

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2023
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 Monday, October 10th, 2023 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners Laura Blaney, Barb Regnitz, Jim Biggs and County Attorney Scott McClure; Executive Administrative Asst. Melanie Massey and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle.

Call to Order/Pledge

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll – Sept. 29th, 2023.

Approval of Claims – Sept. 27th and Oct. 5th, 2023.

Approval of Minutes for September 25th, 2023.

Weights and Measures Monthly Report – August 16th to September 15th, 2023 – Filed.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

INDIANA LANDMARKS, BLAKE SWIHART

A Presentation on Historic Preservation.

Com. Regnitz, Thank you Blake for coming today.

Mr. Swihart, Thank you for having me. I appreciate it. My name is Blake Swihart. I work for Indiana Landmarks which is an historic preservation which is a statewide nonprofit that is based in Indianapolis. My office is located in the Miller section of Gary. I oversee Jasper, Newton, Lake, Porter and White Counties in their preservation efforts. I was asked to come today to present an historic preservation in general about what Indiana Landmarks does and how preservation kind of works on the large scale. Also, how in my opinion it can benefit Porter County and moving forward economy, socially and culturally. As I mentioned my name is Blake Swihart from the Northwest Field Office based in Gary. Indiana Landmarks is a nonprofit founded around 1960. We are the largest statewide preservation nonprofit in the country. We have nine regional offices located throughout the state. About three in every region north, middle and south. *(Please refer to the website for the entire presentation.)*

SHIRLEY HEINZE LAND TRUST

Shirley Heinze Land Trust to talk about how they spent the ARPA money.

Mr. Krouse, Hello everyone my name is Kris Krouse. I am the executive director of Shirley Heinze Land Trust. I also have with me Alesha Pelegrino who is the project manager who is involved with the projects that we will be talking about today. Just real quickly for the Commissioners and the audience a high level overview of Shirley Heinze Land Trust. Similar to Indiana Landmarks we are in the business although a nonprofit in preserving and protecting natural lands and waters in Northwestern Indiana. We also engage people in nature and conservation and really the kind of core mission of preserving natural land in which we have done so to the tune of 3000 acres in six counties including Porter County where we are headquartered. Of the twenty plus project areas we have six or our nature preserves are state dedicated which is the highest form of protection in the state of Indiana by the Department of Natural Resources. One of the things that has become integral to what we do as an organization is making our preserves accessible and opened to the public. And for context there are

approximately 1300 land trusts in the United States. We are one of approximately twenty in the State of Indiana. In 2018 Shirley Heinze Land Trust received the National Excellence Award from Land Trust Alliance, which is a consortium group for land and trust throughout the United States. This is something we are very proud of and speaks to the organization and really the quality of land that we have been able to preserve here in the region. *(Please refer to the website for the entire presentation.)*

Com. Biggs, I think the projects are fantastic that you've decided to do. How to invest the monies that you've received from Porter County Government. And they are so directly related to what we try address with COVID at the time was to try to get people outside, separated and get their exercise in. Those types of things. You hit the center of the target with those projects. We appreciate that.

Mr. Krause, Thank you.

Com. Regnitz, Thanks so much Kris. Great job.

Com. Biggs, By the way the amphitheater, will those be opened to the public?

Mr. Krause, Yes, they will be opened to the public. We have no plans or intentions of charging fees. Similar to the pavilion and the restroom we have kind of at the headquarters right when you pull in. The main entrance to the trail. If someone would like to use those spaces they are available. They just need to contact office and we can schedule a time. That is our plan and with the amphitheater to do the exact same thing.

Com. Biggs, So you do not have any type of program where you can lease that space? First come first serve.

Mr. Krause, It is first come first serve. We've talked a lot about hikes workshops. We've partnered with Lake Shore Paws in the past although we kind of had inadequate space. This will create opportunities to partner with other nonprofit organizations and different groups throughout the county. I could see there being say a musical event or something but we're not really looking to make this like a fee space in the county. That is not of interest to us.

Com. Biggs, Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONERS

Appointment to the Porter County Board of Health.

Com. Biggs, Carrie there was a list of 5 that you submitted. By any chance do you remember?

Ms. Gschwind, I know on the list were Martin Moeller, Dr. Derek Gaspar, Dr. Kim Brunt, Dr. Dee Dee Brogan, Tim Gooding.

Com. Blaney, I appreciate the list that you all put together. There were some excellent names there. Every single one of them. What I think the need that we have the most with all of the new money coming in and the mental health issues that we've had in this county, I think Dr. Kimberly Brunt the psychologist would fit our needs the most out of that list right now. I would like to nominate her.

Com. Biggs, Do you have anything to add Barb?

Com. Regnitz, I don't know if we need to wait for the second or if I could nominate somebody else.

Atty. McClure, We need to have a first nomination. Get a second or fail.

Com. Biggs, Can I ask you are you willing to second at this point?

Com. Regnitz, I actually have a nomination that is different from hers.

Com. Biggs, I agree with what Laura touched on. I had spoken to Barb in that past about it. We all realize that we have an issue that has grown in Porter County for one reason or the other, a mental health issue. Either with teen suicides or drug overdoses and as talented as every name that is on this list. We wouldn't lose by picking anyone of the five. We being able to

address that with a psychologist such as Dr. Kimberly Brunt is probably a direction we should be going now because we don't have anybody like that on the board. That is just my feel.

Com. Blaney, moved to appoint Dr. Kimberly Brunt to the Board of Health, Com. Biggs, second, motion carried.

Com. Regnitz, I actually have a different appointment. We already have three doctors and three nurses on the board. I think it is important to have yet another voice on that board that is not involved in clinical and direct patient contact with somebody that might have a slightly different lens by which they look at public health. And so I had a different recommendation. The person that I wanted to recommend was Tom Gooding. The reason that I would like to see him on the board was because he has a tremendous amount of experience in negotiation in working on a board and having to deal with a number of different personalities. By the way I thought that Kim Brunt had an excellent interview. She really did. I just think that Tom's experience and the expertise that he brings in terms of dealing with a number of different personalities would be a very valuable skill on that board.

Com. Biggs, Those are all excellent points Barb. Speaking for myself the amount of mental health issues that our public safety agencies are having to deal with compared to a decade ago as a Commissioner has me rattled. Very concerned. Although that would have been an excellent choice as well I think that given the opportunity with these extra funds coming in that particular expertise is where I feel more comfortable in going at this time.

Com. Blaney, It is a good problem to have with two good candidates to decide between. Actually we had five.

Ms. Gschwind, The board and the department would be very happy with either.

Com. Regnitz, Opposed.

Ms. Gschwind, Thank you all.

A Resolution to Approve the Commissioners' Meeting Schedule for 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-_____
PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners is the Executive Body of Government in Porter County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to I.C. 36-2-2-6 the Executive shall hold a regular meeting at least once each month and at other time as needed to conduct all necessary business; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Porter County Board of Commissioners that the following is a list of regular meetings in 2024 for the Porter County Board of Commissioners am/that any other meetings, as needed to conduct all necessary business, will be announced at a later date:

2024 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, June 4, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, July16, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, August 27, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 @ 10am

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 10am
Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 10am

This Resolution passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

**/s/Jim Biggs
/s/Barbara J. Regnitz
/s/Laura Blaney
/s/Attest: Karen Martin, Auditor**

Com. Biggs, That is varying from what we've tried this year with half of our meetings in the evening beginning at 5:30. That was actually brought up as a suggestion last December. Barb had brought it up to me. I was supportive of it to try and see if there was some kind of advantage not only to our office but to the public that we had half of our meetings in the evening. To be honest I have not noticed that advantage. It is taxing on our staff to be here as you might imagine at 5:30 when they've been here all day. We have to pay overtime or they have to leave earlier on a later date during the week or during the month some time. I am not advocating that we never do that. We never have a night meeting. What I am advocating is for those occasions for those certain types of business that we call a special meeting and address it in the evening. I think that is a more practical way to approach it personally without just changing the whole makeup of what we have been doing up here for decades in the way of what time we hold our meetings. I'm sure some people would rather have us have a meeting in the evening. I'm positive about it but when you look at the whole I think it is just more practical for county government. Having these meetings cost us money if we have them after working hours. So trying to keep that cost down and enable us to call for a special meeting if an evening meeting is appropriate. That was my recommendation to Laura and Barb to approach it differently this year. Any comments?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule, Com. Regnitz, second, motion carried.

Approval of Holiday Schedule for 2024.

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday	January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday	February 19	President's Day
Friday	March 29	Good Friday
Monday	May 27	Memorial Day
Wednesday	June 19	Juneteenth
Thursday	July 4	Fourth of July
Monday	September 2	Labor Day
Tuesday	November 5	Election Day
Monday	November 11	Veteran's Day
Thursday	November 28	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 29	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	December 24	Christmas Eve
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day
Wednesday	January 1	New Year's Day

Approved by the Porter County Board of Commissioners this _____ day of _____, 2023.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

**/s/Jim Biggs
/s/Barb Regnitz
/s/Laura Blaney
/s/Attest: Karen Martin**

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2024, Com. Blaney, second motion carried.

Com. Biggs, It should be noted that we did not add or take away from what we've had the last two, three or four years.

Skillman Project Updates:

- **Memorial Opera House**
- **Highway Dept.**
- **Jail**

Com. Biggs, Scott Cherry you guys are busy.

Mr. Cherry, We are. Good morning everyone. I have with me Scott Rogers who is the project manager on the Memorial Opera House. I will give you a brief update on what is happening starting with the Memorial Opera House. As you know we have two bid packages there. The first bid package is the exterior masonry restoration.

Com. Regnitz, Scott will you just make sure to talk about everything that you're doing with the masonry restoration.

Mr. Cherry, On bid package 1 we held our preconstruction meeting and started work there. Mobilized last week. We began tuck pointing on the south and east elevations. Working our way around basically ceiling. Restoring the masonry as best we can. We also looked at the roof portion of the building. Those things will be taken care of also. The target completion date of that is mid-December but we think that will be finished a little sooner. We are hoping for a November completion. On bid package 2 the architect Schmidt is working on the design looking to expedite the ordering of the auditorium seating and the possibility of windows. The design is progressing and we have a review set up for Friday. Depending on how that goes we will be able to determine when we can get our estimates done. We were targeting 50% design by early December but we are well ahead of that right now. Things are working out real well in that regards. We will get the drawings after Friday then take a couple of weeks and do our estimate. See where we are budget wise, fine tune and then we are targeting getting construction documents by February which I think will be well ahead of that and then bid in the early part of 2024.

Com. Regnitz, Can we just also add one more thing. A question came up at our last meeting about cancelling the events that they would normally have in the summer. In this case it was the Guys and Dolls production. Typically they have about three different concerts and other events. We did make a decision administratively that the Opera House would cancel the Guys and Dolls show and that they would not be scheduling anything over that summer period so that we would have a really nice window where the construction and interior could be taken place.

Mr. Cherry, We think that is going to be very helpful. It gives us about a four to five month clear shot at getting some of the interior work done. Especially with the design progressing as it is. I think that is even looking better for us. The earlier we can bid the faster we can procure. If we have everything we can build it. That is the plan right now. Moving on the Highway project. We had a kickoff meeting on Oct. 5th attended by A & Z and their architects and their team. Things went well. There is a meeting scheduled for Oct. 17th at the site. A & Z and their team will walk through and take a second look at what they presented as a study. Firm up that from there. Skillman will take an estimate to establish a budget. Then working through the programming with the Highway Dept. and the Commissioners to make sure we match the needs with the budget. We were targeting on bidding that in May of 2024. Of course we are going to take our time and do the design right. Any questions on the Highway? Moving on to the Jail project. We had a kickoff meeting on Sept. 21st. The architects DLZ were in attendance. They are starting their programming and reassessing the facility. They met out there yesterday. Walked the facility with the Sheriff. We are using the assessment as a guide but also making sure that is also updated working with the Commissioners. Some of those things on the list were taken care of so we will fine tune all of that. The first step is to develop and overall preliminary scope and budget. We are looking at two separate packages to manage that with your cash flow and your bond issuance. The first package will consist of some of the higher need items such as roof. Long lead items that is going to help us progress into the construction into the second phase. The first bid package we are looking at bidding around June of 2024 and then followed by the second later in that year November or December. Things are progressing.

Com. Biggs, Yes they are and it is twice as difficult on your end because you are dealing with three different architectural firms and they all have their own way of doing things.

Mr. Cherry, I think the Commissioners selected good teams on the design side so we are optimistic and that is what we do.

Com. Biggs, And all three projects are distinctly different than the next. Thank you and we are encouraged by what we are hearing. Heading into a busy summer.

Com. Regnitz, Thanks a lot Scott. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Berglund Construction – An AIA Agreement regarding Brick Masonry Repair Bid Package #1 for the Memorial Opera House in the amount of \$242,000.00.

Com. Regnitz, I thought we approved our contract with Berglund already.

Com. Biggs, I don't remember doing that.

Atty. McClure, I think we awarded the bid. This is the follow up

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Berglund Construction – An AIA Agreement regarding Brick Masonry Repair Bid Package #1 for the Memorial Opera House in the amount of \$242,000.00, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

SHERIFF JEFF BALON

A request to extend an employee's FMLA through October 10th, 2023.

Com. Biggs, Sheriff Balon asked if it was necessary to be here and I said it was not.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve to extend an employee's FMLA through Oct. 10, 2023, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

E911 – DEBBY GUNN, DIRECTOR

Honoring Rich Howard for receiving the Tom Brindle Technology Award.

Ms. Gunn, Thank you for your time this morning and for giving me the opportunity to share our Center would just like to acknowledge about Rich Howard. Rich Howard is no stranger to Porter County. Prior to his position with the IT Dept. he was an officer at the Sheriff's Dept. for 27 years. For the past five and a half years he has been with the IT Dept. where his primary focus has been with the 911 Center. However, his skills are utilized on a much broader scope throughout the county. Rich has been an integral part of the CAD ARMS/GMS transition Porter County is currently going through. He has assisted with connecting every department throughout the county to our new CAD system while still completing his everyday tasks. His expertise and perspective have made him an incomparable resource to this county overall but specifically to the 911 Dept. In addition to his many contributions Rich is responsible for installing CAD Mobile software as well as VP (Inaudible) to the entire county's fleet of mobile units spanning all disciplines police, fire and EMS. He is also responsible for creating a majority of the Crystal Report used by all of the police departments throughout the county. His 30 plus years to Porter County make him an irreplaceable source of information. Aside from his professional accomplishments he is a man of integrity, honesty and patience. It has been an honor and a blessing to work alongside of him. On Sept. 26th Rich was awarded the Tom Brindle Technology Award at the 911 Professionals Conference for his technological accomplishments. The Tom Brindle Award is an acknowledgement of technical contributions to 911 services throughout Indiana. Tom was a thought leader for Indiana providing guidance, ideas and leadership on how to use technology to improve 911 services to our citizens. For those of us who know Rich it is clear to see why he was chosen as 2023's recipient of this award. Please join the Porter County 911 Center and IT Dept. as we celebrate Rich Howard.

Com. Biggs, Well you know the best part of that, he works for us.

Ms. Gunn, I agree. This was the award presented to him a couple of weeks ago and we would just like to formally acknowledge him here in front of the Commissioners.

Com. Biggs, We can take a picture with him and you can put it on your website. I know it is somewhat tongue and cheek but people with that kind of background that he has are far and

few between. There are not a lot of people like Rich floating around able to do what he is doing. We are extremely lucky to have that.

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE – MEGAN STONER, DIRECTOR

A request to Transfer Funds – Fund #4915 from Acct. #3340 Advertising in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Acct. # 1120 Hourly. Need to transfer funds to continue paying hourly staff through the end of the year.

A request to Transfer Funds – Fund #4915 from Acct. #3950 Contractual Services in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Acct. # 1120 Hourly. Need to transfer funds to continue paying hourly staff through the end of the year.

A request to Transfer Funds – Fund #4915 from Acct. #3720 Software in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Acct. # 1120 Hourly. Need to transfer funds to continue paying hourly staff through the end of the year.

Com Regnitz, moved to approve the Transfers to continue paying the hourly staff through the end of the year, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

AUDITOR KAREN MARTIN

An Ordinance Establishing a Non-Reverting Fund #4006 for the Porter County Expo Center to receive FEMA Reimbursement Monies – 1st Reading.

Atty. McClure, This is the reimbursement that we are receiving from FEMA. We are creating the fund to be able to put the money in and to make it available to the Expo Center. This is first reading as requested by FEMA reimbursement itself.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Com. Biggs, Is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance please come forward. Anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Third call anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance? Anyone wishing to speak against this ordinance?

Ms. Miller, I'm not really in favor or against. I'm just asking why we are receiving FEMA.

Ms. Daly, Last year in April Jon from the Health Dept. approached me and there was a big grant for reimbursement for revenue. So for about the two years that the Health Dept. was at the Expo we were reimbursed. I did an invoice like I did anyone else and we got \$307,000.00.

Com. Biggs, This was during COVID. Where they were utilizing large space for a better part of what?

Ms. Daly, It was just under two years.

Com. Biggs, Second call, anyone wishing to speak against this ordinance? Third and final call anyone wishing to speak against this ordinance?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve an Ordinance Establishing a Non-Reverting Fund #4006 for the Porter County Expo Center to receive FEMA Reimbursement Monies on 1st Reading, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

EXPO – LORI DALY, DIRECTOR

F.E. Moran – A proposal to address issues noted during the annual inspection on the Expo side. Total Cost \$5,895.00.

Ms. Daly, So what happens is every year the state fire marshal comes in right about when the fair is starting and he takes a look at the whole facility. Every five year they have to totally drain the systems. Do a hydraulic test and then fill them back up. That is what the big part of this is. There are a lot of little things. Sprinkler heads, there is one that is over 10 years old. In addition to this the Fair Board actually has their barns so they have a separate proposal that is outside of this. This is just the initial proposal to fix what was on the state fire marshal's inspection report to remain compliant.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the F.E. Moran to address issues noted during the annual inspection, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

A request to approve the 2024 Pricing Sheets.

Ms. Daly, We did an analysis. Looked at other venues to see what they are charging for room rentals and bar packages. Everything that we are doing is pretty much in line as well as labor and utility costs things like that. The only change is the bar packages came up a little bit. Cost of cups came up a little bit. Juice more than a little bit and pop. That was adjusted as well as the drink prices.

Com. Regnitz, Lori and I had a conversation about this. I wanted to make sure she wasn't short changing herself because these prices seemed really reasonable. She said we are.

Ms. Daly, I think we are right in the middle. There are some lesser expensive options but there are also there are people that their costs there is no justification for it. I think we are right in line for 2024.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the 2024 Pricing Sheets for the Expo Center, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

FACILITIES – DANIEL SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR

Space Moves Update.

Mr. Sullivan, The Scotts from Skillman stole some of my thunder, but I have pictures. Just a few of the Opera House tuck pointing they are working on the lower areas right now.

Com. Biggs, Will you introduce the gentleman that is with you.

Mr. Sullivan, This is Ryan Wagner from American StructurePoint. He is the senior project engineer who has been in charge of our Admin. Building garage. He will present that report to us today. They are holding off on the front of the building until the current show run has finished. They are working on the sides. The center Highway garage you heard that we had our first sit down design and then a site meeting next Tuesday. The Jail and Sheriff had a great walk around with the architect yesterday. This was basically to look at any reconfiguring. It is not a lot but small changes to that. Most of the work out there as you know is replacement of systems, roofing and things like that. Meetings to come will be HVAC, plumbing, electrical, experts from that architectural firm. This is the latest layout of the space that had been the current Voters Registration. This is where we leaning right now after the second meeting with those three offices Health Dept., Veteran's and Coroners. The red areas is what will be the Veteran's Services. We are using the current entrance for Voters Registration. The back entrance or the staff entrance will become the public entrance for the Coroners. This gives them an additional Veteran's Service officer office. A place for them to meet with larger groups from the public. A reception area. This is a window so Doris can talk to people through but still have some privacy. Then another space for a future officer and the director's office. The Coroner's office a lot of the notes you will see here were based on some feedback. We did a walk through with them and all of these were approved by the architect. We modified the Coroner's office she wanted to have a little more space. Also this area from meeting space to all storage.

Com. Regnitz, Daniel do you have the pre and the after square footage? What they have currently and what they are going to have?

Mr. Sullivan, I don't sorry.

Com. Regnitz, I know that the architect had that but I don't have that in front of me. We know they both have an increase.

Mr. Sullivan, It doesn't show the actual square footage here but it is about 50/50. It doesn't look like it here but if you include the walkway. I think we're being equal with them. It will increase all of their space for both of these offices significantly. I think we are looking at win, wins here.

Com. Biggs, The private meeting room is more of a community meeting room correct?

Mr. Sullivan, It is a meeting room used by Veteran's Services. By that I mean their use for their customers. They were looking for a place where a veteran may be coming in but they

need some of their family to help understand or fill out forms. That sort of thing. It is not so much as a community as in the whole building but for community members that are here to see the Veteran's Services Dept.

Com. Biggs, I see you have a meeting area on here for the Coroner's.

Com. Regnitz, Actually that is going to be storage.

Mr. Sullivan, They feel like with moving these two walls here we can make this area wider to create a little more space than they have right now in the lobby I will call it. The Coroner's office does not get a lot of visitor traffic. We are not expecting to need more.

Com. Biggs, There was no request by them to have a meeting room?

Mr. Sullivan, There was initially.

Com. Regnitz, There was but they felt like their storage was a higher need than to have that meeting space.

Com. Biggs, The only thing is you see where that hallway ends there is that wall there. Why couldn't you put another door here if they needed to utilize that room?

Mr. Sullivan, Right about here you're saying?

Com. Biggs, Yes.

Mr. Sullivan, This space here. Actually that was kicked around making a shared meeting room. That is worth considering. We can bring that back.

Com. Biggs, Just a door.

Com. Regnitz, There is a privacy concern across both sides. Especially with Veteran's. And they have some sort of statutory requirement that it is not accessible necessarily.

Mr. Sullivan, That has come up every now and then about having shared break areas and shared meeting areas and that keeps coming up. That is what probably drove them away from this.

Com. Biggs, I would be really surprised if putting a door up on that wall would violate any privacy.

Mr. Sullivan, It could be easily overcome for instance if you made this badge accessible here so in order to get in to the meeting room from either side you had to have badge access that would take care of it.

Com. Regnitz, We talked about having a shared reception area for the two of them. We talked about sharing the break area. I can't tell you how many iterations we've had of this picture.

Mr. Sullivan, We started with three and this was the closest. This was a re-rendering of that. Specifically these were the feedback of some of the Coroner's office concerns but after the meeting we had with them they were quit comfortable.

Com. Biggs, I know you have been working closely with the Health Dept. of course VA and the Coroner. This is as much their design as it is yours.

Mr. Sullivan, Very much so. In fact I don't have a map right now to show you the Health Dept. because we are really focusing on this department first. Once we get these folks moved over that shows us more of the bones that we can work with the Health Dept.

Com. Regnitz, I appreciate also that Barb, a Commissioner is plugged into this as closely as she has been. That is really an advantage to our Board. We are kind of getting a heads up if we run into a problem before it gets out here. That has been helpful. You have been busy.

Mr. Sullivan, Always.

Com. Regnitz, Did you want to talk about 157?

Mr. Sullivan, There was one question that came up at our last meeting about 157 that I wanted to mention. The painting of the ceiling. There was one thing I hadn't thought about. It is adding to the cost. It doesn't mean it is not still doable. I'm using an old picture here. Because of this old lattice work that is in the ceiling out there which was kind of a feature of the space prior it is now making it a bit more expensive to paint the ceilings. It is still possible but if you spray it and there is dark behind it now you really have to take those down. So we can either take those down and paint without that or we can take them down paint them and put them back up.

Com. Biggs, What is behind those?

Mr. Sullivan, Nothing, it's just a look. I don't even think sound.

Com. Biggs, Do you mean a concrete ceiling?

Mr. Sullivan, Yes it's a concrete ceiling.

Com. Regnitz, And the reason that we're trying to keep the cost down on this is because this is going against the Health Dept.'s budget of a million dollars. We want to make sure that they have as much money as possible for their renovation and all of these moves are so that they have more space.

Mr. Sullivan, And also unfortunately the paint that they used up here is more glossy than it would normally be used. They have to use an oil primary to go over that as well. It will take about three coats to make that a light color unfortunately.

Com. Regnitz, Do you see a problem with just removing those and just painting?

Mr. Sullivan, No. I only have one proposal at this point but I'm expecting a second so I don't want to say. A difference of 25%.

Com. Biggs, If you were to leave them up.

Mr. Sullivan, Yes.

Com. Blaney, Take them down.

Com. Biggs, I agree.

Mr. Sullivan, Okay.

Com. Biggs, And this may sound silly to some people. Don't just throw those away. Hand them out to the public or the employees first instead of just tossing them in a dumpster.

Mr. Sullivan, I want to clarify what I just said because I wasn't clear. The cost of painting the ceiling is about 25% more than not painting the ceiling. It's about \$4000.00 to paint the ceiling. It's \$5000.00 to remove and paint those and put them back up. It may be a little lower or higher.

Com. Blaney, So it is \$4000.00 to take them down and paint the ceiling.

Mr. Sullivan, Yes.

Com. Biggs, Take them down.

Com. Blaney, Too bad we didn't spray it in the beginning.

Atty. McClure, Are we taking them down and painting them or are we just taking them down? I think they think we are just taking them down.

Mr. Sullivan, That is what I'm hearing as well. So that is what we will do.

Com. Regnitz, We are taking them down and we are painting the ceiling. And that is \$4000.00. Were we to take them down, paint them and put them back up that would be \$5000.00.

Mr. Sullivan, Yes and actually on my way in today I said can you clarify that. Did we get a price for that? We did not get a price for paint, take them down paint them, put them back up.
Com. Biggs, They are not going to paint them and put them back up.

Com. Regnitz, And Daniel how is the construction going on the main level for Voter's Registration?

Mr. Sullivan, I don't have any pictures because it is a mess over there, but very well. The fact that it's a mess means that we are in the final stages. The walls are ready for the final coats of paint except for the very entrance over there.

Com. Biggs, With all of this when are we looking at a finish date?

Mr. Sullivan, I haven't set one because we don't really need to move the folks in until after the election now. It's been decided among the staff there.

Com. Regnitz, But we do want the space for the equipment right after the election so they don't have to move that equipment.

Mr. Sullivan, The goal is any amount of machines that go out for voting for this election when they come back we don't want them to back to their old space. We want them to go back to their new space. That will mean that we will have to have the fencing up and the cameras in place so those things are always under guard in the basement of that building. That will be after the election.

Com. Regnitz, So really the intention is two different phases. One is the equipment and the other is the people.

Com. Blaney, And there is another election year right on the heels of this one.

Com. Regnitz, The one thing is the people can really take their time. They don't have to move immediately because just based on the schedule that we have for the moves into Voter's Registration it doesn't look like they are going to start construction in there until after the first of the year. The people can take a little bit more time to move over to 157 Franklin.

Com. Biggs, Laura brought up a very good point. Right on the heels. Right after the first of the year.

Com. Blaney, So are we not planning on moving for the next election either?

Mr. Sullivan, No we will move them. That is why I want to go ahead and get this done. Initially the plan was to move them this month and I want to keep moving before that. All we have to do right now is clean up and put the carpet in there. If we pushed it forward as the primary thing we could get it done in a couple of weeks.

Com. Regnitz, The one really hard deadline is that that equipment is going to move downstairs in 157 Franklin after this election in November.

Mr. Sullivan, If I remember right they always have a 10 day period where they can't do anything. We are still going to shoot for that.

Com. Biggs, Just keep in mind because that is huge. The next election. Stay in front of it.

Mr. Sullivan, In fact we are even working around the Health Dept. remodel to make sure that when we do those phases as with our architects if we do those phases we will not interfere with early voting here at the Admin. Building.

Com. Biggs, If we mess that up that is carrier ending for all of us.

Mr. Sullivan, Understood.

AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT – RYAN WAGNER

Garage Study Presentation.

Mr. Wagner, Thanks for having me my name is Ryan Wagner. I am the structural engineer in our forensic group at American StructurePoint. I am a senior project manager with the group. On August 31st we performed a visual assessment of the Porter County parking facility that is attached to this building. I recently issued a report that gives a summary of repair recommendations and budgetary costs projected over ten years. I just want to share that with you and very briefly give a visual to the audience here as far as what we saw because I think that will inform some of the things we share at the end. The garage for its age I think it is 31 years old is in fairly good condition for its age. I will get into why that is. You are at prime opportunity at this stage of the garage's life to start getting ahead of what we foresee to becoming some forthcoming maintenance issues. The garage is comprised of precast double T's. This is just a cross section of what these double T's look like. They span from the outside wall to the center wall on both sides of the garage. Just a brief terminology here this red arrow is pointing to the driving surface. As far as the structure is concerned we call that the flange. The vertical protrusions down from there are doing a lot of structural work for us and those are called the stem. As the garage is constructed like Lego's in a piece wise fashion the adjoining precast double T's are actually fastened together. In this garage it is in nine locations over the length of any T with what we call a flange to flange connection. In the dash to lips that is a common flange connector. That is a critical piece of our report. Overall the precast double T beam looks like the photo on the left from underneath. It bares on columns or walls in this case you've got a continuous wall in the center. That is supported with haunches. That is the protrusion on the right photo it is sort of a trapezoid. Up at the roof level I'm going to jump ahead at the critical things that we've been seeing. The photo in the upper left shows a view of the joint between two precast double T's. It doesn't look from the top side that there is anything special going on here. The lighter colored linear element in that photo is actually a bead of sealant. Those sealant joints are failing in many locations. The other photos in this page are views of the underside of the same joints. These are views under the roof. As we found in our assessment the staining and discoloration viewed on the underside is worse under the roof. It lessens as you proceed downward throughout the garage. In the upper right photos as you can see by my yellow arrow there are a few locations in the garage where there is a risk of falling concrete. That piece is relatively small. I don't imagine that it would cause any grave injury or anything if it did hit a person but there is certainly some opportunity that it could cause some injury and it could cause some property damage if falling on a car. As we are going around throughout the garage we don't have x-ray vision and we don't have jack hammers with us so when we are quantifying the damages we are looking at staining. Primarily rust staining. As we get into the next photo here in the upper left there are some locations where those T to T connectors have rusted and part of the chemical reaction that occurs is as the rust layers form on the surface of the steel it actually expands and spalls off of the concrete that is surrounding it.

Com. Biggs, Is that due to salt?

Mr. Wagner, It is salt laden water. It is primarily the result of deicing salts. As we all know that is kind of a necessary evil on these structures. We have to protect against trips slips and falls. This is the most cost effective way to do it. This as you see in the upper left photo is a common occurrence that you see in the upper Midwest and other areas in the country.

Com. Biggs, We are not (Inaudible) the cars are bringing it in.

Mr. Wagner, Yes, you fulfilled my next point. That is exactly correct.

Mr. Sullivan, I had a note to use the salt that is supposed to be kinder.

Mr. Wagner, Just to give a little background on Daniel's last point. This garage has what is called a bonded overlay which was cast at the time of original construction. When these precast double T's were erected on site the flange as I had shown you guys earlier was thinner when they came off of the truck. When construction began they were set in place and then I believe it was a 3 inch that we found on the drawings a 3 inch pour of concrete was poured over the top of all of these and that has provided a good level of protection from that front progressing deeper into the concrete to reach the level of steel. As we can see here it has reached the level of steel in recent years and has begun to initiate corrosion. The lower photo is a foam backer rod that is installed in the joint during construction. All it does is support the sealant when it is installed. The fact that in some areas of the garage we have these pieces of backer rod hanging down are indicative of some movement that is occurring when cars travel over the joints. For folks that want to pay close attention if you are in another parking facility that is comprised of the same construction in other areas in the Midwest you will probably notice that garages of a couple of decades ago or older in age will have similar things going on. What we don't want to have is have those T connectors fail and then be left to fester. Those T connectors are very important for the behavior of the system. When you have a un-zippering if you will we have nine of those

connectors along the line of that T. When you get a sufficient number of them that have failed now you really do have that flange working harder as any car drives over the top of it. Eventually you will get cracking and it could proceed to the worst case scenario. We want to avoid that.

We are not seeing what we call D shaped cracks. A D shape crack left to fester will have a D you've shaped failure. We haven't seen any of those yet. Although, there are some cracks to the top side of the T's as you saw in some of these photos. We do see some staining and leaks occurring. These are not structurally concerning today. They certainly have the potential to be structurally concerning over the next few years. We want to get ahead of that so our recommendation is that the county plans out over the next 10 years to perform some maintenance in various stages.

Com. Biggs, If we were to develop a ten year maintenance plan for that is that something that you do?

Mr. Wagner, We have provided kind of a first pass at our best recommendations to how you might consider spending those dollars in year one, year five and year ten at the end of this report. There are some issues on the façade. These I would say at this point in time are more cosmetic. We've got other minor things to be expected for a garage of this age. In fact some of these would be expected to be a higher level of damage than what we found. This is an example of a kind of repair if the county were to proceed with a design phase for the repairs. Essentially what is done there is an amount of concrete that is removed of course shoring. The certain part of garage we would have to have limited access. And then basically what you are doing is installing effectively a new share connector. New rebar or good enough rebar if it is clean protected and coated. And then concrete poured back. Once all of that is done we would recommend one of two things. Either a textured traffic baring coating or membrane or as we've suggested here there is maybe for the condition of this garage a smarter use of funds would be a penetrating sealer that has an integral corrosion inhibitor. It is about 50% of the cost on a square foot basis or less. I did include an excerpt of our field notes and I apologize that it is not really appearing too well. I did want to illustrate that the prevalence of the sheer connector issue is we can see only from staining as you recall is to the tune of about...we have 1200 total connectors in the garage. Our estimation based on visual assessment is about 670 of them need some attention. At the roof level alone you've got 468 connectors and 260 of them there about require some attention. As we see here on this slide on the upper left corner we have items 1 through 7 those are in whatever the county would consider the first year of repairs. Whatever the county would consider the first year of repairs 2024 or 2205. We would recommend a number of different measures that total to about \$400,000.00. This will extend the life span of the structure. The year one repairs are really focused on the roof level. And the roof level has the greatest concentration of deicing salts so we think that makes sense. When you finish let's say one repair beyond that we would recommend another repair program to be instituted around year five and that would address the levels below the roof for a similar cost to about \$463,000.00. Beyond that you've extended the life of your structure 20 to 30 years. We would say if you were to round out with some more repairs in year ten because of the rest of the garage being in such good shape we are projecting about \$90,000.00 in year ten. One nuance that I wanted to call to everyone's attention here. Items 2 is an allowance for the replacement of T to T connectors at the roof level. *T to T connector allowance values estimated based on the physical evidence visible via non-destructive observation during our assessment. We do recommend based on our own prior experience on similar projects that destructive evaluation be performed during construction and we may find that there are calls made in the field to say this connector exhibited more of a surface corrosion. In that case rather than fully replacing that connector repair area we would focus on cleaning up the surface corroded steel coating with a liquid applied with a paint brush, a corrosion inhibitor and then patching back the concrete. Those are allowance values the \$130,000.00 recommended for the T to T connectors at the roof level year one. And then \$156,000.00 for the remaining T to T connectors in year five at the lower levels. Those are allowance values. We expect that those values would actually come in less. One of the next major items is stepping one item down year one would be item 3. Year five would be item 12. That would be the penetrating (Inaudible) sealer with integral corrosion inhibitor. That does require restriping. The reason that we are recommending that product there are different ways of handling the ingress of chloride. You can make an attempt to stop that chemical reaction and that is what we are recommending here. It just so happens it is a bit of a cheaper product. The issue though there is you do have water that can begin to penetrate. The water that does penetrate and it comes with about a 10 year warranty will actually delay that chemical reaction. As I alluded to earlier was to provide a protective layer that prevents water from entering the concrete. That is a traffic baring membrane. It will be more costly to the tune of two or more times (Inaudible) sealer. We realize these dollars are not small but our

recommendation is some smart money spent now will hopefully extend the life of this public facility by many decades.

Com. Biggs, I agree. I can only imagine in today's dollars to replace that garage what it would be.

Mr. Wagener, It would be significant. Many millions.

Mr. Sullivan, Can we go back to page 6 real quick. What we do for right now based on this report I don't think we need to rush right now before the winter. After talking about it with Ryan and my staff we think if we can find those places where we can see where there is already a piece delaminating we can proactively knock those out with a hammer. That is our answer for this year. And then we look at beginning this work next year.

Com. Biggs, We will be talking to the Council about this because it is something that we can't wait on. Actually I was kind of surprised by the price. I thought it would be a lot more. Don't go back and change your numbers.

Mr. Wagner, We are trying to be smart about the dollars.

Mr. Sullivan, Did the five year plan estimate for inflation or no.

Mr. Wagner, No. I did list that in the report very clearly but I did forget to mention it here. Those dollars are 2023 dollars. Not knowing what the county's plans are for how far to extend this it is hard to assign that right now.

Com. Biggs, I'm (Inaudible percentage) sure we are going to move on this. We just have to that is all there is to it. Thank you.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – JIM POLAREK, DIRECTOR

A request to Transfer Funds – Fund #1169 from Acct. #2261 Salt to Acct. #2440 Road Signs in the amount of \$5,000.00. Due to increased cost of signs and post.

Mr. Polarek, The price of everything has gone up.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Transfer of Funds, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

A request for an employee to receive a 60 day FMLA extension, retroactive to Sept. 25th, 2023.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the FMLA extension, Com. Regnitz, second, motion carried.

A request to approve Change Order #1 with Milestone Contractors North pertaining to the 2023 Porter County Roadway Paving Projects . Remove entirety of Project F Pines Estates from contract and add entirety of Spring Wood Subdivision in the amount of \$12,441.25.

Mr. Polarek, We are getting ready to change some pipes. We cannot get the concrete drain pipes that we need this year so we are going to order them. Hopefully in the spring we can get them.

Com. Biggs, We will just add this to next year.

Mr. Polarek, Next year when we do it, it will all be ready to go. The one we are replacing it with has Pazour ratings of 2 and 3 in that subdivision. It could have made the list also.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve the Milestone Contractors North Change Order #1 pertaining to Project F Pines Estates, Com. Regnitz, second, motion carried.

A request to approve Change Order #1 with Milestone Contractors North pertaining to the 2023 Porter County Roadway Paving Projects. Revise Plan Sheet 10 regarding the

Wedgewood Subdivision to add HMA and second mobilization for additional milling in the amount of \$52,572.60.

Mr. Polarek, After they went in there and did the initial milling engineering went in there and found some bad sections. So we will need to mill it down deeper than we originally planned.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve Changer Order #1 with Milestone Contractors North pertaining to the Wedgewood Subdivision, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Com. Biggs, This \$52,572.60 you have room in there to...

Mr. Polarek, Correct, we have the funds. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT & STORM WATER MNGMNT.

DLZ – Supplemental Agreement No. 2 – Calumet Trail Phase 5 and 6. County Line, U.S. 12 to Lake Shore County Road in Beverly Shores. The cost is an additional \$290.00 to the contract which shall not exceed \$697,190.00.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the DLZ Supplemental Agreement No. 2, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. – An LPA Consulting Agreement Right-of-Way Services Replacement for Bridge #1009 – Lenburg Rd. over Salt Creek. The contract shall not exceed \$23,850.00.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Butler, Fairman and Seufert LPA Consulting Agreement Right-of-Way Services Replacement for Bridge #1009, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

HWC – Professional Services Agreements – Design & Engineering and Right-of-Way Services for Small Structures LI-002 (Carrying CR 100 W over Damon Run) & UN-004 (Carrying CR 750 W over Deep River) Replacement Projects. The initial value of the agreements is not to exceed \$418,460.00.

Mr. Novotney, The Commissioners previously authorized the department to negotiate these contracts with HWC back at your August 8th meeting. The total value of the agreements is \$418,460.00 not to exceed.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Professional Services Agreements with HWC for the Design & Engineering and Right-of-Way Services for Small Structures LI-002 (Carrying CR 100 W over Damon Run) & UN-004 (Carrying CR 750 W over Deep River) Replacement Projects. The initial value of the agreements is not to exceed \$418,460.00, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Engineer's Report – The Preserve Subdivision, Phase 1. Recommending the acceptance of the roads serving the subdivision. As of the date of final acceptance, Porter Co. will be fully responsible for the inspection, maintenance, repair and reconstruction of such roads.

Mr. Novotney, There comes a time in every private development projects life that if they have constructed and properly maintained the public infrastructure serving the subdivision for a set number of years that we conduct a final inspection and recommend to the Board that they accept that infrastructure that we take care of it. The roads preserving The Preserve Phase 1 have reached that point. At this point I am recommending to the Board that the county accept those roads as public infrastructure. And that on this date the county resume full responsibility for inspection, maintenance, repair and reconstruction of those roads.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Engineer's Report pertaining to The Preserve Subdivision, Phase 1, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, Mike Novotney has agreed to be our Interim Director of the Development & Storm Water Management Dept. Thank you for doing that.

Com. Blaney, moved to approve Mike Novotney as Interim Director of the Development & Storm Water Management Dept., Com. Regnitz, second, motion carried.

Com. Biggs, Congratulations.

Com. Blaney, Thank you for taking that on.

Mr. Novotney, Thank you for the opportunity. Looking forward to working with you and looking forward to carrying on the legacy that Bob left for us.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Miller, After all of this you are cancelling the p.m. meetings. I mean fortunately for me I have a couple of contracting jobs. I'm able to make it to these meetings but some people cannot. I real feel that is doing a disservice for people that work during the day to get here.

Com. Biggs, I understand you point of view of it but just speaking from my experience up here all of the years that I have sat up here I don't receive a bunch of calls and people asking us to meet in the evening for whatever reason. If that were to come up Dawn we can have a special meeting in the evening.

Ms. Miller, You had mentioned that it was a bunch of reasons. You guys are here all day. You have to pay overtime. The County Council holds their meetings at night time. They work during the day as well.

Com. Biggs, Well they have one meeting a month.

Ms. Miller, Well, okay. It's still nice to have that evening meeting. That did make it convenient with some people that were talking about...

Com. Biggs, It made it convenient for some people and it made it inconvenient for some people.

Ms. Miller, Would you think it would be more important for the constituents?

Com. Biggs, That is my point. I don't personally see where the constituents care one way or the other. Some do and some don't. If I balanced that out with what it is costing us....

Ms. Miller, With all due respect common sense wise you would think that people that work during the day they appreciated those evening meetings because they were able to show up and voice their concerns.

Com. Biggs, I think you are right in occasions where it is special business. That is what I'm saying in those situations if we believe it calls for an evening meeting because more people want to be here than fine. People aren't looking at our meetings like a TV night. Just take a look. Nobody is here. 98% or 95% of the people sitting in our audience is to do business with us. I'm taking it all into consideration the burden it is putting on this department as well as people doing business with us. Especially the ones coming out of Indianapolis or Ft. Wayne after that evening meeting. They have to get in the car and drive two and a half hours.

Ms. Miller, Wouldn't you think that would be the opportune time for them to come during the morning ones?

Com. Biggs, When that is available yes.

Ms. Miller, I just had another question. How long are we saying the Sheriff's office will remain vacant before something else is done with it? I know there was the \$10,000.00 a year in NIPSCO costs. So I'm just curious as to how long are we giving....

Com. Regnitz, We had to re-advertise it for another 22 days. I'm not sure of the exact schedule. Melanie might have an answer. We are opening bids at our next meeting. And if we don't have any bids then we have the ability to place it with a broker so that they can advertise it. Our advertising is just putting it in legal notice and one of the things we've learned is that people looking to lease office space aren't looking in legal notices. They are looking at what the realtors are posting. We might have people that want to bid on construction projects that will look at our legal notices but what we've learned is that they are really looking at something different. We were required by state statute that if we are going to place it with a broker it had to

be advertised for 60 days. We had to advertise it for another 22 days. Believe me I really wish that we would be a lot closer to getting it occupied.

Ms. Miller, So then in light of the gentleman that came up with the historical information (Inaudible) great. Since we are not using the Sheriff's residence and we have to keep waiting and waiting and money is just kind of being wasted thrown at it why don't we go ahead and do the build out? I'm not for it but I'm just saying. We keep letting this building...

Com. Biggs, Because we don't have \$5 million Dawn.

Ms. Miller, You gave them \$5 million.

Com. Biggs, The build out is closer to \$10 million.

Ms. Miller, But there are grants and things....

Com. Biggs, Not for that kind of money.

Ms. Miller, I'm just throwing it out there. The building is sitting there as you guys have stated and it is draining us. Just looking at both sides here. I'm not an advocate for it. If the building is sitting there empty why not utilize it.

Com. Regnitz, The grant would only be for renovating an historic building. It would not be for doing a build out. It would only be for renovating one of the historic buildings. It would not be for putting a connector between two buildings. That grant money couldn't be used for that.

Ms. Miller, I'm sure there is other money. Again, I am not advocating for it.

Com. Regnitz, If you can find money for us let us know.

Ms. Miller, I'm sure that the MOH Foundation, their sponsors, their great guarantors all of these people could get this money together. Again, I'm not promoting this but why are we letting a building sit.

Com. Regnitz, We are not letting a building sit. We are going through the process that we have to go through before we could actually place it with a broker so it can be properly advertised.

Ms. Miller, Why did the Museum move out of there? I know you guys said it was air conditioning. Other than that was there any other reason?

Com. Biggs, I don't think they needed that amount of space. And another reason it has issues with temperature. There is no air conditioning in that building.

Ms. Miller, They have window units in there. I thought the museum was amazing.

Com. Biggs, Yes it was but if you talk to Kevin window units don't cut it when you are dealing with sensitive items like that that they would like to showcase.

Ms. Miller, They had sensitive items that were behind curtains and things of that nature.

Com. Biggs, That is just what you saw. Or what the public saw. They had hundreds of other items.

Ms. Miller, It was elating to that fact that there wasn't enough room obviously in that big of a building. Then it got moved over to the Aster Gray building. It seems like it was a bit smaller than that bigger building.

Com. Blaney, I think to get an answer I would ask the Museum Board. They wanted to move. What they always told us was the upkeep of their artifacts and the temperature and humidity control. To get a more detailed answer I'm sure they would love to talk about it.

Ms. Miller, Thank you.

Com. Biggs, I will entertain a motion to recess.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve recess, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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