

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
1:00 P.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 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners Laura Blaney, Jim Biggs, County Attorney Scott McClure; Executive Administrative Asst. Melanie Massey and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle. Commissioner Jeff Good was in attendance via electronic means. Toni Downing, Chief Deputy to the Auditor took roll call.

**Call to Order/Pledge**

**Roll Call:**

- Com. Good Here
- Com. Biggs Here
- Com. Blaney Present
- Ms. Downing, Three present.

**A Resolution Pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-3.5 Establishing the Policy by which Members of a Governing Body of a Public Agency of Porter County Government May Participate by Electronic Means of Communication.**

Atty. McClure, To give the Board a quick recap of this Resolution this resolution comes out of some changes in State law in relation to the Coronavirus Pandemic. This is the format for the Resolution that the other cities, towns and counties have adopted pursuant to the listed I.C. code. Once approved we can utilize to have meetings at least partially by electronic means.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the Resolution to Participate by Electronic Means of Communication, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

**Litigation Settlement Discussion – Approve or Deny.**

Atty. McClure, What we have before us today is the possibility of the settlement of the 15 N. Franklin litigation. We have participated in two executive sessions. We have also participated in a day long mediation. The proposal before us would be to settle the litigation or all of the outstanding issues. The amount of the settlement is \$260,000.00. Both Boards, Council and Commissioners were represented at both. I believe the Council last night had on their agenda and did appropriate the money in anticipation of our meeting today. Today in front of us is whether or not we would accept the agreement at \$260,000.00 to put an end to the litigation or not.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Litigation Settlement, Com. Good, second, motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

- Com. Blaney Yes
- Com. Biggs No
- Com. Good Yes
- Ms. Downing, The motion carries 2 to 1.

**An Emergency Request to Replace the Fire Alarm Panel at the Porter County Jail with F.E. Moran in the amount of \$248,550.00.**

Mr. Cloyd, The new fire panel that we are proposing will be to expand if we grow the Jail in the future. If we go into another pod or another wing. It is the minimum to the 911 area which is what you wanted. (Inaudible). It is the minimum for State requirements.

Com. Biggs, And we are working on getting that replaced as quickly as possible?

Mr. Cloyd, Yes.

Com. Biggs, moved to approve the F.E. Moran Fire Panel at the Jail, Com. Good, second, motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

Com. Biggs Yes

Com. Good Yes

Com. Blaney Yes

Ms. Downing, The motion passes 3 to 0.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

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Jeffrey J. Good

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Laura M. Blaney

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Jim Biggs

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Urbanik, Auditor