/discriminator machine for the office.

Mr. Whitten, Alright so next on the agenda we have the Treasurer. So we've got a general fund request transfer of \$1200 from Contractual to Office Equipment over \$100 to purchase a currency counter/discriminator for the office. What's your pleasure?

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second, discussion?

Mr. Jessen, A quick question Michelle do we have one now that we are replacing or just buying a brand new machine.

Treasurer Michelle Clancy, We have one now, we got it used before I even started there so it's getting old and we only have the one so if we have an issue especially during deadline we have nothing to back us up. So with this we are going to keep the old one and we are going to get a second one then we would have two.

Mr. Jessen, Is there a percentage of people that actually pay in cash?

Treasurer Michelle Clancy, You wouldn't believe.

Mr. Jessen, I think I would.

Treasurer Michelle Clancy, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, Alright so all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? Transfer approved.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

#### **Tax Sale Fees Fund - 1203-000-0003**

Additional \$20,000 to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason: 2018 Tax Sale Estimated Fees for Redemptions in 2019.

Mr. Whitten, Tax sale fees fund additional \$20,000 dollars to Contractual Services for tax sale estimated fees for redemptions in 2019. What's your pleasure?

Ms. Graham, Move to approve.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second on the floor any discussion?

Mr. Jessen, Michelle is there a specific reason why we are getting the additional is there not enough anticipated?

Treasurer Michelle Clancy, So what happens is this money from the tax sale is paid for by the taxpayer it goes to a different fund so I just to move it over into my budget in order pay the tax sale services.

Mr. Jessen, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, Any other questions?

Mr. Poparad, Do we need a roll call Dan?

Mr. Whitten, We do, Madam Auditor can I get a roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten, Thanks Michelle

Treasurer Michelle Clancy, Thank you.

### **Expo Center**

#### **PC Expo Center Fund - 4005-000-9604**

Transfer \$11,000 from 11100 Salaries to 39800 Event Expenses. Reason: Transfer funds to cover Event Expenses through end of the year.

Transfer \$2,000 from 11100 Salaries to 23300 Household and Bedding. Reason: Transfer funds to cover Supplies through the end of the year.

Transfer \$2,000 from 39200 Disposal to 23500 Building Maintenance. Reason: Transfer funds to cover maintenance/supplies needs to end of the year.

Mr. Whitten, Expo Center you have several things here you have a \$11,000 dollars transfer from salaries to event expenses to cover event expenses through the end of the year, plus a transfer of \$2,000 dollars from household and bedding to cover supplies to the end of the year and a transfer of \$2,000 from disposal to building maintenance.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve all transfers.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a second on all three transfers, any discussion? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

## Recorder

### **Recorder's Perpetuation Fund - 1189-000-0004** (Tabled 7/23/19 & 8/27/19)

Additional \$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 so this was a request as you all may recall that was tabled a couple of time over it's an \$85,000 dollar request for an additional for a full office computer system upgrade etcetera. We've got Don her from IT right?

Recorder Chuck Harris, Right

Mr. Whitten, You guys had the opportunity to meet today I'm told so where are we at on that?

Recorder Chuck Harris, Well like you folks had wanted us to do we got a hold of the IT Department. We've had several meetings with them and they gave us a bullet list, it's a page with about thirteen different items that they wanted us to agree to. We agreed to every single one of those items, there is nothing that we have not agreed to...we have agreed to every single thing. One thing that we are down to is we do not need that full amount we need about \$51,000 but you should have the information in front of you.

Mr. Whitten, Is this because of the things that you worked out with Don? Or is it that the quote is lower?

Recorder Chuck Harris, Well yes we probably guessed a little bit high to begin with just making sure that we were covered and didn't have to come in front of you guys again. Yeah working with Don also has cut down on some of the cost as well.

Recorder Chief Deputy Jon Miller, There was also in the original quote included a lot of peripheral devices that we don't need to replace. Talking to our software vendor they said no there is certain devices that would last long so that chopped off a large amount.

Mr. Jessen, So the Bucher price didn't actually come down other than some the extra's that you've eliminated?

Recorder Chief Deputy Jon Miller, Yes that is correct Mike.

Mr. Whitten, So the request now is \$51,000 dollars?

Recorder Chuck Harris, That is correct and some change...yes.

Mr. Whitten, So I guess I would like to make sure of that so we asked Don to come down here. So Don do you have any impute or thoughts on this?

IT Director Don Wellsand, Like Chuck said we have thirteen items and we had two that we didn't agree with. Jon and I set down at 2:00 p.m. today and came up with a negotiation that I think will work for the IT Department and the Records office. Two of the major things that I had stumbling blocks with was they wanted their own network and I wanted to put that on the Counties network. And the second problem was he wanted physical servers and I wanted to virtualize the two servers and have them down in the date center where it is locked and secured and once they agreed with that this afternoon then I approved what they are doing.

Mr. Whitten, Ok then your suggestion is that you think it is an ok request as it stands in front of us?

IT Director Don Wellsand, As far as the servers are concerned he has to replace the servers before January 1<sup>st</sup> because Windows 2008 is obsolete and he also has to replace his desktops because they are running Windows 2007.

Mr. Whitten, Ok got it that's awesome so any other questions from any of the board members? Can I get a motion on this?

Mr. Jessen, I move to approve the \$51,029 dollars the new revised quote.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion on the floor to approve the revised quote of \$51,029 dollars is there a second?

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on the floor now, discussion? Hearing none can I get a roll call?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 5 – 2

Mr. Whitten, Ok it wasn't unanimous but it was enough. Thanks guys.

Recorder Chuck Harris, We appreciate it thank you.

Chief Deputy Jon Miller, Thank you.

## **EMA**

### **EMA Donation Fund - 4114-000-0360**

Additional \$7,500 to 45400 Other Equipment. Reason: Monies received from Enbridge Pipeline Company to update the Emergency Operations Center video wall.

Mr. Whitten, Ok EMA Donation additional \$7,500 dollars to Other Equipment for monies received from Enbridge Pipeline Company to update the emergency operations center video wall. What's your pleasure?

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve.

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

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second, any discussion?

Ms. Graham, What is the other equipment?

EMA Director Lance Bella, It will be monitors, it will be computers and some of the equipment to help drive that. We have our volunteers that are laying out the design for this and then we're going to which we have already to talk to Don in IT that once we get where we think we need to be with the design we are going to get his blessing on what's going to go in there. We'll talk to Facilities and then most probably our volunteers will install this equipment at no cost to the county. So we ask for this money and we had the opportunity to be able to get money, this was one of the things that we identified in our emergency operations after the last exercise that we could improve and so we are doing this there is no matching of the funds and it will be at no cost to the County.

Mr. Larson, Do we have a motion?

Mr. Whitten, Yes and we have a second on the floor. Any other discussion?  
Roll call please.

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten, Alright have a good night.

EMA Director Lance Bella, Thank you.

## **Tourism**

### **Innkeeper's Tax Collections Fund - 7304-000-000**

Additional \$65,000 to 33400 Marketing/Advertising. Reason: \$15,000 Community videos, \$45,000 Beyond the Beach Discovery Trail continuation, \$2,500 Cruise Initiative on the Great Lakes, \$2,500 Database development.

Additional \$5,000 to 39300 Dues and Subscriptions. Reason: Cruise dues.

Mr. Whitten, Tourism Innkeeper's Tax Collection we have an additional \$65,000 to Marketing/Advertising for all kinds of reason as you can see and an additional \$5,000 to dues and subscriptions.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve.

Mr. Whitten, There is a motion on the floor is there a second?

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Any questions? You have all seen the videos.

Ms. Graham, Impressive.

Mr. Poparad, Lorelei does your innkeeper's tax support this?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Does the what?

Mr. Poparad, Does your innkeeper's tax support this?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Yes it will.

Mr. Poparad, Alright.

Mr. Whitten, You had me at the butterfly video.

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Is that right, if I would have known that earlier I would do that all the time.

Mr. Whitten, Always open with the butterfly's.

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Ok

Mr. Jessen, Lorelei a quick question.

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Yes?

Mr. Jessen, The \$45,000 dollars for Beyond the Beach and the document that says it will allow to finish phase one of a three phase project?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Yes so what we have done...

Mr. Jessen, So is that \$45,000 dollars, \$45,000 dollars, and \$45,000 dollars?  
Or...

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, It's a \$120,000 dollar project that we started last year at \$35,000 so every time we get more money to this we just do as much as we can so this would at least finish the first round of videos, the digital, we accomplished the research last year we are working with Valparaiso University on that so we just keep whittling it away so phase one will be done and I think there are four phases.

Mr. Jessen, And I just have a general question on the video's which I think are wonderful and it tells a great story about what we have to offer and it no doubt helps draw tourism. What's the easiest way or how does the average person know how to get to those videos or see those video's?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, So a couple of things, first of all we have a very comprehensive way for the website as you can imagine. So we create landing pages and then my Assistant Director is a marketing person and she does targeting advertising so we would actually for example when we are doing birding...spring and fall is a big migration she will target people within are geographical driving about birding. And we know that there age demographics and we know where they live so those are things and that is the great thing about digital advertising is that you can get so specific. The other thing that we're wanting to do is...everything we do is for residents as well so when we do advertising we make sure that we do that in Porter County as well. And also we are developing an educational component so we are going to try to get with the curriculums for the State of Indiana so that it's in the middle schools and high school as well college. But a lot of it is digital and that's the best way to work it out and then what we do is that we send them specifically to the landing page that we're doing. So if we are going after fishermen and anglers we will send them to our fishing landing page and that's the thing that sells them to come to Porter County.

Mr. Jessen, And then the Community components of that which I think is a great idea do you work with for instance Hebron to say we are going to work with you on creating this video?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Exactly and what to highlight for example we are doing the vehicle that Ted Griffith knows that we are coming here on Saturday that's just on the Panhandle Depot.

Mr. Jessen, And that how you handle it with the others as well?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Exactly.

Mr. Jessen, Collaborations?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Collaborations and then what we do is we when we produce videos on the communities or businesses we make sure we give them the video for free and say use this to promote yourself. We don't charge anything and we want make sure that they utilize it to get people into their community.

Mr. Jessen, Ok thank you.

Mr. Larson, I have a question on the Cruise Initiative is that something yearly?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, Yes it is and it's just one of those things that you have to have a seat at the table and the initiative is how you have a seat at the table. The Cruise Coalition we also need their expertise on how to put the programs together so we have the dues as one aspect and that allows us to have access to their executive director to do the actual programing.

Mr. Larson, So is that actually \$7,500 dollars a year then?

Tourism Director Lorelei Weimer, I've been told it's \$5,000 dollars but we are hoping it's \$5,000 for both of them so what we want to do is get at the entry level just so that we are at the table to be able to talk to her...basically to have her talk to us.

Mr. Whitten, Anyone have any other questions? Hearing none let's get a roll call please?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 - 0

Mr. Whitten, Thanks Lorelei.

## **Sheriff**

### **Sheriff General Fund - 1000-000-0005**

Transfer \$47,000 from 11100 Salaries to 11300 Overtime. Reason: Estimate needed to finish our year for Overtime for Patrol. This is including the specialty services. Overtime will be reimbursed by partnered agencies (HIDTA, LCCTF, OCDETF, DHE, DEA and PC-Meg)

### **Co Extradition Fund - 1155-000-0005**

Additional \$35,000 to 31300 Training and Education. Reason: To cover training to finish out the year.

Mr. Whitten, Sheriff. So one of these is being pulled and we are pulling the Extradition fund because of an incorrect line item.

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, Yes it should have been 2504 Continuing Education.

Mr. Whitten, So we are not going to do the Extradition fund that has been pulled we'll have to re-advertise that. So we are just going to do \$47,000 transfer to cover overtime

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve.

Mr. Larson, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, Motion and a couple of seconds any discussion? Hearing none all in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The transfer is approved.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

Sheriff Comptroller Edie Hahn, Thank you.

### **Assessor**

#### **Assessor General Fund - 1000-000-0008**

Transfer \$11,500 from 11100 Salaries to 11200 Hourly. Reason: Transfer the unused money from the vacant salaried position to pay hourly employees.

Mr. Whitten, Assessor, let's start with the Assessor's General fund a transfer request of \$11,500 dollars from Salaries to Hourly reason to transfer unused money form the vacant salaried position to pay hourly employees. What's your pleasure with this request?

Mr. Poparad, I make the motion to get to discussion.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second. Discussion?

Mr. Rivas, Oh I hope Bob has cooled down from yesterday.

Mr. Poparad, I have a question can I ask it right now?

Mr. Whitten, Yes go ahead.

Mr. Poparad, If you didn't have a vacant salary how would you be paying the hourly?

Assessor Jon Snyder, We had a vacant with my Chief Deputy left the position for about six months.

Mr. Poparad, Ok...

Assessor Jon Snyder, That freed up some extra money.

Mr. Poparad, Ok but what if you didn't have the vacancy?

Assessor Jon Snyder, What if I did have the vacancy?

Ms. Graham, Didn't

Mr. Jessen, He wouldn't have the overtime.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Did not?

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Assessor Jon Snyder, I wouldn't have the money.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Whitten, But you probably wouldn't have needed the hourly guys right? Aren't they filling in for the regular people isn't that what is on here?

Assessor Jon Snyder, That's correct.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes

Mr. Poparad, So you have hourly doing the Chief Deputy's work?

Assessor Jon Snyder, No we just spread it around the office.

Mr. Poparad, Have you filled the Chief Deputy spot?

Assessor Jon Snyder, It's been filled yes sir we went over that in Portage about three or four months ago.

Mr. Rivas, Don't question his memory.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Don't question his memory? Ok.

Mr. Whitten, So any other questions on this request? Did you get your answers Bob are you satisfied?

Mr. Poparad, Yes let's go.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The Aye's have it.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

**Reassessment Fund - 1188-000-0008**

Transfer \$25,000 from 36100 Maintenance Agreements to 39500 Contractual Services. Reason: For flyover for Pictometry that used \$106,000 in Contractual Services and we need transfer to pay for Misty Glen State Tax Court appeal.

Transfer \$25,000 from 36100 Maintenance Agreements to 11200 Hourly. Reason: Transfer needed to cover payroll for reassessment field work.

Mr. Whitten, Reassessment fund there's a transfer \$25,000 dollars from Maintenance Agreements to Contractual Services for flyover for Pictometry that used \$106,000 dollars for Contractual Services and a transfer of \$25,000 dollars from Maintenance Agreements to Hourly transfer needed to cover payroll for reassessment field work. What is your please with these?

Mr. Larson, Motion.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, On both transfers I assume?

Mr. Larson, Yes.

Mr. Jessen, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, I'll second to get to discussion.

Mr. Whitten, You'd be our third but that's ok.

Mr. Poparad, Can I ask a question then?

Mr. Whitten, You can.

Mr. Poparad, So you have an extra \$50,000 dollars in maintenance this year?

Assessor Jon Snyder, I don't see \$50,000 dollars?

Mr. Poparad, So there is \$25,000 and then another \$25,000 I graduated from Chesterton High School.

Mr. Whitten, He's added the two \$25,000 dollar request together.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Ok so we can't pay certain bills out of maintenance so we have to pay them...

Mr. Poparad, No, no

Assessor Jon Snyder, Out of Contractual.

Mr. Poparad, I understand that but I'm saying you've got \$50,000 dollars extra in maintenance for this year?

Assessor Jon Snyder, No we're not because we are using it for something else.

Mr. Whitten, No what I think what he is asking Jon is you have two possible questions one is did you have too much in your maintenance line item and if so did something fall off? And the second part might be do you have enough in you maintenance to cover this request?

Assessor Jon Snyder, I understand, Mary would you...

Mr. Rivas, Should we note that for budget sessions?

Ms. Graham, Oh yes.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Sure let's note that.

Assessor Commercial Supervisor Mary Dambek, In the budget session last year the money that was moved from maintenance agreements we were on the system that wasn't on the County. So we came back to the County in the process but that was after budget time so the maintenance agreement money was already there.

Mr. Whitten, So the answer is yes there was extra in the maintenance line item.

Assessor Commercial Supervisor Mary Dambek, We need to have that in contractual and hourly it's kind of like moving money now it's going to help us pay for the Pictometry flyovers.

Mr. Whitten, Three card Monty shell game.

Mr. Jessen, So you are moving it to contractual? I see it's a transfer.

Assessor Commercial Supervisor Mary Dambek, Yes and we have plenty of Maintenance to cover the rest of the year.

Assessor Jon Snyder, I think the Misty Glen case which is important to Hebron here as well as part of the reason why we have had some additional expenses and we talked about it last night and I don't mean to keep bringing it up. But we need to get money into that line item as well.

Mr. Whitten, Any other questions?

Mr. Jessen, Just you said when you came back to the county regarding what?

Assessor Commercial Supervisor Mary Dambek, We used to be on a separate IT Service.

Mr. Rivas, Yes that was just for the record.

Assessor Commercial Supervisor Mary Dambek, Yes so then we decided to come back to the County because of the expense that it was.

Mr. Rivas, So then you saved money?

Assessor Commercial Supervisor Mary Dambek, Oh yes about \$50,000 dollars.

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes it's a savings, it's been a savings.

Assessor Commercial Supervisor Mary Dambek, Misty Glen has cost about \$40,000 dollars this year alone.

Assessor Jon Snyder, I will say it's been a savings but there has been some headaches too.

Mr. Rivas, Really?

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes there has.

Mr. Whitten, Is there any other questions? You had a question right Mike?

Mr. Jessen, My question is and maybe perhaps for everyone's benefit Pictometry flyover do you want to just describe that a little bit?

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes that's our aerial imagery that's actually used by how many departments across the county fifteen (15)

Assessor Residential Supervisor, Towns?

Assessor Jon Snyder, How many users? It's used for different purposes, for us it's used a lot for reassessment so we can see around behind to see if any new structures have been built...

Mr. Whitten, So allegedly Bob Poparad build a shed and someone say I'd like to turn in Bob.

Mr. Poparad, I got a lot of woods.

Mr. Whitten, Is there a reward for turn in somebody for a shed?

Assessor Jon Snyder, Right...no there isn't.

Mr. Poparad, I think the second part to Mike's question is does the municipalities have access to this information?

Assessor Jon Snyder, They do and I just talked to Mr. Rivas about it today this is straining our budget to afford the cost of the flyover but we already have users where 75% percent of them use of the program. But yes we do make it accessible for other local users such as City of Portage, City of Valparaiso, County Airport, Prosecutor's Office and I don't know if the Sheriff's Office is still here because they deny using it but...the Surveyor's Office, Town of Chesterton, Auditor's Office, Building Department of Porter County. Adult Probation and Assessors Office everybody loves the imagery they get it's pretty clear and it's pretty good.

Mr. Whitten, So any other questions or concerns? Did everybody get their answers? Alright hearing nothing further all in favor of the transfer signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The transfers are approved.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

Mr. Rivas, Jon they have to ask for access to right? I mean do they need a code do you charge anything?

Assessor Jon Snyder, Yes we have unlimited passwords for County use. It can't be used for commercial purposes or for profit I guess you would say. We have to kind of monitor who is using it so we haven't had any issues.

Mr. Whitten, Ok

Assessor Jon Snyder, Except Bob asked me for it...no I am just kidding.

(laughter)

### **Animal Shelter**

#### **Animal Shelter Supplemental Fund - 4008-000-0626**

Transfer \$6,963 from 31600 Vet Services to 11200 Hourly. Reason: To cover hourly payroll through the end of 2019.

Mr. Whitten, The animal shelter has pulled it's transfer request.

### **Health Department**

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

Form 144 \$51,039 to \$46,698 Food Service Inspector  
\$45,211 to \$46,698 Sanitarian II

Title Change for Food Service Coordinator to Food Service Director. Reason: Reducing Food Service Inspector (\$4,341) and increasing Sanitarian II \$1,487 per year.

Mr. Whitten, Health department so what we have in front of us is a form 144 for \$51,039 to \$46,698 and \$45,211 to \$46,698 title change.

Mr. Poparad, Motion to approve.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion and a second on the form 144 any questions? Bob did you have a question?

Mr. Poparad, Are we lowering a salary and giving someone else a raise?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, I'm sorry?

Mr. Poparad, Are we giving somebody a raise?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Well it depends on how you look at it. Was it is we are trying to do...

Mr. Poparad, Are they getting paid more this year than last year?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Slightly yes.

Mr. Poparad, Ok so we are doing a mid-year raise by taking somebody down and bringing somebody else up.

Health Department Administrative Assistant Kris Contrino, It's actually the same person because she switched from foods to environmental.

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Right.

Health Department Administrative Assistant Kris Contrino, So we are lowering the salary and increasing the environmental which she wanted to do and she is ok with that. But we wanted to bring here salary up to match the other environmental because they have the same experience and qualifications.

Mr. Larson, So what's her salary going to be at (inaudible)?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, It's going to be that \$46,698 dollars.

Mr. Poparad, \$46,698 dollars?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Yes.

Mr. Larson, So she went from \$51,039 dollars so she is actually reducing her salary?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Yes.

Health Department Administrative Assistant Kris Contrino, And it would have gone down to the \$45,211 dollars but we wanted to bump it up.

Mr. Whitten, So basically it's a net savings

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Oh yes I agree with that.

Mr. Whitten, I sorry Bob that was more of a mumble.

(Laughter)

Mr. Poparad, Well I guess my question is she knew the salary was \$45,211 dollars?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, And she said she would take the job.

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Well she was going to take it because of her passion for the environment yes.

Mr. Poparad, Correct. But she was happy with the \$45,211 dollars?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Yes.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Larson, But what we are doing is bookkeeping thing correct? We are just trying...

Mr. Whitten, Hold on...hold on we are giving the position a raise.

Mr. Rivas, Not a person.

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Right.

Mr. Poparad, I thought we had a thing about mid-year raises?

Ms. Graham, It is basically a raise.

Mr. Whitten, Well but she's going to end up with less money. So going back to your first question is she making more? No.

Mr. Poparad, I guess my question is you had two Food Inspectors and she's going to be what?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, She is going to be Environmental Sanitarian.

Mr. Poparad, Ok you have two positions at different salaries doing the same job?

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, No two different jobs one was a Food Mary Everett was the Food's person that's leaving that position...

Mr. Poparad, Yes.

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, to go into Environmental.

Mr. Poparad, Right.

Health Department Director Letty Zepeda, Which has a lower salary.

Mr. Poparad, Right but the other Environmental person has a higher salary? Because you said you wanted to bring them up to the other person.

Health Department Administrative Assistant Kris Contrino, Right the person that left was at the lower salary and they didn't have as much experience that she does.

Mr. Poparad, Ok.

Mr. Rivas, Have you replaced that other Food Inspector position?

Health Department Letty Zepeda, That's been posted.

Health Department Administrative Assistant Kris Contrino, We're interviewing for that right now.

Mr. Rivas, And they will come in at what salary?

Health Department Letty Zepeda, At the \$46,698 dollars.

Mr. Jessen, At the \$46,698 dollars right?

Health Department Letty Zepeda, Yes.

Mr. Whitten, So does everybody understand?

Mr. Poparad, Clear as mud.

Mr. Whitten, Any other questions? Let's get a roll call on this?

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 6 – 1

Mr. Whitten, Alright thank you.

Health Department Letty Zepeda, Thank you.

**Facilities Department**

**Commissioners General Fund - 1000-000-0006**

Form 144 \$35,177 to 30,940 Custodian. Reason: Restructuring Department reducing salary of 1 custodian \$4,237 and then moving up a total of 3 people.

Mr. Whitten, Facilities Department \$35,177 to \$30,940 restructuring department reducing salary of one custodian.

Mr. Poparad, Motion.

Mr. Whitten, We have a motion.

Mr. Rivas, Second.

Mr. Whitten, And a second any questions or concerns? Do you want to argue this raise too Bob?

(Laughter)

Mr. Poparad, Somebody has to keep an eye on things around here.

Mr. Whitten, I understand. We have a motion and a second any discussion on this? Roll call?

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. Rivas	-	Yes
Mr. Poparad	-	Yes

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

**Memorial Opera House**

**MOH Manage Fund - 4915-000-0175**

Transfer \$14,000 from 33100 Printing other than Office Supplies to 11200 Hourly. Reason: Transfer needed to cover hourly payroll for the remainder of 2019.

Mr. Whitten, Memorial Opera House

Mr. Larson, Did Whitten ask for more money?

Memorial Opera House Director Scot MacDonald, Yes

Mr. Whitten, They anticipate higher ticket sales when they I get onstage.

Memorial Opera House Director Scot MacDonald, Yes exactly.

Mr. Rivas, There’s a transfer of \$14,000 dollars.

Mr. Whitten, So there is a \$14,000 dollar transfer.

Mr. Rivas, Motion to approve.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Poparad, He's training to (inaudible)

Mr. Whitten, Any discussion other than picking on me?

Mr. Jessen, You are an easy target.

Mr. Whitten, That's true you asked for it. All in favor signify by saying Aye? Opposed? The transfers are approved.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote

Mr. Whitten, Now we are starting the Agatha Christy right?

Memorial Opera House Director Scot MacDonald, Yes at the end of this week with Mousetrap.

Mr. Whitten, How are the ticket sales going?

Memorial Opera House Director Scot MacDonald, Actually really well we are at 70% percent sold for the entire run so we are really looking in great shape right now. And we will be doing Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street our Christmas show. We are having auditions in a week.

Mr. Rivas, There you go...

Memorial Opera House Director Scot MacDonald, The director has asked me to have all of you in the show.

Memorial Opera House Natalia Klobuchar, Do you want to play santa?

Mr. Whitten, It is a singing (inaudible)?

Memorial Opera House Natalia Klobuchar, No.

(Laughter)

Mr. Whitten, You know me...

Memorial Opera House Natalia Klobuchar, Santa doesn't sing in Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Whitten, Neither does the Mayor.

Memorial Opera House Director Scot MacDonald, Right.

Mr. Whitten, That's true ok great tell Mike I will be auditioning for Santa.

Memorial Opera House Director Scot MacDonald, Ok we will be sure to.

Mr. Whitten, Thanks guys.

## **Second Reading**

Mr. Whitten, Second reading

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
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Recorder Perpetuation	1189-45100-000-0004	Data Processing Equipment	\$ 51,029.00
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Tax Sale Fees Fund
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Tax Sale Fees	1203-39500-000-0003	Contractual Services	\$ 20,000.00
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EMA Donation Fund
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EMA Donation	4114-45400-000-0360	Other Equipment	\$ 7,500.00
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Innkeepers Tax Collections Fund
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Innkeepers Tax Collections	7304-33400-000-0000	Marketing/Advertising	\$ 65,000.00
Innkeepers Tax Collections	7304-39300-000-0000	Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 5,000.00
			\$ 70,000.00

And that concludes second reading.

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

Mr. Poparad, I'll make the motion.

Ms. Graham, Second.

Mr. Jessen, Second.

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik,

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Auditor Vicki Urbanik, 7 – 0

**Attorney's Report**

Mr. Whitten, Attorney's report with Harold.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, Mr. President we were going to address the issue of the elected official for the Park Board Ordinance.

Mr. Whitten, Yes.

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I don't know if you want to do that tonight or not?

Mr. Whitten, So you have all been given sort of a draft ordinance for the Park Board appointment. So to refresh everyone and for the folks in the room the statue authorizes us to appoint someone to have the appoint authority for that 5<sup>th</sup> position on the park board, we just need to choose the county office holder that is going to do this and then pass an ordinance. So I don't know if we want to call it tonight or do you want to wait? Again you want to give the office holder an opportunity to receive and entertain requests for the appointment for the board so we don't want to wait till December but...

Mr. Poparad, We have to decide who the office holder is.

Mr. Whitten, Yes I am open to discussion now or not?

Mr. Poparad, Can we think about it and do it at the Budget Session?

Mr. Whitten, Yes we can do it whenever we want to.

Mr. Poparad, We did decide that we are going to keep the appointment?

Mr. Whitten, We're going to keep our two appointments to the board and we've decided that it's going to be a five member board. Commissioners have their two and we've decided to accept the authority to appoint a fifth appointee member and not leave it to the Commissioners. So we are just down to...

Mr. Poparad, Which elected official.

Mr. Whitten, Which elected official, so we don't have to do it tonight, but I ask that we do it perhaps by the end of October and give them November and December to get names. Is everyone ok with that we could do it at our final reading? We could pass the ordinance when we get there?

Mr. Poparad, Does the office holder have to serve or do they have to appoint?

Mr. Whitten, They have to appoint.

Mr. Poparad, They can't serve they have to appoint?

Mr. Whitten, Right. Well, we just got the ordinance yesterday so maybe we need a little more time to comb through it and talk amongst ourselves so why don't we just decide we are going to do it at our final reading. Let's just get that out of the way there so by the time we get to that meeting we will figure out who that person will be and get it to Harold and he will have the name put in there and we can entertain the ordinance at that meeting. Is that ok Harold?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, That would be good.

Mr. Whitten, Do you have anything else for us Harold?

Council Attorney Harold Harper, I do not.

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

Mr. Whitten, So one other thing that I would like for you all to take the opportunity to have it all ready I just sent it out today were the two statues that were brought up with respect to the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund it was if you may recall there was some discussion at yesterday's budget meeting between Bob or the unknown Councilman that appears in places and the Recorder's Office with respect to the budget hearing perpetuation fund I sent all of you the statues today that apply to that. I've spoken County Attorney Scott McClure and I've spoken with our Council Attorney Harold Harper today about that and it's a bit of a slippery slope and I am not entirely sure that they want to go down that slope but that's ok. But we do probably need to have a really good handle on those two statues and I'd like you guys that haven't had the opportunity already and I know Bob that you did because they told me that you talked to them. You can talk to Scott and talk to Harold and any questions or any thoughts that you might have with respect to the perpetuation fund of what you can and cannot do and what the Recorder must do to budget out of that and what can be budgeted out of that. So you've got them please go through them if you haven't already and I would be happy to answer questions too.

That's all I have so at this time I know we are down here in Hebron and I want to thank you for having us here we've enjoyed it.

Ms. Graham, This was very nice

Mr. Whitten, This is our last stop for the year for our traveling road show we've have hit all four of the quadrants of the county now and it's always good to get down here and visit with our south county constituents. Does anybody out in the audience have any questions or concerns that they want to address with the Board now that we are down here?

Town of Hebron Town Council, We'd like to thank you for coming down and Representative Alyesworth we'd like to thank you. We like to thank the Governor for the Community Crossings Grant money we've done a lot of paving and we just finished a lot of paving it's a huge help.

We like to let the County Council know we had our first meeting for the next level on the trails system number seventeen in the state and we will be starting the design work which is being done right now and then we will be starting that trail hopefully by the end of the year with our portion of the Veterans Memorial Highway Trail. Are plans are to build a Middle East Conflict Memorial on that site too so we will be working with about seven other counties to bring the soldiers (men and women) to honor them at this site.

Mr. Whitten, Awesome that's fantastic. And along the line of the trails as you guys have probably heard by now the County has bid out some engineering work on a trail project up north to connect Lake County and LaPorte County also. So we've had the opportunity to go through some of the logistics with that and it will be an awesome project when it comes to fruition. Anybody else have anything tonight?

Mr. Poparad, It's nice coming down south.

Mr. Whitten, Well I live down here.

Mr. Poparad, I know

Mr. Whitten, (Inaudible) but it's an open invitation Bob. Does anybody else have anything?

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Mr. Whitten, Can I get a motion to adjourn?

Ms. Graham, Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Poparad, Second.

Mr. Whitten, All in favor signify by saying Aye?

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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