

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 individuals present were asked to remember Friend & Attorney John Dull and Fire Chief William "Bill" Timmer both of whom passed away. Emergency Exit announcement was made. Roll Call 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at about 9:07 a.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at about 9:07 a.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WebEx Meeting ID: 263 468 81032 Password: commissioners

Order #1 Agenda #2.1-2.3

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

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Agenda as amended. Motion carried 3-0.

2.1 ADDITION: (Item 3.2) HIGHWAY: 2023 or Newer Truck Mounted Combination High Pressure Jet Vacuum Water Recycler Sewer Cleaning Machine 1500 gallon-12 CU YD  
2.2 ADDITION: (Item 8.33) COMMISSIONER: Change Order #1 with Gatlin Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$14,800.00 for Renovations to the Detective Bureau in the Old Jail  
2.3 ADDITION: (Item 10.13) Approving an advertisement for RFQ for Consultant for the Lake County Convention Center (approved by the General Assembly and signed into Law as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 by Governor Holcomb) (Attorney Fech read this into the record)

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1-3.2.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the opening of the bids. Motion carried 3-0.

3.1 Renovation to Westwind for the Health Department  
3.2 ADDITION: HIGHWAY: 2023 or Newer Truck Mounted Combination High Pressure Jet Vacuum Water Recycler Sewer Cleaning Machine 1500 gallon-12 CU YD

Order #3 Agenda #7.1

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: 7.1 Elections: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the seeking of proposals for agenda item 7.1 on behalf of the Elections Department for Moving of the Voting Machines for the November 7, 2023 General Election for the return of quotes by September 20, 2023 in the Lake County Auditor's Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #8.1-8.4

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 - 8.4: E-911: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.1 – 8.4, on behalf of E-911, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.1 E-911: Water/Ice Maker performed/service by Quench USA, Inc. in the amount of \$8,640.60  
8.2 E-911: Contract Renewal with Absolute for one year of NetMotion in the amount of \$36,603.00  
8.3 E-911: Eventide Support Renewal with Nelson Systems for 3 years. \$55,769.02  
8.4 E-911: Office 365 Monthly Subscription through Trust Tech \$880/month  
(Amounts in 8.3&8.4 read into the record by Attorney Fech)

Order #5 Agenda #8.5-8.6

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.5 Juvenile Court: Case Specialist Agreement between Rachel Fesko the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Lake County Family Recovery Court for the year 2023 at the rate of \$36.00 per hour; 8.6 Juvenile Court: Case Specialist Agreement between Raquel Basile and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Lake County Family Recovery Court for the year 2023 at the rate of \$36.00 per hour.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve on behalf of Juvenile Court Case Specialist Agreement between Rachel Fesko the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Lake County Family Recovery Court for the year 2023 at the rate of \$36.00 per hour and Case Specialist Agreement between Raquel Basile and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Lake County Family Recovery Court for the year 2023 at the rate of \$36.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #6 Agenda #8.7-8.10

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.7 – 8.10 Public Defender: Amended Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.7 – 8.10, Contract amendments listed below on behalf of Public Defender Office. Motion carried 3-0.

8.7 Public Defender: Amended Contract with Kyle Hoogeveen (Hoogeveen Law, LLC) in the amount of \$25,000.00  
8.8 Public Defender: Amended Contract with Kenya A. Jones in the amount of \$25,000.00  
8.9 Public Defender: Amended Contract with Eric K. Morris in the amount of \$20,000.00  
8.10 Public Defender: Amended Contract with Visvaldis P. Kupsis in the amount of \$25,000.00

## Order #7 Agenda #8.11-8.20

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.11 – 8.20 Highway: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.11 – 8.20, Contracts for Highway Department as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.11 Highway: Recommendation of award to only bidder, Vermeer Midwest in the amount of \$110,980.00 for One (1) 2023 Vermeer BC1800xl Dom. Winch Pkg (T4f) for a Chipper  
8.12 Highway: Recommendation Award to Hoosier Equipment 2023 or Newer Unused Regenerative Air Street Sweeper in the amount of \$375,266.00.  
8.13 Highway: (Emergency) Contract Lake County Bridge Structure #840, 145<sup>th</sup> Ave over Middleton Branch Stoney Run Ditch Emergency Replacement Temporary Concrete Slab; 63-foot-long and nine-foot diameter corrugated aluminum pipe. Assembly and Installation of the new 9' Diameter Aluminum Pipe. (w/Austgen)  
8.14 Highway: Award Austgen Equipment for Structure #840 145<sup>th</sup> over Middleton Branch of Stoney Run Ditch Emergency Replacement in the amount of \$124,675.00  
8.15 Highway: Contract with Homer Tree Service for tree removal in the amount of \$99,895.00  
8.16 Highway: Contract with Dyer Construction Company for South Colfax Street Storm Sewer Replacement in the amount of \$109,518.07. (Grimmer Construction \$112,000)  
8.17 Highway: Contract with Milestone Contractors North Inc. for Van Buren Street Holiday Creek Road Improvements in the amount of \$811,232.00. (Rieth-Riley \$827,093)  
8.18 Highway: Utility Agreement Lumen Technologies-Elite Fiber Optics Level 3 Communications West 109<sup>th</sup>, Manholes and Conduit  
8.19 Highway: Utility Agreement MCC Network Services, LLC dba Metro Communications From NE Corner of IN2 and Colorado St. E. 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Hebron IN  
8.20 Highway: Contract with Gasboy for upgrade of system in the amount of \$3,000 plus \$179 a month for Gasboy's cloud usage

## Order #8 Agenda #8.21

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Commissioners: Award and Contract to Gatlin Plumbing & Heating for the drain pans above the existing ceilings Judge Parent's Courtroom and Office in the amount of \$13,025.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Award and Contract to Gatlin Plumbing & Heating for the drain pans above the existing ceilings Judge Parent's Courtroom and Office in the amount of \$13,025.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #9 Agenda #8.22

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Commissioners: Recommendation to award and contract to Continental Electric Company for the Video Surveillance Upgrades at the Lake County Jail in the amount of \$1,031,210.00.

Comes now, President Repay, with question to Chief Balbo present/spoke, asking, "Chief is that coming out of your budget?" Reply was "yes", Repay continued with questions, asking "And you're comfortable with the specification and the selection?" Reply was "yes sir", end discussion, Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.22, Award and Contract to Continental Electric Company for the Video Surveillance Upgrades at the Lake County Jail in the amount of \$1,031,210.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #10 Agenda #8.23

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Commissioners: Change Order #4 for \$2,199.00 for Gariup Construction for the Second Floor Courts Renovation Project.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Change Order #4 for \$2,199.00 for Gariup Construction for the Second Floor Courts Renovation Project. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #11 Agenda #8.24

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Commissioners: Annual Service Provider Contract for the period of August 1 to July 31, 2024 with Lazzaro Companies, Inc.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Annual Service Provider Contract for the period of August 1 to July 31, 2024 with Lazzaro Companies, Inc. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #12 Agenda #8.25

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Commissioners: Work Order Proposal with DLZ for Consulting Services regarding IDEM Violations for Two Underground Storage Tanks in the Lake County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Work Order Proposal with DLZ for Consulting Services regarding IDEM Violations for Two Underground Storage Tanks in the Lake County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #13 Agenda #8.26

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Commissioners: Recommendation to award and contract with ATN Technology, Inc. for the fire alarm and mass notification system in the amount of \$749,995.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to reject and authorize re-bid. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #14 Agenda #8.27-8.32 w/ADD Agenda #8.33

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Commissioners: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.27 – 8.33, Contracts on behalf of Commissioners, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #14 Agenda #8.27-8.32 w/ADD Agenda #8.33 cont'd

8.27 Commissioners: Offer from Adams Remco to extend their 2023 photocopier maintenance prices for various County Offices and Departments through the year 2024 at the same rate  
8.28 Commissioners: Offer from Gateway Business Systems, Inc. to extend their 2023 photocopier maintenance prices for various County Office and Departments through the year 2024  
8.29 Commissioners: Offer from Black Horse Enterprises, LLC to extend their 2023 printing classes 1, 2, 4, 5 & 8 prices for various County Offices and Departments through the year 2024 at the same rate  
8.30 Commissioners: Offer from Pulse Technology to extend their 2023 office supply, photocopier maintenance & paper products for various County Offices and Departments through the year 2024 at the same rate  
8.31 Commissioners: Change Order #1 for the renovations to the Plan Commission and Surveyor's Offices to install a new electric panel and transformer in the amount of \$14,543.00  
8.32 Commissioners: Award and Contract with Precision Builders, Inc. for the Building #12 improvements at the Lake County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$539,500.00  
8.33 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: Change Order #1 with Gatlin Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$14,800.00 for renovations to the Detective Bureau in the Old Jail

## Order #15 Agenda #8.34-8.35

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Prosecutor: Contract with the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration Division of Aging for the Prosecuting Attorney's Adult Protective Services Unit in the amount of \$807,200.00; 8.35 Prosecutor: Addendum to the High-Tech Crime Unit Memorandum of Agreement with the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council to receive an additional \$30,000 in 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.34 and 8.35, Contract with the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration Division of Aging for the Prosecuting Attorney's Adult Protective Services Unit in the amount of \$807,200.00 and ordered same to approve Addendum to the High-Tech Crime Unit Memorandum of Agreement with the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council to receive an additional \$30,000 in 2023, on behalf of Prosecutor. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #16 Agenda #8.36

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: HVAC: Award and Contract to the lowest, most responsive bidder to Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$6,200.00 for a new residential style HVAC system for the grass shack. Two other quotes were received from Arctic Engineering in the amount of \$8,520.00 and Mechanical Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$10,030.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.36, Award and Contract to Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc., the lowest and most responsive bidder in the amount of \$6,200.00 for a new residential style HVAC system for the grass shack, on behalf of HVAC Department. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #17 Agenda #8.37

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Plan Commission: Contract with Attorney Joseph Irak for Legal Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the year 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with Attorney Joseph Irak for Legal Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the year 2023 on behalf of Plan Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #18 Agenda #9.1-9.3

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 Auditor: Request approval for disposal of equipment; 9.2 Make Matter of Public Record; Transfer of Public Works Equipment (Lake County Highway) to the City of Lake Station(New Chicago) One (1) 1998 Vermeer Chipper 1VRN13125W1001121, Plt 19913. Request the Board of Commissioners to Approve Transfer of Equipment; 9.3 Recorders: Disposal of Property Request.

Upon clarification of City for Transfer in agenda item 9.2, Commissioner Allen clarified transfer should be to New Chicago not Lake Station, Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

9.1 Auditor: Request approval for disposal of equipment;  
9.2 Make Matter of Public Record; Transfer of Public Works Equipment (Lake County Highway) to New Chicago, One (1) 1998 Vermeer Chipper 1VRN13125W1001121, Plt 19913. Request the Board of Commissioners to Approve Transfer of Equipment;  
9.3 Recorders: Disposal of Property Request

## Order #19 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 Economic Development: Approve Public Hearing to be advertised for Fiscal Year 2023 CDBG Funding Application on August 16, 2023 at 10:00a.m; 10.2 Public Hearing for the CDBG Funds.

Comes now, Attorney Fech, asked the Board to approve the advertisement to conduct a Public Hearing and amend 10.1 to show that the Public Hearing will be held on September 20, 2023 at 10a.m., defer 10.2, Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to amend the advertised Public Hearing for September 20, 2023 at 10a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #20 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.4 Highway: Recommendation to reject the sole bid from Gariup Construction and rebid the 83<sup>rd</sup> Lane Culvert Replacement Heather Hills Unit 1.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to reject the bid for agenda item 10.4, from Gariup Construction and rebid the 83<sup>rd</sup> Lane Culvert Replacement Heather Hills Unit 1. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #21 Agenda #10.5-10.7

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.5-10.7: Commissioners: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.5 - 10.7, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.  
10.5 Commissioners: Certificate of Substantial Completion for Fine Arts Building Roof Replacement  
10.6 Commissioners: Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Buildings 22-23 removal project

## Order #21 Agenda #10.5-10.7 cont'd

10.7 Commissioners: Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Fine Arts Men's Restroom Improvements

## Order #22 Agenda #10.8

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.8 Re-Appointments to the Lowell public Library Board: Mary Lou Parks and Lynne Haberlin.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Re-Appointments to the Lowell public Library Board, Mary Lou Parks and Lynne Haberlin, this appointment is a full four-year term. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #23 Agenda #10.9

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.9 Make a Matter of Public Record the Special Event Application for Harvest Fest.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Special Event Application for Harvest Fest. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #24 Agenda #10.10

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 10.10 Resolution accepting State Public Health Funding.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.10, Resolution No. 2023-07, Resolution accepting State Public Health Funding, President Repay opened discussion, comes now, Commissioner Allen, stating "the Public should know about the Legislation, we are currently accepting 196k/year", Fech spoke, stating, "we received presently about 196 thousand a year from the Indiana Department of Health, should Lake County accept this, the funds that would be received, if I recall correctly, is near eleven million dollars this year and fifteen million next year, after our meeting with the Indiana Department of Health last week, as of last Wednesday, seventy-five of the ninety-two Counties in the State of Indiana had opted-in to Senate Bill 4, to receive this money, from the Government, from the Indiana State Government, just enhanced what the local Health Departments are doing already, there's allocations that are required to be made by the Health Department, there's recording that is required to be made by the Health Department through the Board of Commissioners down to the Department of Health, in terms of how those monies are expended, it also gives the Health Department the opportunity to build relationships with a variety of different Healthcare Providers, here in Northwest Indiana and Lake County and so based upon our meeting with the Indiana Department of Health and our local Board of Health, Dr. Vavilala and Nick Doffin from the Health Department, I prepared the Resolution for the Board of Commissioners to consider for opting in, which I believe you just adopted, but it's a substantial sum of money that Lake County will be receiving as a result of the opting in at this time", Tippy, spoke, "I think there's some important things to consider here, to reiterate what you said, maybe to build on a little bit, the Health Department will be required to submit a budget, the details, how they intend to spend the money, the following year they will be required to submit a report, to all Elected Officials, to show how they spent that money, hopefully this will encourage our Health Department to be a little bit more transparent and to justify these expenses and for that reason, I'm good with it", Allen, spoke, "we can opt-in or opt-out, correct", Repay, spoke, "today we are opting-in", Fech continued, "it had to be done by September 1st", Repay, continued discussion, stating, "I'd just say this, State of Indiana, State Legislature does what they do, the way they do it for whatever reasons, in my opinion, if they felt it was important for County Health Departments to have more money, they should've divided up the amount money that they had available, including the part of the two billion dollar surplus and give it directly to the people that are providing Health services to the Citizens of the State of Indiana, the idea that, the State of Indiana, the Legislature, the Conservative Legislature of the State of Indiana puts enough red tape around all these obstacles to actually just provide the right services, if they wanted us to spend the money on stuff, they'd just put it in the Law and spend it, instead they're creating red tape to do it, but it's better to have the red tape than to not have the money so we'll accept the red tape of the Legislature of the State of Indiana and we'll allow our County Health Department to provide, and our two City Health Departments, to provide the services that they need to do, with that I will cast the third vote and call it 3-0, the motion carries", end discussion.

## Order #25 Agenda #10.11

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 10.11 Donation to Manhood Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Donation to Manhood Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #26 Agenda #10.12

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: Appointment of Purchasing Agent.

Comes now, President Repay, respectfully requested to the other Board Members that the Board appoint the President of the Board of Commissioners as the official Purchasing Agent of Lake County Government, Allen made a motion to approve President Michael Repay be appointed as the Purchasing Agent, Tippy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #27 Agenda #10.13

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: ADDITION: Approve Request for Qualifications for Consultant to prepare Specifications for the Lake County Convention Center.

Comes now, before the Board of Commissioners, Attorney Fech, with overview on agenda item 10.13 Approve Request for Qualifications for Consultant to prepare Specifications for the Lake County Convention Center, stating that this is Legislation passed Spring 2023 by the Indiana General Assembly and signed into Law by Governor Holcomb, continuing with discussion, stating, "which really charges the Lake County Board of Commissioners with putting together a plan to build a Convention and Event Center here in Lake County, Commissioners I've put together a handout and provided it to local Media, this provides a summary of all the dates that are required by the Board of Commissioners to be met as well as the applicable Statute, in terms of what needs to be done and progress that we need to make, it's pretty straight forward, but I am going to look forward to working with the Board of Commissioners in whatever capacity you see fit in terms of helping the Board put this together for the Citizens of Lake County, I think a Convention and Event Center for the Citizens of Lake County is a good program"

Tippy, spoke, stating, "What we would be voting on is to authorize our Economic Development Consultant to prepare a request for qualifications to award or to bring on board a Consultant who specializes in putting together packages and then we would go out to request for bids or proposals for the Convention Center?", Fech, "yes, that is correct, Commissioner", Tippy continued, "and then this, we're asking our Consultant to have this prepared by?" Fech spoke, "September 1st", Tippy continued, "September 1st", Fech spoke, "to be advertised", Fech continued, "I have provided our Consultant all of the statutory requirements as to what needs to be

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apart of the request for qualifications, he is well aware, he has a tremendous amount of experience in this area, putting together requests for qualifications", Tippy spoke, "and once again, just like, the Public Health Bill, this is something that was passed by the State Legislature and we are following the shale provisions of the Legislation", Fech responded, "that's correct", end discussion.

Allen so moved, Tippy seconded, clarification of motion requested by Auditor, Allen's motion is to approve advertisement for Request for Qualifications for Consultant for the Lake County Convention Center, clarification given by Allen along with Attorney Fech. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #28 Agenda #11.1 - #11.2

In the Matter of Council Items: Ordinances: 11.1-11.2: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 11.1 and 11.2, Ordinances submitted and adopted by the Lake County Council, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

11.1 Ordinance Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2023, Ordinance No. 1478C

11.2 Ordinance Granting Petition to Vacate a Portion of a Public Way (Cedar Lake Road) By Northern Indiana Public Service Company, LLC

## Order #29 Agenda #12.1 - #12.2

In the Matter of State Board Of Accounts Items: 12.1 – 12.2 Auditor: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 12.1 and 12.2, State Board of Accounts Items on behalf of Auditor, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 AUDITOR: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 7-3-2023

12.2 AUDITOR: LC265 7/20/23 TO 8/16/23; Hand Cuts 7/20/23 to 8/16/23

## Order #30 Agenda #13.1

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 Highway: Certificate of Insurance UP-DATE.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Certificate of Insurance UP-DATE submitted by Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #31 Agenda #15.1

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 6/16/2023 – 7/15/2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 15.1 Staff Reports, submitted by Weights & Measures, Monthly Report 6/16/2023 – 7/15/2023. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #32 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Renovations To Westwind for the Health Department.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Renovations To Westwind for the Health Department for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

1. Gariup Construction Co., Inc. \$989,760.00
2. The Pangere Corporation \$904,844.00

Comes now, President Repay, stating, "I'd just like to point out that it's not just Renovations to the Health Department, Health Department is primary and it's really primary move the Health Department away from where they currently are so that it helps the flow of the entire Building, but there's also stuff at the Coroner's Office and different that's there, so I don't want everybody to think it's a nine hundred thousand dollar Health Department thing", Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #33 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 2023 or Newer Truck Mounted Combination, High Pressure Jet-Vacuum Water Recycler Combination Sewer Cleaning Machine 1500 Gallon -12CU YD ejector type debris body.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 2023 or Newer Truck Mounted Combination, High Pressure Jet-Vacuum Water Recycler Combination Sewer Cleaning Machine 1500 Gallon -12CU YD ejector type debris body for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

1. Eco Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. \$674,961.23

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

## Order #34 Agenda #17

In the Matter of Comments: Members of the Public; Elected Officials; Commissioners.

Comes now, Gerry Scheub, resident of Crown Point, with public comment, stating, "I sent each of you a letter in July, another letter in August and your Attorney, and I was just asking if you were going to respond and if this Contract that I'm questioning is okay then I don't see why you wouldn't want to respond to me" Attorney Fech responded, "that request has been provided to Tramel Raggs as a Public Records Request and he's responding accordingly"

Comes now, Barbara Koteles, resident of Hobart, with public comment, stating, "this is about SEA4 the Indiana Public Health Commission Bill, I completely agree with Commissioner Repay, about the red tape in this Bill that Governor Holcomb engineered into it, it was not necessary, part of the red tape is that twenty-five percent of the monies received must be returned to

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the State every year, that wasn't mentioned, so the figure of fifteen million dollars was mentioned, and twenty-five percent of fifteen million is three million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, this money must come from taxes, so you have just saddled Lake County taxpayers with another annual tax debt, each year, at some point Legislatures have to come to grips with the fact that some Hoosiers will never change their lifestyles, they may never be healthy, no amount of money will change that. End comment.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 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

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MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

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KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

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JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR