

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

The Pledge was given, there was moment of Silence and Emergency Exit Announcement was made. Roll Call reflect two Commissioners present, one absent.

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 14th day of November, 2023 at about 1:24 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 14th day of November, 2023 at about 1:24 p.m.

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

Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 2.1 – 2.9: listed below.

- Allen made a motion to approve agenda as amended, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
- 2.1 ADDITION: APPOINTMENT: Ken McNeil to the St. John Economic Development Commission. (Item 10.5)
 - 2.2 DELETE: HIGHWAY: Lake County Bridge 268, Joliet Street over Saint John Ditch Supplemental Agreement 1 to the Original Agreement 11-17-21. Supplemental Agreement 1 is for additional Design and Right of Way Engineering Services not to exceed \$58,000.00 with Gonzalez Companies, LLC. This amount to be reimbursed by the Town of Saint John through as Inter Local Agreement to be executed. (Item 8.55)
 - 2.3 CORRECTION: SHERIFF: Approve Specification for Correctional Officers Uniforms, Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff Office for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office
 - 2.4 CORRECTION: SHERIFF: Approve Specification for Gas for the Lake County Sheriff Office and other Lake County Government Agencies for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office
 - 2.5 CORRECTION: SHERIFF: Approve Specification for Merit Police Officers Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff Office for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office
 - 2.6 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: Change Order #3 for the LC Fairgrounds Roof Replacement in the amount of \$7,143.84
 - 2.7 ADDITION: HIGHWAY: NIPSCO Road Cut Permit WO#52622-912 (#8.5198)
 - 2.8 ADDITION: HIGHWAY: NIPSCO County Utility Agreement WO#52622-912(#8.5199)
 - 2.9 CORRECTION: SHERIFF: : Approve Specification for Oil & Lube for the Lake County Sheriff Office for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 – 3.19: listed below.

- Allen made a motion to approve opening of bids and proposals, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
- 3.1 Aggregate (Limestone) Pick-Up for 2024
 - 3.2 Aggregate (Limestone) Delivered for 2024
 - 3.3 Aggregate (Limestone) (Air Cooled Blast Furnace Slag) ACBFS for 2024
 - 3.4 Cold Patch Mix for Patching Picked-Up and Delivered for 2024
 - 3.5 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for Crown Point and Lowell Facility for 2024
 - 3.6 Ice Control Aggregate for 2024
 - 3.7 Pavement Markings for 2024
 - 3.8 Backfill B Borrow Materials Delivered for 2024
 - 3.9 Backfill B Borrow Materials Picked Up for 2024
 - 3.10 Geo-Melt Approved or Equal Deicing for 2024
 - 3.11 Liquid Calcium Chloride for 2024
 - 3.12 New Tires, Tire Repair and Recapping for 2024
 - 3.13 Plastic Culverts for 2024
 - 3.14 Seeding for 2024
 - 3.15 Top Soil for 2024
 - 3.16 Traffic Accessories for 2024
 - 3.17 Traffic Signs for 2024
 - 3.18 Vegetation Management for 2024
 - 3.19 HVAC Renovations to LC Jail to Replace Duct Furnaces

Order #3 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 Presentation of Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. Awarded to Indiana University Northwest for Local Government Cooperation.

Comes now, President Repay, for Presentation of Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. Awarded to Indiana University Northwest for Local Government Cooperation to present plaque to Lake County IU Northwest for Local Government Cooperation Award from Association of Indiana Counties, Inc., Dr Ken Iwama and Dr Ellen Szarleta present to receive plaque of award, dated the 27th day of September, 2023.

Order #4 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting October 18, 2023.

Allen made a motion to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #5 Agenda #5.1

In the Matter of Approve Specifications for Bids: 5.1 Commissioners/HVAC: Specifications for the VFD's for the Coil Pumps at the LC Government Center, to be advertised with a return date of December 13, 2023 by 9:30a.m. to the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Allen made a motion to approve 5.1 the advertising of Specifications for VFD's for the Coil Pumps at the LC Government Center, to be advertised with a return date of December 13, 2023 by 9:30a.m. to the Lake County Auditor's Office, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #6 Agenda #5.2

In the Matter of Approve Specifications for Bids: 5.2 Commissioners: Specifications for the Renovations to A-N Judge's Chambers in the L C Government Center to be advertised with a return date of December 13, 2023 by 9:30 a.m. to the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Allen made a motion to defer agenda item 5.2, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #7 Agenda #5.3-5.6

In the Matter of Approve Specifications for Bids: 5.3-5.6 Correction: Sheriff: Specifications to be advertised: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 & 5.6 the advertising of Specifications for Sheriff, listed below, for the return of bids by Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

5.3 Correction: **Sheriff:** Approve Specification for Gas for the Lake County Sheriff Office and other Lake County Government Agencies for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.4 Correction: **Sheriff:** Approve Specification for Correctional Officers Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office

5.5 Correction: **Sheriff:** Approve Specification for Merit Police Officers Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff Office for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later Wednesday December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.6 Correction: **Sheriff:** Approve Specification for Oil & Lube for the Lake County Sheriff for the Year 2024 to be advertised. Bids returnable no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office

Order #8 Agenda #8.1

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 E-911: Palo Alto yearly renewal through Sayers in the amount of \$10,357.48.

Allen made a motion to approve, on behalf of E-911, Palo Alto yearly renewal through Sayers in the amount of \$10,357.48, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #9 Agenda #8.2

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.2 ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION - Maintenance agreement with Pulse Technology from 11/04/2023 through 11/4/2024 for the folding machine in the amount of \$490.00 annually.

Allen made a motion to approve, on behalf of Elections and Registration, Maintenance agreement with Pulse Technology from 11/04/2023 through 11/4/2024 for the folding machine in the amount of \$490.00 annually, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1 absent.

Order #10 Agenda #8.3-8.5

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.3-8.5 Data: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 8.3, 8.4 & 8.5, Contracts on behalf of Data, listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

8.3 **DATA:** Agreement with Record Storage Center, Inc. in the amount of \$710.50 a month for the year 2024.

8.4 **DATA:** Award of Bids for IBM Compatible Computers for 2024.

Letter of Recommendation

October 19, 2023

Lake County Commissioners
Lake County Government
2293 N Main Street Crown Point, IN 46307

RE: Award of Bids for IBM Compatible Computers for 2024

Dear Commissioners:

Data Processing is recommending that ESI be awarded class H-2 and H-7 Compatible Micro Computers for 2024

Data Processing is recommending that Buchertech be awarded class H-1, H-3, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-8, H-9, H-10, H-11, H-12, H-13 and H-14 for the IBM Compatible Micro Computers for 2024. Buchertech was the low bidder for these classes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to address them with me at anytime.

Sincerely,

Mark Pearman, Cenifax Executive Director
Lake County Data Processing
MP/cas

8.5 **DATA:** County Form 19 for Technology Consultants Group, LLC (For the Period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Maintenance on Lake County Court Video Equipment with an annual amount of \$37,632 with a monthly cost of \$3,136.00)

Order #11 Agenda #8.6-8.10

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.6 – 8.10 Commissioners: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9 and 8.10, Contract renewals on behalf of Commissioners, listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

8.6 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract for Law Office of Joseph S. Irak, PC for 2024 in the amount of \$54,747.96 per year.

8.7 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract with Onyx Electronics for 2024

8.8 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract with Law Office of John R. Cantrell for 2024 in the amount of \$36,000 annually.

8.9 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract with Attorney Derrick Julkes for 2024 in the amount of \$24,000 annually.

8.10 **Hammond Courthouse:** Renewal Contract with AT&T for Centrex Services for the year 2024

Order #12 Agenda #8.11-8.14

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.11 – 8.14 Commissioners: Consulting Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 8.11 – 8.14, Consulting Contracts for the year 2024 for Commissioners, listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

8.11 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract for Law Office of Joseph S. Irak, PC for 2024 in the amount of \$54,747.96 per year.

8.12 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract with Onyx Electronics for 2024

8.13 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract with Law Office of John R. Cantrell for 2024 in the amount of \$36,000 annually

8.14 **COMMISSIONERS:** Consulting Contract with Attorney Derrick Julkes for 2024 in the amount of \$24,000 annually

Order #13 Agenda #8.15-8.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.15 Commissioners: Change Order #1 with Pangere for the Renovations to Westwind for Health Dept. in the amount of \$7,377.00; 8.16 Commissioners: Change Order #2 with Pangere for Renovations to Plan Commission and Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$2,684.00.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 8.15 Change Order #1 with Pangere for the Renovations to Westwind for Health Dept. in the amount of \$7,377.00 and 8.16 Change Order #2 with Pangere for Renovations to Plan Commission and Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$2,684.00, on behalf of Commissioners, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #14 Agenda #8.17

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.17 Commissioners: Award and Approve Contract with Pangere Construction Co., lowest bidder, for the Walkway and Stair Removal on East Side of LC Government Center in the amount of \$157,322. (Gariup \$167,700).

Allen made a motion to approve Award and Contract with Pangere Construction Co., lowest bidder, for the Walkway and Stair Removal on East Side of LC Government Center in the amount of \$157,322, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #15 Agenda #8.18

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.18 Commissioners: Contract with Niquelle Winfrey for Legal Services in the amount of \$4,000 a month for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve Contract with Niquelle Winfrey and Commissioners for Legal Services in the amount of \$4,000 a month for the year 2024, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #16 Agenda #8.19

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.19 Commissioners: Award and Contract with Hasse Construction, lowest bidder, for the Auditorium Stage in the amount of \$8,350. (Prism Painting \$15,620; P&S Construction \$17,160).

Allen made a motion to approve Award and Contract with Hasse Construction, lowest bidder, for the Auditorium Stage in the amount of \$8,350, on behalf of Commissioners, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #17 Agenda #8.20

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.20 Commissioners: Renewal of Service Contract with Gertzen Water Management Co. dba Utility Services for Hermit's Lake Lift Stations and Sanitary Collection System in the amount of \$3,850 per month for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve Renewal of Service Contract with Gertzen Water Management Co. dba Utility Services for Hermit's Lake Lift Stations and Sanitary Collection System in the amount of \$3,850 per month for the year 2024, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #18 Agenda #8.21

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.21 Surveyor: Award and Contract with TIB Office for Office Furniture in the amount of \$17,932.00. Lincoln Office submitted a quote in the amount of \$16,744.45 and Pulse Technologies declined to submit a quote. TIB Office is not the lowest bidder, but most responsive for the delivery and set up by our deadline.

Allen made a motion to approve Award and Contract with TIB Office, on behalf of Surveyor, for Office Furniture in the amount of \$17,932.00, being the most responsive bidder, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #19 Agenda #8.22

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.22 Center Township Assessor: Service Contract with Sylvia Moon for cleaning the office at 213 S. Court St., Crown Point twice a month in the amount of \$100 per month from January, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Order #19 Agenda #8.22 cont'd

Allen made a motion to approve 8.22 Center Township Assessor Service Contract with Sylvia Moon for cleaning the office at 213 S. Court St., Crown Point twice a month in the amount of \$100 per month from January, 2024 through December 31, 2025, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #20 Agenda #8.23-8.28

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.23-8.28 Sheriff: Contracts: listed below.

Comes now, Attorney John Kopak present/spoke, stating to the Board that agenda items 8.23 – 8.28 are all non-Jail Contracts, everything after 8.28 – 8.34 are Jail Contracts, Attorney Irak present confirmed for the Board 8.23 – 8.28 are Sheriff's Contracts/Service Contracts for the Board's action, Allen made a motion to approve 8.23 – 8.28, listed below, Contracts for Sheriff, Repay seconded Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

8.23 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Colin Harms for Spillman Software System Management for 2024, not to exceed \$75,000.00 and payable at the rate of \$6,250.00 per month (same as 2023)

8.24 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Attorney J. Justin Murphy for Legal Services for LC Sheriff's Police Merit Board, not to exceed \$9,000.00, payable at the rate of \$750.00 per month for the year 2024

8.25 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Attorney John M. Kopack for Legal Services representing the Lake County Sheriff and serving as the Sheriff's Legal Deputy per I.C. 36-8-10-10.6(e). Annual Fee of \$180,000.00, payable at the rate of \$15,000.00 per month for the year 2024.

8.26 **SHERIFF**: Consulting Contract with William Paterson for LCSD Budget and Procurement, not to exceed \$85,000.00, payable at the rate of \$7,083.33 per month for the year 2024.

8.27 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Attorney A. Leon Sarkisian for Legal Services related to sheriff sales, bankruptcies and foreclosures. Not to exceed \$53,000.00, payable at the rate of \$4,416.67 per month.

8.28 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Attorney Jewell Harris/Harris Law Firm P.C. to represent LCSD, defend claims, and respond to public record, subpoena/discovery requests. Not to exceed \$80,000.00 in 2024, payable at rate of \$6,666.66/month.

Order #21 Agenda #8.29-8.34

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.29 – 8.34 Sheriff: Contracts: listed below.

Comes now, Board discussion, related to agenda items 8.29 – 8.34, Repay stated that, "this is because of a Court Case that says, that Jail Contracts don't have to get the approval of the Board of Commissioners".

Comes now, Attorney Kopak, present/spoke, stated, "that's correct Commissioner, the Judge, in his order, did indicate that he would like the Sheriff to follow through with the procedure, filing them on your Agenda, so they all become a matter of public record".

Comes now, President Repay, indicated to Attorney Kopak that the Staff should now know that these (8.29-8.34) are in the wrong place on the Agenda on the Granicus system, that they should be filed in a different category not listed under Action to Form Contracts, Repay continued, stating, "in the future they should list them under "Other", Attorney Kopak, confirmed that he would advise the Staff, end discussion.

Allen made a motion to make a matter of public record agenda items 8.29-8.34, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

8.29 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Attorney Andreas T. Kyres/Walter J. Alvarez P.C. for legal services as attorney for the Warden and Jail Command Staff, and handling personnel and disciplinary matters before the Corrections Merit Board. Not to exceed \$26,500.00, payable at \$2,208.33/month in 2024

8.30 **SHERIFF**: Consulting Contact with Mark E. Purevich for Lake Co. Jail inmate and medical record data management, technical service aide to the Warden, and chief compliance inspector for jail operations. Not to exceed \$95,000.00 in 2024, payable at the rate of \$7,916.66 per month. (same rate as 2023).

8.31 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Caravan 911 Services LLC for Sanitizing and Pathogen Mitigation Services in the Lake County Jail during 2024. \$12,800.00 annual, payable at the rate of \$3,200 every 90 days for scheduled services, plus \$275.00/hour for any On-Call Emergency Services (same rates as 2023)

8.32 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Keith Brian Douts, Jr., D.D.S., for inmate dental services in the LC Jail. \$87,000.00 annual, payable at the rate of \$7,250.00 per month.

8.33 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Fresh Start Counseling Services (Veronica Ramos-Clark) to provide Substance Abuse Services for inmates in the Lake County Jail. \$74,200.00 annual, payable at the rate of \$6,183.33 per month for 2024. (Same rate as 2023).

8.34 **SHERIFF**: Contract with Muthusamy Anandkumar, MD, d/b/a Mangai LLC, for monitoring and evaluation of medical and mental health services provided to inmates in the Lake County Jail. \$5,000.00 per month in 2024. (Same as 2023)

Order #22 Agenda #8.35 w/8.36

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.35 Sheriff: Extension of bid pricing for T&M Tires for Lake County Sheriff Department from year 2023 to the year 2024; 8.36 Sheriff: Extension of bid pricing for NWI Auto Supply for Lake County Sheriff Department from year 2023 to the year 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.35 Extension of bid pricing for T&M Tires for Lake County Sheriff Department from year 2023 to the year 2024 and 8.36 Extension of bid pricing for NWI Auto Supply for Lake County Sheriff Department from year 2023 to the year 2024 on behalf of Sheriff, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #23 Agenda #8.37-8.38

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.37 **SHERIFF**: County form 19 Service Agreement to Ace Extermination and the Lake County Sheriff's Department Jail for rodents in the amount of \$560.00 per month for an annual amount of \$6,720.00; 8.38 **SHERIFF**: County Form 19 Service Agreement with Ace Extermination Lake County Sheriff (CSI) for rodent control in the amount of \$50.00 monthly for annual amount of \$600.00.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.37 County form 19 Service Agreement to Ace Extermination and the Lake County Sheriff's Department Jail for rodents in the amount of \$560.00 per month for an annual amount of \$6,720.00 and 8.38 County Form 19 Service Agreement with Ace Extermination Lake County Sheriff (CSI) for rodent control in the amount of \$50.00 monthly for annual amount of \$600.00, on behalf of Sheriff, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #24 Agenda #8.39 & #8.42

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.39 SHERIFF: Consulting Contract with Charmain Gibson for Jail Services in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00 for the year 2024 to be made a matter of public record; 8.42 SHERIFF: Contract with Addiction and Behavioral Counseling Services, Inc. for Jail Services in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the year 2024 to be made a matter of public record.

Allen made a motion to make a matter of public record agenda items 8.39 and 8.42 for Sheriff, Consulting Contract with Charmain Gibson for Jail Services in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00 for the year 2024 to be made a matter of public record and Contract with Addiction and Behavioral Counseling Services, Inc. for Jail Services in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the year 2024 to be made a matter of public record, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #25 Agenda #8.40-8.41

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.40 SHERIFF: County form 19 Service Agreement to Ace Extermination and the Lake County Sheriff's Animal Control for rodents in the amount of \$75.00 per month for an annual amount of \$900.00; 8.41 SHERIFF: County Form 19 Service Agreement with Ace Extermination Lake County Sheriff (SVU) for rodent control in the amount of \$72.00 monthly for annual amount of \$864.00.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.40 County form 19 Service Agreement to Ace Extermination and the Lake County Sheriff's Animal Control for rodents in the amount of \$75.00 per month for an annual amount of \$900.00 and 8.41 County Form 19 Service Agreement with Ace Extermination Lake County Sheriff (SVU) for rodent control in the amount of \$72.00 monthly for annual amount of \$864.00, on behalf of Sheriff, Repay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #26 Agenda #8.43-8.46

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.43 – 8.46 Recorder: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 8.43 – 8.46, Contract on behalf of Recorder, listed below, Repay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

8.43 **RECORDERS:** Service contract renewal with Naviant, Inc. for the hardware maintenance on the Konica Minolta machines from 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024 in the amount of \$5,010.87 annually.

8.44 **RECORDERS:** Service contract renewal with US Imaging, Inc., from 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2025, to archive digital images to microfilm in the amount of \$14,900.00 annually.

8.45 **RECORDERS:** Service Contract renewal with Ellis Systems from 02/01/2024 to 01/31/2025 for preventative maintenance and service on four (4) Powerfiles in the amount of \$1,430.00 annually.

8.46 **RECORDERS:** Records & Storage Center, Inc. contract renewal 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

Order #27 Agenda #8.47-8.51 w/ ADD Agenda #8.5198 & #8.5199

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.47 – 8.51 w/8.5198-8.5199 Highway: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion agenda items 8.47, 8.48, 8.49, 8.50, 8.51, 8.5198 & 8.5199, Contracts/Agreements on behalf of Highway, listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

8.47 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO Utility Agreement WO 53305-912 Center & Cedar Creek Twp. Clark St Between 141st & 153rd Pole Replacement General Maintenance.

8.48 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO Utility Agreement WO 53304-912 Cedar Creek Twp. and Lake View Dr. N of Main St Vasa Terrace, Eastview Pl. Pole Replacement General Maintenance.

8.49 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO Utility Agreement WO 53302-912 Cedar Creek Twp. and Lake View Dr. N of Main and Beacon Ridge, Pole Replacement and General Maintenance.

8.50 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO Utility Agreement WO 53301-912 Cedar Creek Twp. Main Street West Lakeview Ct., Pole Replacement and General Maintenance.

8.51 **HIGHWAY:** Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53300-912 West Creek Twp. Parrish Between 159th and 171st Cline S. 159th to Limits, Pole Replacement General Maintenance.

8.5198 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO Road Cut Permit WO#52622-912

8.5199 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO County Utility Agreement WO#52622-912

Order #28 Agenda #8.52

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.52 Highway: Road Cut Permit T2UES, Inc. T2 Utility Engineers : to perform test holes in various locations Basins (10) Calumet Township STEP.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.52 Road Cut Permit T2UES, Inc. T2 Utility Engineers : to perform test holes in various locations Basins (10) Calumet Township STEP on behalf of Highway, Repay seconded. Motion carried 32-0, 1absent.

Order #29 Agenda #8.53

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.53 HIGHWAY: Change Order #1, in the amount of \$9,592.75, County Bridge 48, 117th over West Creek DES 1702830 issued by INDOT for material related under-run on item (54) Pile, Steel, Pipe.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.53 Change Order #1, in the amount of \$9,592.75, County Bridge 48, 117th over West Creek DES 1702830 issued by INDOT for material related under-run on item (54) Pile, Steel, Pipe, on behalf of Highway, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #30 Agenda #8.54

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.54 Highway: Extend Service Agreement with Aramark for 2024 at the same rate and conditions as 2023.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.54 Extend Service Agreement with Aramark for 2024 at the same rate and conditions as 2023 on behalf of Highway, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #31 Agenda #8.56

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.56 **HIGHWAY**: Inter-Local Agreement Between the Town of Saint John and the Lake County Board of Commissioners regarding the rehabilitation and construction of one additional lane of roadway as part of the replacement of Lake County Bridge 268. Lake County already contracted to change the existing traffic configuration for Joliet Street, replacing Bridge 268 along with two Lane Sections. Total Project cost (\$1,281,260.00) Lake County's portion (\$926,510.00) and the Town of Saint John portion is (\$354,750.00).

Allen made a motion to take no action on agenda item 8.56, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #32 Agenda #8.57

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.57 **HIGHWAY**: Michigan Tech Road Soft Program renewal with the Highway Engineering Department from 12-2023 to 12-2024 in the amount of \$1495.00.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.57 Michigan Tech Road Soft Program renewal with the Highway Engineering Department from 12-2023 to 12-2024 in the amount of \$1495.00 on behalf of Highway, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #33 Agenda #8.58

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.58 **HIGHWAY**: Sherwood Park Storm Sewer Culvert Replacement Proposal approved 10-18-2023 Austgen Equipment not to exceed \$39,525.00 Contract to be approved.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.58 Sherwood Park Storm Sewer Culvert Replacement Proposal approved 10-18-2023 Austgen Equipment not to exceed \$39,525.00 Contract to be approved, on behalf of Highway, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #34 Agenda #8.59

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.59 **HIGHWAY**: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53309-912 Center Twp. to Blaine, Lee Street 124th East of Cline, Pole Replacement and General Maintenance.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.59 Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53309-912 Center Twp. to Blaine, Lee Street 124th East of Cline, Pole Replacement and General Maintenance on behalf of Highway, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #35 Agenda #8.60

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.60 **HEALTH DEPT**: Contract with Helmer Scientific dated 11/1/2023 thru 10/31/2024 in the amount of \$5,756.10.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.60 Contract with Helmer Scientific dated 11/1/2023 thru 10/31/2024 in the amount of \$5,756.10 on behalf of the Health Department, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #36 Agenda #8.61-8.62

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.61 **LC SUPERIOR COURT,COUNTY DIV. I**: Agreement with Word Systems, Inc. for the Gary office the amount of \$1,841.12 for the year 2024; 8.62 **LC SUPERIOR COURT,COUNTY DIV. I**: Agreement with Word Systems, Inc. for the Crown Point office the amount of \$1,940.12 for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.61 Agreement with Word Systems, Inc. for the Gary office the amount of \$1,841.12 for the year 2024 and 8.62 Agreement with Word Systems, Inc. for the Crown Point office the amount of \$1,940.12 for the year 2024 on behalf of LC SUPERIOR COURT,COUNTY DIV. I, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #37 Agenda #8.63

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.63 **LC SUPERIOR COURT,COUNTY DIV. I**: Agreement with Law Office of Andrew Tanzillo, LLC for Legal Services in the amount of \$28,500.00 for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve Agreement with Law Office of Andrew Tanzillo, LLC for Legal Services in the amount of \$28,500.00 for the year 2024 on behalf of LC SUPERIOR COURT,COUNTY DIV. I, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #38 Agenda #8.64

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.64 **JUVENILE COURT**: Contract approval for Records Storage Center for 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve Contract for Records Storage Center for 2024 on behalf of Juvenile Court, Repay seconded, fees listed on rate sheet and monthly minimum storage charge \$30.00. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #39 Agenda #8.65

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.65 **ROSS TOWNSHIP**: Cleaning contract with Sylvia Moon in the amount of \$250.00/month from November 2023 through December 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve Cleaning Contract with Sylvia Moon in the amount of \$250.00/month from November 2023 through December 2024, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #40 Agenda #8.66

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.66 **PLAN COMMISSION**: Award and Contract with most responsive, Robert L Campbell Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Bill's Movers for the moving, storage, and return of office furniture, cabinets, and related office items in the amount of \$31,675. (Ferree Movers \$30,950).

Allen made a motion to approve award and Contract with most responsive bidder, Robert L Campbell Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Bill's Movers for the moving, storage, and return of office furniture, cabinets, and related office items in the amount of \$31,675 on behalf of Plan Commission, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Order #41 Agenda #8.67

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.67 **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**: Award and Contract with lowest bidder, R&B Customs for equipment for vehicles in the amount of \$22,286.25. (Lot O Fun \$22,325; Classy Chassis \$25,469.70).

Allen made a motion to approve award and Contract with lowest bidder, R&B Customs for equipment for vehicles in the amount of \$22,286.25, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #42 Agenda #8.68-8.69

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.68 **COUNCIL**: Consulting Contract with Law Office of Ray L. Szarmach, P.C. for legal services in the amount of \$60,000 for the Year 2024; 8.69 **COUNCIL**: Consulting Contract with Jeanann Georgas Ficker for Grants Management Services in the amount of \$108,000.00 for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.68 Consulting Contract with Law Office of Ray L. Szarmach, P.C. for legal services in the amount of \$60,000 for the Year 2024 and 8.69 Consulting Contract with Jeanann Georgas Ficker for Grants Management Services in the amount of \$108,000.00 for the year 2024, on behalf of Council, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #43 Agenda #8.70

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.70 **ADDITION**: COMMISSIONERS: Change Order #3 for the LC Fairgrounds Roof Replacement in the amount of \$7,143.84.

Allen made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for the LC Fairgrounds Roof Replacement in the amount of \$7,143.84, Repay seconded, John Kirk present/spoke project is in the Fine Arts Building work by Bill Roofing. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #44 Agenda #9.1

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 **DATA**: Disposal of Property Request.

Allen made a motion to approve disposal of property request submitted by Data, un-repairable equipment with little to no-value, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #45 Agenda #10.2-10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.2 – 10.4: Listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4, listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

10.2 Notice of Executive Session

10.3 Amended Executive Session Notice

10.4 Sign-in Sheet for Pre-bid meeting held on Friday, November 3, 2023 regarding Sanitary Sewer Project to be made a matter of public record.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Neil Simstad	Nies
Mike Helmoth	Nies
Duane Alverson	L C Highway
Keith Kegebein	Dyer Construction
Kyle Weisman	Woodruff&Sons
David Ashcraft	Woodruff&Sons
Eric Mersino	Grimmer Construction
Chris Nowack	NT Safety
Marian Ivey	L C Auditor

Order #46 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.5 **ADDITION**: APPOINTMENT: Ken McNeil to the St. John Economic Development Commission.

Allen made a motion to appoint Ken McNeil to the St. John Economic Development Commission, Repay seconded, term expires on the 31st day of December, 2027. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #47 Agenda #11.3

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.3 Ordinance 1489B, Establishing the Procedure for Lake County to Obtain Title for a Parcel of Real Property Offered at Tax Sale Two or More Occasions without a Bid and Parcels Determined to be a Public Hazard.

Comes now, President Repay, spoke and suggested the Board veto Ordinance 1489B, stating, "the Ordinance speaks to what Units of Government need to do opposed to what we need to do", Attorney Irak spoke stating, "I spoke with Council Attorney yesterday, O'Donnell, and we're going to have some input into that, I think there's some things we have to look and we're going to work together and see what we can come up", end discussion, Allen made a motion to veto agenda item 11.3 Ordinance 1489B, Establishing the Procedure for Lake County to Obtain Title for a Parcel of Real Property Offered at Tax Sale Two or More Occasions without a Bid and Parcels Determined to be a Public Hazard, Repay seconded the motion to veto. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #48 Agenda #11.1 & #11.2

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 Ordinance 1132B-1 Amending Ordinance NO. 1132B, Establishment of Non-Sufficient Fund Service Fee Change; 11.2 Ordinance 1489A Establishing a Tax Sale Wire Transfer Fee for the Lake County Treasurer and Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 1461F.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 11.1 and 11.2, Ordinance 1132B-1 Amending Ordinance NO. 1132B, Establishment of Non-Sufficient Fund Service Fee Change and Ordinance 1489A Establishing a Tax Sale Wire Transfer Fee for the Lake County Treasurer and Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 1461F, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #49 Agenda #12.1-12.4 w/#12.5

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 12.1 – 12.4: Auditor: listed below; 12.5 Economic Development: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 12.1 – 12.5 under State Board of Accounts items, listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

12.1 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 9-25-2023

12.2 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll - Pay Date 10-6-2023

12.3 **AUDITOR:** LC 265 10/19/23 TO 11/15/23 HAND CUTS 10-19-23 TO 11/15/23 LC130 11/15/23

12.4 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll-Pay Date 10-23-2023

12.5 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register

Order #50 Agenda #13.1-13.2

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 Hobart Township Assessor: Certificate of Liability Insurance for Leased Office Space to be matter of public record; 13.2 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Up-date November 2023.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 13.1 and 13.2, Hobart Township Assessor Certificate of Liability Insurance for Leased Office Space to be matter of public record and Highway Certificate of Insurance Up-date November 2023, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #51 Agenda #15.1 & #16.1

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 9/16//2023-10/15/2023; Other: 16.1 Treasurer Monthly Reports.

Allen made a motion to approve Staff Reports 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 9/16//2023-10/15/2023 and 16.1 Treasurer Monthly Reports for August 2023 and September 2023, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #52 Agenda #3.1-3.19

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 – 3.18 Highway: listed below; 3.19 Commissioners: listed below.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.1 Aggregate (Limestone) Pick-Up for 2024 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

U.S. Aggregates	\$886,050.00
South Lake Stone	\$917,950.00

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.2 Aggregate (Limestone) Delivered for 2024 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

No Bids

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.3 Aggregate (Limestone) (Air Cooled Blast Furnace Slag) ACBFS for 2024 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Beemsterboer Aggregates	\$251,900.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.4 Cold Patch Mix for Patching Picked-Up and Delivered for 2024 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$243,750.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.5 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for Crown Point and Lowell Facility for 2024 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Petroleum Traders Corporation	\$376,521.60
Pinkerton Oil	\$381,887.60
Al Warren Oil Co	\$370,833.10
Advance Energy	\$383,074.70

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.6 Ice Control Aggregate for 2024 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Beemsterboer Aggregate	\$326,250.00 +FSC
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.7 Pavement Markings for 2024 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

C.E. Hughes Milling, Inc. dba The Airmarking Co.	\$423,000.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.8 Backfill B Borrow Materials Delivered for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Beemsterboer Aggregate	\$9,475.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.9 Backfill B Borrow Materials Picked Up for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Beemsterboer Aggregate	\$5,450.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.10 Geo-Melt Approved or Equal Deicing for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

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Great Lakes Chloride, Inc.	\$47,250.00
Road Solutions Correlated Products	\$4.44/gallon
Chloride Solutions	\$44,200.00

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.11 Liquid Calcium Chloride for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Great Lakes Chloride, Inc.	\$8,115.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.12 New Tires, Tire Repair and Recapping for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Pomp's Tire Service, Inc.	\$153,470.76
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.13 Plastic Culverts for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Baughman Tile Co.	\$98,367.00
Advanced Drainage Systems	\$99,849.10

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.14 Seeding for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Hubinger Landscaping Corp.	\$28,350.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.15 Top Soil for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Hubinger Landscaping Corp.	\$80,000.00
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.16 Traffic Accessories for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Osburn Associates, Inc.	\$21,169.20
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.17 Traffic Signs for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

Osburn Associates, Inc.	\$37,383.85
Newman	\$43,935.82

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for 3.18 Vegetation Management for 2024 for Highway Department, the following proposals were received:

No Bids

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.19 HVAC Renovations to Lake County Jail to Replace Duct Furnaces for Commissioners, the following proposals were received:

Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$583,000.00
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Allen made a motion to take all above mentioned bids and proposals under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation for agenda items 3.1 – 3.19, Repay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #53 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, with Public Comment, Gerry Scheub, to speak before the Board of Commissioners, stating, "I want to thank you for giving me a response on my request for public records and it just verified what I've been saying, the transparency in this contract, there was none, the ethics, there was a lot to be asked about, the review, I don't know if you really got into this contract or not or if you're, or people who work for you responded to you on all of this, but this contract was totally illegal, and it just from day one, it was a mess and it just got worse and it's cost the taxpayers around six hundred thousand dollars two contractors who legitimately bid on it, lost the contracts, not to their own fault, but through reports of the Staff that were inaccurate and unethical and it's just a shame that this contract went so far and I really think that you need to have a total review of this contract and I've sent you letters, I've talked to the prosecutor, I've talked to the FBI and this has to be resolved because it was totally totally unethical and I just would like to see what you people would do with this, if you're going to let it continue to ride or if you're going to try to get a conclusion to this and make it right by the Contractors that lost the contracts, the County taxpayers who lost around six hundred thousand dollars and it's just the lack of transparency and ethics through the whole thing how the whole thing worked out and I've talked to so many people, I got so many people who want to talk to you folks, if you want to get this thing resolved, I'd be more than happy to be involved in it and tell you exactly, I have Minutes, I have Contracts, I have Witnesses and all of them approved in this contract was an insult, so that's my statement and I hope I hear from you folks and that you will do something where everybody will have the actual facts and the honest facts and make it right for the Contractors who lost the contracts and make it right to the taxpayers who lost about six hundred thousand dollars, any questions.....thank you" end comment.

Comes now, Commissioners, with comments, wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

The following officials were Present:
Attorney Matthew Fech

MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

absent
JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR