

The Board met in due form with the following members present: Michael Repay Jerry Tippy and Kyle W. Allen, Sr. They passed the following orders, to wit:

The Pledge was given, there was moment of Silence and Roll Call was made.

A courtesy copy of the agenda and notice of this meeting was emailed by Matthew Cruz to the Times in Munster and Crown Point, the Post Tribune in Merrillville and Crown Point, WJOB Radio Station, the Star, WLTH Radio Station, Comcast Cable, the Calumet Press, Portage Journal News, Pilcher Publishing and the Gary Law, Channel 21 media on the 10th day of January, 2022 at about 10:51 a.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 10th day of January, 2022 at about 10:51 a.m.

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Order #1

Acknowledgement

Comes now, President Repay, began Meeting with Acknowledgement to Mrs. Cheryl Burns, employee of the Commissioner's Office and is Retiring, Congratulated her on the many years and Thanked her for her many years of Service and wished her well.

Comes now, President Repay, with acknowledgement to introduce the new HR Director, Mr. Joe Travis, and welcomed him.

Order #2 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Reorganization of the Board: Reorganization of the Board of the Year 2022.

Commissioner Tippy made a motion to keep the President and Vice President the same for the year 2022, Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #3 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 3.1-3.3: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to amend the Agenda as read into the record by the County Attorney. Motion carried 3-0.

3.1 ADDITION: ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION: Service Agreement with Knowlnk Innovative Election Solutions in the amount of \$60,000 for the year 2022

3.2 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: Donation to the Gary Branch NAACP in the amount of \$2,500

3.3 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: Donation to the Blind Social Center in the amount of \$300

Order #4 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Correspondence: 4.1 Sheriff: Letter of 12-17-21 requesting rejection of non-conforming/deficient vendor proposals for RFP for Gasoline for Lake County Sheriff's Police and Lake County Agency Use.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to make a matter of public record the correspondence from the Sheriff's Department, Letter of 12-17-21 requesting rejection of non-conforming/deficient vendor proposals for RFP for Gasoline for Lake County Sheriff's Police and Lake County Agency Use, Attorney Fech explained briefly, that there were two amounts given, 300k gallons and 325k gallons, one of the bids was based upon 325k and the other bid was based upon 300k, so it's going back out for bid later on in the agenda, Tippy, asked what's the correct number, Fech replied, 300k is what they're basing it on. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to allow the opening of the bids and quotes. Motion carried.

Order #6 Agenda #6.1

In the Matter of Approval of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 6.1 Minutes – December 15, 2021.

Allen made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2021, Repay seconded the motion, Tippy abstain. Motion carried 2-0.

Order #7 Agenda #7

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 7.1 – 7.9: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the advertising of specifications for agenda item 7.1 through 7.9 for the return of bids to Auditor by Wednesday, February 16, 2022, and agenda item 7.2 to be returned Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 9:30a.m. CST. Motion carried 3-0.

Specifications

7.1 **Sheriff:** Approved specifications for Fuel for 2022 to be advised with the return date of Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. to Lake County Auditor

7.2 **Sheriff:** Approve specifications for Food Services in the Lake County Jail to be advertised. All proposals must be returned and delivered to the Lake County Auditor's Office no late than Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 9:30a.m. CST

7.3 **Sheriff:** Approve Specifications and advertisement for 2022 Patrol/Detective Vehicles. Bids to be returned by 9:30a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 to the Auditor's Office

Order #7 Agenda #7 cont'd

7.4 **Highway:** Specification for AE 90 Liquid Asphalt for the Lake County Highway Department for the year 2022 to be advertised. Bids to be returned by Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30A.M. in the Lake County Auditor's Office

7.5 **Highway:** Specification for Bituminous Materials for Roadway Patching and Bridge and Deck, and Bridge Approach Overlays, and Surface Milling Delivered and Applied for the Lake County Highway Department for the year 2022 to be advertised. Bids to be returned by Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office

7.6 **Highway:** Specification for Seal Coat Chip and Seal for the Lake County Highway Department for the year 2022 to be advertised. Bids to be returned by Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office

7.7 **Highway:** Specification for Painted Pavement Markings on Selected Roads for the Lake County Highway Department for the year 2022 to be advertised. Bids to be returned by Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office

7.8 **Highway:** Specification for Bituminous Materials and Surface Milling Delivered and Applied for the Lake County Highway Department for the year 2022 to be advertised. Bids to be returned by Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office

7.9 **Highway:** Specification for Bituminous Materials and Surface Milling Picked Up for the Lake County Highway Department for the year 2022 to be advertised. Bids to be returned by Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Order #8 Agenda #9

In the Matter of Public Selection Of At Least Three Vendors From Whom To Seek Quotes: Approval Of Specification For Seeking Proposals, Select The Vendors, And Set The Return Date: 9.1-9.3: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 9.1 through 9.3 for the permission to seek proposals, proposals to be returned February 16, 2022 by 9:30am in the Auditor's Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Seek Proposals

9.1 **Commissioners:** Permission to seek proposals from Circle R, Gatlin and Mechanical Concepts for the Relocation of the Jail Rooftop Unit to facilitate servicing. Proposals to be returned on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Office.

9.2 **Highway:** Permission To Solicit Proposals for Tree Removal and Clearing 45th Avenue Phase III to Briggs Tree Service, Cams Tree Service and Trucking, Precision Tree Experts, Owens and Sons Tree & Line Clearing, Russell Tree Service and Homer Tree Service. Proposals to be returned on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by 9:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Office

9.3 **Highway:** Permission to Seek Proposals for Building Demolition-Removal 45th Ave. Phase III 4635 W. 45th Avenue Gary IN- Residential to

Order #9 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.1 Sheriff: Contract with Maklease, Inc. for 3 Year Facility Storage Lease for LCSD vehicles and equipment at 11000 Virginia Street, Lot#4, Crown Point, IN 46307. Rent: \$9,504.00/month, \$114,048 annual.

Comes now, Commissioner Tippy, asked Chairman for permission to speak, stating, "I'm sure there are many in this room, who feel that the next Sheriff will be same as the current Sheriff, and that may very well be true, however, on the chance that after the term expires and we do have a new Sheriff, I don't think that it is appropriate for us to saddle that person with this three year project and I also don't think it's fair to keep the building owner waiting for a decision by deferring this meeting after meeting after meeting so I want to offer to you to help, in any way that we can, to store equipment between now and until it is determined who the next Sheriff will be, in any way that we can, but I just don't think, a building Lease for three years is something that would be responsible on our part as Commissioners, so with that being said, I'd like to make a motion to deny the contract, Repay seconded the motion, Commissioner Allen, comes now, with discussion, stating, "Chief, would it be possible to do, I'm supportive but, given the position of Commissioner Tippy and Commissioner Repay, would it be more agreeable or realistic to do a one year or at least until the end of this year, just to do an annual versus allowing it to fail, obviously, and then you still have the issue of the equipment storage", Chief Balbo, spoke in reply to Commissioner Allen, stating, "depending on the action taken by the Commissioners today, you'll see me next month and I will take that very action or attempt to, yes", Repay, spoke to confirm the motion, "so, the motion is to deny and seconded, asked Commissioner how would he like to vote". Motion carried 2-1, 2 in favor of motion to deny and 1 oppose to the motion to deny.

Order #10 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.2 Sheriff: Contract with Health Indiana, Inc. ("CHI") for inmate medical services in Lake County Jail in the amount of \$6,094,854 annual, payable semi-monthly for a total of 24 payments of \$253,952 each for the year 2022.

Comes now, President Repay, asking, "do either of you have a written commitment from the Sheriff to allow NCHC access to the jail with you?", Attorney Kopak, present/replied, "I have no such commitment with me, no I do not, but what we would ask is, if the Commissioners cannot approve the Contract as presented, I believe, the alternative in the short term would be to approve the same payments on a monthly basis until the matter can be resolved so there's no interruption in Medical Care in Lake County Jail", end comment.

Comes now, Commissioner Tippy, asked to speak, "I apologize I wasn't at the last meeting, I wanted to add another contingency here, and I'm going to make the motion to continue the payments as current on a month to month basis and I also would like to have that letter giving permission to our Consultant to come into the Jail, but I would also like a letter committing a public bidding process for this Contract for the year 2023, upon asking Tippy allowed Attorney Kopak to speak, "I just think that the Sheriff, prior to today's meeting, I think your second request is very doable and I will be meeting with Chief and the Sheriff over the next week, ten days, and we will have you a letter within 14days", Tippy continued, "that would include both of those items?", Kopak replied, "the second item", Tippy, "I also support the first item", end comment, Allen seconded the motion on a month to month, with comment, "but my issue is always been this, we don't want the DOJ back in the Lake County Jail", Chief Balbo, commented, "yes sir, and our priorities are the health and safety of the inmates and to that ends we will be working with you on that", Allen, continued, "we want to minimize lawsuits, liability, obviously, for the tax payers and we can't go month to month in perpetuity, but neither can we approve a contract without protecting the interests of the citizen, voter, tax payer, the inmates, because ultimately the liability lies with us as their representative", Chief Balbo, "resolving this issue is a priority for the Lake County Sheriff", Allen, "ok", Repay, added comment, "I'd just add one more component, my opinion on this has zero to do with CHI's performance since they've been a contractor here, they've done nothing but performed to the highest extent with regard to inmate safety, in fact at the early stages of the pandemic, it was one of the places, maybe one of the few places in the Country that I felt comfortable with the protocols that were in place because I know that Dr. Forgey takes his job very seriously

and I know all the Staff and everybody else take it very seriously, so this is in no way an indictment on CHI or their responsible practice of medicine, it has to do with keeping an eye on the dollars and cents" end comment. Motion to continue on as a month to month basis, Kopak interrupted, stating, "this contract proposes Dr. Forgey's Staff is paid twice monthly, this proposes payments of \$253,952 twice per month, which is a slight increase from the prior contract, this increase is solely to increase an insurance premium, that hits them about every year or two", Repay, "so clarification on the motion on whether you are authorizing payment at

Order #10 Agenda #10.2 cont'd

this new rate or the old rate, is that your question (Kopak)", Tippy clarified, "the old rate is my motion", Repay confirmed, "motion to carry on at the old rate, Allen seconded the confirmed motion, Tippy added, "because it's been six years since we've gone out for public bid for this contract, there is no way for us to verify these things to their accuracy, the way we check accuracy is through the public bid process where other providers are going to, you know we don't know if this insurance issue is unique to this particular company or if it's unique to the industry and the only way we find that out is by going out for public bid and that is why I don't think we should be paying for an insurance increase and we have not verified through the public bidding process". Motion carried 3-0.

Order #11 Agenda #10.3

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.3 Sheriff: Jail Consulting Contract with Michael A. Zenk in the amount of \$10,000 for the month of January, 2022 at the rate of \$10,000.00 per month.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda item 10.3, Tippy seconded with discussion, stating, "I would like to thank Warden Zenk for his work, you've done a great job", Warden Zenk (present) stood up, everyone clapped, Tippy wished him the best of luck, Repay echoed that and said he hoped the new Warden carries on that. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #12 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.4 Sheriff: Contract with William Patterson not to exceed \$75,000.00 per annum, payable at the rate of \$6,250.00 per month for the years 2022 and 2023.

Comes now, Attorney Kopak, before the Board of Commissioners, to speak, stating, "you may recall Chief William Patterson retiring, he was retained on a contract for possibly six months a budgetary procurement in Sheriff's Department, due to a family matter he never was able to fulfill that contract for a full year, that matter has been resolved and he is back to work at the Sheriff's Department coordinating with the Bookkeeping Department and establishing some new policies and procedures for procurement and purchasing, so that it's a little more transparent and so the contract is basically the same exact contract he had before, that you approved before, on an annual basis for \$75,000", Tippy, "so he had, we approved a contract for him when Chief Balbo came in, correct" Kopak, replied, "yes, correct", Tippy continued, "so then how many months was he paid out of that contract", Kopak, replied, "approximately three and a half, about four months", Chief Balbo, commented, "about four months, sir", Tippy, continued "about four months, and then, so then.....", Chief Balbo, intervened, "he had to resign his position based on some personal (inaudible two persons talking)", Tippy, continued, "and that contract was what then, nullified, or....", Attorney Kopak, responded, "yes", Tippy, continued, "and the duties that he was to perform at that time as a consultant, are still required, the same duties, and he will be doing the same duties?", Kopak, "it's the exact same duties", Tippy, "just revamping the purchasing procedures include working with the County Commissioners?", Kopak, "you will have to talk with the Sheriff's Staff about that", Tippy, "kind of a waist of a contract, if we're not going to have a collaborative effort", Chief Balbo, "we are going to have a collaborative effort, sir, and in fact he will giving his perspective for forecast for the upcoming year, creating our budget, administrating our budget, and giving the Commissioners the information they need, when they're making decisions on supporting the Sheriff's Department", Tippy, "so then will he be acting as sort of a liaison to the Commissioners from the Sheriff's Department?", Chief Balbo, "I hope I can be the liaison from the Sheriff Department but he'll be working with me to ensure that we have that constant communication", Allen, question, "you're doing 22(2022) and 23(2023), so why would you do a contract for 23(2023) beyond the Sheriff's current term?", Kopak, responded, "you want to make it 22(2022), make it 22(2022), it's up to you, it's your prerogative, it's a consulting contract, we just asked for two years, so you won't have to come back again", Allen, continued, "because the issue with consulting contracts, lawyers, architects, generally we do year to year, now obviously because there are three of us, they'll always be two Commissioners here, that's not necessarily problem per say but for singular office holder, it's just, its 2022, and then if for some reason there is a new Sheriff for 2023, I think that he or she should be given the opportunity to pick his/her own staff, consultants, and so forth, I don't necessarily have a problem supporting it, but I think it just should be for 2022, not 2022 and 2023," Kopak, replied, "I don't think that would present any problem at all", Repay, commented, "you've got some, I mean, several consultants, Chief Balbo, Consultants aren't allowed to drive County Vehicles or take them home certainly right, is that true?", Kopak, replied, "what's the question", Repay, clarified, "you don't drive a County Vehicle, Kopak do you?, Chief, do you, Zenks' not driving a County vehicle" Kopak, states, "not to my knowledge", Repay, "it's not written into his contract where he gets a County vehicle, right?" Kopak, stated, "no", end comments.

Allen made a motion to approve the Contract at the rate set forth in the agenda item but only for calendar year 2022, Tippy seconded the motion, assuming that we're going to get a collaborative effort going on in Purchasing, to approve Sheriff Contract with William Patterson not to exceed \$75,000.00 payable at the rate of \$6,250.00 per month for the year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.5 Sheriff: Amendment Number 3 for Jail Food Service Contract with Summit Food Services LLC to extend contract for an additional 6months with \$1.293 per-meal charge contained in section 7.1 of the Agreement amended to \$1.346 per-meal.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Amendment Number 3 for Jail Food Service Contract with Summit Food Services LLC to extend contract for an additional 6months with \$1.293 per-meal charge contained in section 7.1 of the Agreement amended to \$1.346 per-meal on behalf of Sheriff. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #14 Agenda #10.6

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.6 Sheriff: Jail Service Contract with ATN Technology in the amount of \$20,800 for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Jail Service Contract with ATN Technology in the amount of \$20,800 for the year 2022 on behalf of the Sheriff, Tippy asked what does ATN do for the Sheriff's Department, Zenk (Warden) replied that they are the maintenance provider for their camera system, physical cameras, changing out cameras, etc. at the Lake County Jail and replied yes when asked if he recommends approval of this renewal contract by Commissioner Tippy. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #10.7

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.7 Sheriff: Jail Service Contract with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$52,800 for the year 2022.

Comes now, Warden Zenk, to speak, "this is the storage portion, in reply to President Repay, it's broader than that, they do basically the primary security and electronics, touchscreens, door closures, electronic closures throughout the Jail", Allen made a motion to approve Jail Service Contract with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$52,800 for the year 2022, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #16 Agenda #10.8

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.8 Sheriff: Contract with Lexis Nexis Service in the amount of \$20,400 - \$10,200 from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Sheriff Contract with Lexis Nexis Service in the amount of \$20,400 - \$10,200 per year from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #17 Agenda #10.9

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.9 Sheriff: Consulting Agreement with Brittani K. White for Violence Reduction Intelligence Analyst in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Sheriff Consulting Agreement with Brittani K. White for Violence Reduction Intelligence Analyst in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #18 Agenda #10.10-10.11

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10-10 Sheriff: Consulting Agreement with Carlos Pedroza for Violence Reduction Database Manager in the amount of \$40,000 for the year 2022; 10.11 Sheriff: Consulting Agreement with Daniel Cilek for Internet Violence Reduction Exploitation Analyst in the amount of \$15.00 per hour up to a maximum of 29 hours per week for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.10 and 10.11, on behalf of Sheriff, Consulting Agreement with Carlos Pedroza for Violence Reduction Database Manager in the amount of \$40,000 for the year 2022 and Consulting Agreement with Daniel Cilek for Internet Violence Reduction Exploitation Analyst in the amount of \$15.00 per hour up to a maximum of 29 hours per week for the year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #19 Agenda #10.12

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.12 St. John Township Assessor: Service Agreement with Republic Services garbage disposal services for the year 2022 in the amount of \$65.00 per month.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.12 St. John Township Assessor: Service Agreement with Republic Services garbage disposal services for the year 2022 in the amount of \$65.00 per month. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #20 Agenda #10.13

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.13 Community Corrections: Contract with Center of Workforce Innovations for High School Equivalency tutoring and instructions classes in the amount of \$840 weekly, payable monthly, for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.13 Community Corrections: Contract with Center of Workforce Innovations for High School Equivalency tutoring and instructions classes in the amount of \$840 weekly, payable monthly, for the year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #21 Agenda #10.14

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.14 Data: Maintenance Agreement with Service Express, Inc. in the amount of \$58,476.00 paid quarterly for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.14 Data: Maintenance Agreement with Service Express, Inc. in the amount of \$58,476.00 paid quarterly for the year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #22 Agenda #10.15-10.16

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.15 Coroner: Contract with Steven J. Sersic of Smith & Sersic, LLC in the amount of \$24,000 for the year 2022; 10.16 Coroner: Contract with AXIS Toxicology.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.15 Contract with Steven J. Sersic of Smith & Sersic, LLC in the amount of \$24,000 for the year 2022 and 10.16 Contract with AXIS Toxicology, on behalf of Lake County Coroner. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #23 Agenda #10.17-10.23

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.17-10.23 Assessor: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 10.17 through 10.23 on behalf of Lake County Assessor, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

10.17 Assessor: Contract with Assessment Advisors LLC for IncomeWorks 2022 in the amount of \$57,855.00 for the year 2022

10.18 Assessor: Contract with Suburban Cash Register in the amount of \$969.12 for the year 2022

10.19 Assessor: Contract with Trepp, Inc. in the amount of \$74,880.00 annually from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024

10.20 Assessor: Contract with Kopka Pinkus Dolin in the amount of \$50,000 for the year 2022

10.21 Assessor: Contract with Angela M. Jones, LLC in the amount of \$50,000 for the year 2022

10.22 Assessor: Contract with Walker Law Group in the amount of \$24,000 for the year 2022

10.23 Assessor: Contract with The Law Firm of Brian Cusimano, P.C. in the amount of \$150,000 for the year 2022

Order #24 Agenda #10.24

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.24 Juvenile: Renew Contract between Lake County CASA Program and Records Storage Center, Inc. for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.24 Juvenile: Renewal Contract between Lake County CASA Program and Records Storage Center, Inc. for the year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #25 Agenda #10.25-10.28

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.25 – 10.28 Health Dept.: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items for Health Department in an omnibus form, 10.25 through 10.28, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 10.25 Health Dept.: Maintenance Contract with Adams Remco in the amount of \$700 for the year 2022
- 10.26 Health Dept.: Contract with Puritan Springs Water in the amount of \$746.00 for the year 2022
- 10.27 Health Dept.: Contract with Healthcare Waste Management in the amount of \$1,440.00 for the year 2022
- 10.28 Health Dept.: Contract with Per Mar Security Services in the amount of \$384.00 for the year 2022

Order #26 Agenda #10.29-10.37

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.29 – 10.37 Highway: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items for Highway Department in an omnibus form, 10.29 through 10.37, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 10.29 Highway: Change Order #3 Increase of \$7,500.00 (Extension Time Line) CCMG 2020-2, 101st Ave-State Line Road-Exchange-Street Improvement Projects
- 10.30 Highway: LPA Consulting Contract with American Structurepoint for Construction Inspection Services for 45th Avenue Phase III, Des 9980080 in an amount not to exceed \$1,202,250.32
- 10.31 Highway: County Utility Agreement AT&T Project AO28AH7 Mondorf to Calumet Avenue, Saint John IN for New 4" Conduit
- 10.32 Highway: County Utility Agreement with AT&T 2542, Project AO21XB4 for pulling IPP Cable at Patterson St., Schererville, IN
- 10.33 Highway: County Road-Cut Permit, NIPSCO-801 TP to install 1 utility pole, with new underground Equipment at 14785 101st Ave., Dyer IN
- 10.34 Highway: Right of Way Purchase for 81st and Sheffield Intersection Improvements to Anthony & Ramona S. Paifi. Original Offer \$1,800.00. Recommended Counter Offer \$2,000.00
- 10.35 Highway: Purchase of 8 new traffic counters with The Hoosier Company, Inc. in the amount of \$11,256.50
- 10.36 Highway: Contract with INDOT for L C Bridge #48, 117th Ave., over West Creek
- 10.37 Highway: Award and Contract with Gary Material Supply, LLC for House Demolition at 4635 W. 45th Ave., Gary in the amount of \$20,000. (Ryan Construction, Inc. \$32,000; D&R Site Services \$32,000)(relates to 9.3)

Order #27 Agenda #10.38-10.39

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.38-10.39 Clerk: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.38-10.39 on behalf of Clerk, Professional Services Agreement with Dossett Consulting, LLC for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$10,800.00 payable at the rate of \$900.00 per month for the preparation of current and future monthly Title IV-D Claims, etc. and Legal Services Agreement with the Law Office of Weiss, Schmidgall & Hires, P.C., Christopher R. Schmidgall for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 payable at the rate of \$90.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #28 Agenda #10.40

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.40 Fairgrounds: Inspection Agreement for Dry Pit Pump Station with Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,300.00 payable at the rate of \$825.00 per quarter.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.40 Fairgrounds: Inspection Agreement for Dry Pit Pump Station with Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,300.00 payable at the rate of \$825.00 per quarter. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #29 Agenda #10.41-10.61

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.41-10.61 Commissioners: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items on behalf of the Commissioners and omnibus form for 10.41 through 10.61, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 10.41 Commissioners: Contract with Lake County IN Economic Alliance (LCEA) for Professional Economic Development Services in the amount of \$300,000 for the years 2022 and 2023
- 10.42 Commissioners: Contract with Pangere Corporation, lowest bidder, for the Renovations to the 4th Floor of Westwind Building for EMA in the amount of \$214,132.00
- 10.43 Commissioners: Pest Control Service Agreement with Ace Exterminating Co., Inc. for the year 2022 as follows: 1) A & B Buildings \$3,120.00 payable at the rate of \$260.00 per month. 2) B. Lake County Juvenile Center \$2,760.00 payable at the rate of \$230.00 per month and 3) L.A.D.O.S. \$900.00 payable at the rate of \$75.00 per month
- 10.44 Commissioners: Service Agreement with ATN Technology, Inc. for phone line service in the elevators at Westwind Manor for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,740.00 payable at the rate of \$145.00 per month.
- 10.45 Commissioners: Fire Protection Agreement with F.E. Moran, Inc. for the year 2022 for the new Jail Building, Government Center, Old Jail, Westwind Manor, and Paramore Building in an amount not to exceed \$9,600.00
- 10.46 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Forever Green for the Lake County Government Center, Lake Count Juvenile Center and Gary Courthouse in an amount not to exceed \$4,029.50 for the year 2022

10.47 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Great Lakes Industrial Environmental Construction, LLC for cleaning sewers/manholes for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$23,820.00 payable at the rate of \$1,985.00 per month.
10.48 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Monroe Pest Control, Inc. for the Lake County Government Center for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,440.00 payable at the rate of \$120.00 per month.
10.49 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Waste Management of Indiana, LLC for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$69,612.00 payable at the rate of \$5,801.00 per month
10.50 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Ace Exterminating Co., Inc. for Pest Control for the Hammond Courthouse for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,320.00 payable at the rate of \$110.00 per month
10.51 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Lubrifleet Powerwash, Inc. for Snow Removal at the Gary Courthouse for the year 2022
10.52 Commissioners: Service Agreement with S & P Exterminating Services for the Gary Courthouse for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00 payable at the rate of \$900.00 per quarter
10.53 Commissioners: Service Agreement with S & P Exterminating Services for the East Chicago Courthouse for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 payable at the rate of \$300.00 per quarter
Order #29 Agenda #10.41-10.61 cont'd

10.54 Commissioners: Snow Removal Agreement with Thomas Irrigation for the Hammond Courthouse for the period of December 16, 2021 to May 1, 2022; Snow Removal: 1"-3" \$750.00, 3" – 6" \$800.00, 6" – 9" \$925.00
10.55 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Waste Management of Indiana, LLC for the Hammond Courthouse for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,083.40 payable at the rate of \$256.95 per month.
10.56 Commissioners: Agreement with Cardiotech CPR Training, LLC for the period of March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00 payable at the rate of \$8,500.00 per quarter.
10.57 Commissioners: Memorandum of Understanding for Demolition with Gary Redevelopment Commission in a total amount not to exceed \$231,900.00
10.58 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Altorfer Power Systems for service to the generators in an amount not to exceed \$41,369.00.
10.59 Commissioners: Fire Protection Service Agreement with F.E. Moran, Inc. for the East Chicago Courthouse for the year 2022 in the amount of \$600.00
10.60 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Performance Plus for the year 2022 for exterior window cleaning at the East Chicago Courthouse and the Hammond Courthouse in an amount not to exceed \$3,543.00 payable at the rate of \$1,181.00 per cleaning (3 Cleanings)
10.61 Commissioners: Contract with Professional Claims Management for Jail Inmate Claims for the year 2022

Order #30 Agenda #10.62-10.64

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.62 Elections and Registration: Contract with Michael Tolbert for Legal Services in the amount of \$25,000 for the year 2022; 10.63 Elections and Registration: Contract with Carly Brandenburg for Legal Services in the amount of \$25,000 for the year 2022; 10.64 Elections and Registration: Annual Maintenance Contract with Microvote, Inc. for the Infinity Voting Machines in the amount of \$13,000 for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.62, 10.63, and 10.64, on behalf of Elections and Registration, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

10.62 Elections and Registration: Contract with Michael Tolbert for Legal Services in the amount of \$25,000 for the year 2022;
10.63 Elections and Registration: Contract with Carly Brandenburg for Legal Services in the amount of \$25,000 for the year 2022;
10.64 Elections and Registration: Annual Maintenance Contract with Microvote, Inc. for the Infinity Voting Machines in the amount of \$13,000 for the year 2022.

Order #31 Agenda #10.65-10.67

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.65 – 10.67 Recorder: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.65 through 10.67 on behalf of the Recorder, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

10.65 Recorder: Contract Renewal with Record Storage Center, Inc. for storage of microfilm rolls and back-up tapes for the year 2022
10.66 Recorder: Contract Renewal with Ellis System for preventative maintenance for the year 2022
10.67 Recorder: Contract Renewal with Naviant, Inc. for preventative maintenance of (3) microfilm scanners for the year 2022

Order #32 Agenda #10.68-10.69

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.68 E-911: Contract with Motorola for Cedar Creek Tower Repairs in the amount of \$20,000; 10.69 E-911: Contract with Miner Electronics Corporation for Outdoor Siren Reprogramming in the amount of \$8,265.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.68, Contract with Motorola for Cedar Creek Tower Repairs in the amount of \$20,000 and 10.69 Contract with Miner Electronics Corporation for Outdoor Siren Reprogramming in the amount of \$8,265.00, on behalf of E-911. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #33 Agenda #10.70

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.70 Auditor: Service Agreement with Nyhart for their 2021 County's OPEB valuation report and census Audit data services.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.70 Auditor: Service Agreement with Nyhart for their 2021 County's OPEB valuation report and census Audit data services. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #34 Agenda #71

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.71 Plan Commission: Contract with Joseph Irak for Legal Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 at the rate of \$90 per hour for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.71 Plan Commission: Contract with Joseph Irak for Legal Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 at the rate of \$90 per hour for the year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #35 Agenda #10.72

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.72 Fairgrounds: Award and Approve Contract with Pangere Corporation for the Handicapped Ramp/Women's Toilet in the amount of \$68,458.00 (Gariup \$81,000; Precision Builders \$80,000).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.72 Fairgrounds Contract with Pangere Corporation for the Handicapped Ramp/Women's Toilet in the amount of \$68,458.00, award and approve as low bidder. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #36 Agenda #10.73 ADD Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 10.73 ADDITION: Elections and Registration: Service Agreement with Knowlnk Innovative Election Solutions in the amount of \$60,000 for the year 2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Service Agreement with Knowlnk Innovative Election Solutions in the amount of \$60,000 for the year 2022, on behalf of Elections and Registration. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #37 Agenda #12.1

In the Matter of Action on Commissioners' Items: 12.1 Mask Mandate Order.

Allen made a motion to approve renewal of the Mask Mandate Order, extending until Friday, February 18, 2022, Repay seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1.

Order #38 Agenda#12.2

In the Matter of Action on Commissioners' Items: 12.2 Lake County Attorneys from 1880 to present to be made a matter of public record.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to make a matter of public record, 12.2 Lake County Attorneys from 1880 to present to be made a matter of public record. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #39 Agenda #12.3

In the Matter of Action on Commissioners' Items: 12.3 Reject the bid from Gurtler Industries as non-responsive. Form 95 was blank. Award to Able Paper & Janitorial Supplies, Inc. in the amount of \$63,585.00.

Allen made a motion to approve 12.3 Reject the bid from Gurtler Industries as non-responsive. Form 95 was blank. Award to Able Paper & Janitorial Supplies, Inc. in the amount of \$63,585.00, Tippy seconded with discussion, asking, "did you (Attorney Fech) review this?", Fech, responded, "I did", seconded stands. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #40 Agenda #12.4-12.5 ADD Agenda #3.2-3.3

In the Matter of Action on Commissioners' Items: 12.4 ADDITION: Commissioners: Donation to the Gary Branch NAACP in the amount of \$2,500; 12.5 ADDITION: Commissioners: Donation to the Blind Social Center in the amount of \$300.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve on behalf of the Commissioners, Donation to the Gary Branch NAACP in the amount of \$2,500 and Donation to the Blind Social Center in the amount of \$300. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #41 Agenda #13.1

In the Matter of Appointments: 13.1 Commissioners' Appointments for 2022.

Comes now, Attorney Fech, upon President Repay asking does someone have the list, responded that "we're still working on updating it", Repay, continued, "I think we should, at least, take action on the Plan Commission members, renew the existing the Plan Commission members, I'd like to defer on most of the other ones, Commissioner appointments, when they're self-appointed I think we can renew all those from last time, in other words, whatever you(Tippy) were on or you(Allen) were on, you be stuck where you were and then I'd say Plan Commission and the rest I'd defer", brief discussion continued.

Tippy made a motion to re-appoint Shad Whisler and Frank Kalvaitis to the Plan Commission, Allen seconded the motion, a four year term with expiration of 12/31/2025. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #42 Agenda #14

In the Matter of Council Items: 14.1 – 14.17: Ordinances and Resolutions.

Allen made a motion to approve Council agenda items #14 with the exception of item 14.11, Tippy seconded the motion, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

14.1 Resolution 21-33E Amending Resolution 21-33 Declaring Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to the Appropriate Funds

14.2 Resolution 21-68 to Approve Temporary Loan \$1,500,00.00 from the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board's Bond Fund, No. 353; Bond Fund No. 354; Non-Reverting Self Insurance Fund, Fund No. 109; and Non-Reverting Land Fund. No. 116, to the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board's Operating Fund, Fund No. 107 and Non-Reverting Operating Fund, Fund No. 117

14.3 Resolution 21-69 Permitting the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration to pay an outstanding 2020 Invoice/Debt from the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$200.00

14.4 Resolution 21-70 Establishing a Salary Pay Range for the Lake County Prosecutor's 2022 Budget

14.5 Resolution 21-71 to Approve Transfers to Accrual Fund 260514 Non-Reverting Self Insurance Health Fund; Fund No. 541, Non-Reverting Self Insurance Liability Fund; and fund 414 Non-Reverting Jail Inmate Medical and Hospital Reserve

14.6 Resolution 21-72 to Extend Payment of Transfer Between Fund (Temporary Loan) Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-4(B) Health Insurance Reserve Fund No. 26-514 to Fairgrounds Non-Reverting Fund No. 131

14.7 Ordinance 1459C-7 Amending Ordinance 1459C, the Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Inactive and Repealing the Ordinances Establishing the Funds

14.8 Ordinance 1459B-6 Amending Ordinance No. 1459B, the Ordinance Declaring Funds Not Created by Ordinance as Dormant and Inactive

14.9 Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2022 – 1466A

14.10 Ordinance 1356C-11 Amending Ordinance No. 1356C Lake County Employees Handbook, 2013 Edition

~~14.11 Ordinance 992C-49 Amending Lake County Self Insurance Ordinance, Ordinance No. 992C-3~~

14.12 Ordinance 1466B Creating the Prosecutor's High-Tech Crime Unit Grant Fund, Under Prosecutor's Fund 99-00800, a Non-Reverting Fund
 14.13 2022 Consulting Contract – Law Office of R.L. Szarmach P.C.
 14.14 2022 Consulting Contract – Law Office of Gerald M. Bishop & Associates
 14.15 2022 Consulting Contract – Law Office of Linda Garcia Marmolejo
 14.16 2022 Consulting Contract – Consulting Contract Grant Coordinator Jeanna Georgas Ficker
 14.17 Lake County Police Benefit Plan (Reinstatement Effective January 1, 2022)

Order #43 Agenda #15

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 15.1 Auditor: listed below; 15.2 Economic Development: listed below; 15.3 Auditor: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
 15.1 Auditor: LC265 12/16/2021 To 01/19/2022; Hand Cuts 12/16/2021 To 01/19/2022; LC130 12/16/2021 To 01/19/2022
 15.2 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register
 15.3 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 12-20-2021
 Order #44 Agenda #16

In the Matter of Action on Bonds/Insurance: 16.1 Plan Commission: Performance Bond Acceptance & Release for Farmington Meadows, Phase II; 16.2 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Update 1-19-2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 16.1 and 16.2, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
 16.1 Plan Commission: Performance Bond Acceptance & Release for Farmington Meadows, Phase II;
 16.2 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Update 1-19-2022.

Order #45 Agenda #17.1

In the Matter of Approve Vendor Qualification Affidavits And/Or Responsible Bidder Applications: 17.1 Commissioners: Request vendor application approval.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approval vendor application request, Central Indiana Hardware, on behalf of Building Manager Department Attn: Vern, key specialist company. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #46 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 5.1 Three (3) 2021 New Tractor w/Cab 4WD.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Three (3) 2021 New Tractor w/cab 4WD for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Castongia Tractor \$527,333.55

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above mentioned bid under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #47 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 5.2 Reconstruction of 153rd Avenue from Morse St. to Iowa St. with alternate bid to Reconstruct 153rd Ave. from Iowa St. to Clay St.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Reconstruction of 153rd Avenue from Morse St. to Iowa St. with alternate bid to Reconstruct 153rd Ave. from Iowa St. to Clay St. for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Company	bid	alternate	total
Milestone Contractors North, Inc.	\$2,863,668	\$765,332.05	\$3,629,000.05
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,736,880	\$691,670.00	\$3,428,550.00

Tippy made a motion, seconded by Allen, to approve and award the Reconstruction of 153rd Avenue from Morse St. to Iowa St. with alternate bid to Reconstruct 153rd Ave. from Iowa St. to Clay St. to Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. in the total amount of \$3,428,550.00 with the bid and alternate, being the lowest bidder. Review and recommendation of bids submitted by Highway Engineer. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #48 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 5.3 Food Service for the Lake County Juvenile for the year 2022.

This being the place for the public opening of Vendor Responses to Requests for bids for Food Service for Lake County Juvenile for the year 2022, the following bids were received:

Summit \$281,968.52 total *per meal pricing
 (Breakfast, juvenile meal \$3.09; Lunch, juvenile meal \$9.26; afternoon snack \$1.50; evening snack \$1.40;
 Dinner, juvenile meal \$10.50)

Tippy made a motion, seconded by Allen, to award to Summit Foods for Food Service for Lake County Juvenile for the year 2022. Representative of Juvenile Department present/recommended approval. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #49 Agenda #18.1

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 18.1 Lake County Weights & Measures Report for the period of November 16, 2021 to December 15, 2021 to be made a matter of public record.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to make a matter of public the Lake County Weights & Measures Report for the period of November 16, 2021 to December 15, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

There were no comments from the Public, Elected Officials, nor Commissioners.

The next Meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be a Special Meeting held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to adjourn.

The following officials were Present:
Attorney Matthew Fech

MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN E. PETALAS, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR