

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, Emergency Exit announcement 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 12th day of December, 2023 at about 2:08 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 12th day of December, 2023 at about 2:08 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 -2.8: listed below.

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

2.1 DELETION: HIGHWAY (8.68): Recommendation of Award Geo Melt or Approved De-Icing 2024 Chloride Solutions in the amount of \$44,200.00

2.2 ADDITION: AUDITOR (Item #12.3): LC 265 Report for Daily; LC 265 Report for Billing; LC 265 Report for Jury; LC 265 Report for Tuesday; LC 265 Report for Tax Sale; LC 265 Report for Hand Cuts; LC 265 Report for Workman Comp; LC 265 Report for Expense; LC 265--Dates 11-16-2023 – 12-13-2023 Report for HUD; LC 130 Report Thursday; LC 130 Report Tax Sale; LC 130 - Report Billing -Dates 12-14-2023

2.3 ADDITION: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (Item #8.103): Seeking approval to purchase a 2023 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Bank from Webb Ford in the amount of \$38,099.00. Two other quotes were received from Paul Heuring in the amount of \$38,254.00 and from Art Hill in the amount of \$39,985.00.

2.4 ADDITION: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (Item #8.104): Seeking approval to purchase a 2023 Ford Explorer XLT from Webb Ford in the amount of \$44,953.27. Two other quotes were received from Paul Heuring in the amount of \$45,610.00 and from Art Hill in the amount of \$47,425.00.

2.5 CORRECTION: HIGHWAY (Item #8.44)(Item #5.2): Community Crossing Grant Project 2023-2-Parrish Avenue-Cedar Lake Limits (125th Ave.) to 109th Ave. (US 231) Fathke Road- 113th Ave> to US 231 Burr Street- 125th Avenue to 113th Avenue
moved to section 5 Approve Specifications for Bids

2.6 ADDITION: HIGHWAY (Item #8.105): Addendums No. 1 and No. 2 for the Lawndale Sanitary Sewer Collection System project
write-in agenda amendment

**2.7 ADDITION: Commissioners (Item #3.6): Sanitary Sewer Collection For Lawndale Subdivision unincorporated Lake County, Center Township

**2.8 ADDITION: COUNCIL(Item #11.4): Ordinance No. 1490B – Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 – 3.6: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to allow the opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes agenda items 3.1 – 3.6, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

3.1 VFD's for the Coil Pumps at the Lake County Government Center

3.2 Gas for the Lake County Sheriff's Office and other Lake County Government Agencies for the year 2024

3.3 Correctional Officer Uniforms for the lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024

3.4 Merit Police Officer Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024

3.5 Oil & Lube for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024

3.6 ADDITION: Commissioners: Sanitary Sewer Collection For Lawndale Subdivision unincorporated Lake County, Center Township

Order #3 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approval of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Minutes – Regular Meeting November 15, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting held Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #5.1-5.2(Corr Agenda #2.5)

In the Matter of Approve Specifications for Bids: 5.1 – 5.2: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Specifications for Bids agenda items 5.1 and 5.2, listed below, to be advertised, to be returned to the Auditor's Office at 9:30a.m. by Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

5.1 **Commissioners:** Specifications for the Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices at the Lake County Government Center, to be advertised with a return date of January 17, 2024 at 9:30a.m. to the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.2 Correction: **Highway:** Community Crossing Grant Project 2023-2-Parrish Avenue-Cedar Lake Limits (125th Ave.) to 109th Ave. (US 231) Fathke Road- 113th Ave> to US 231 Burr Street- 125th Avenue to 113th Avenue, to be advertised with a return date of January 17, 2024 at 9:30a.m. to the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Order #5 Agenda #8.1

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 **Lake Superior Court, Division Room 2: Legal Services contract with Steven A Kurowski, P.C. for the year 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$29,640.00, or \$2,470.00 per month.**

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.1, Legal Services contract with Steven A Kurowski, P.C. for the year 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$29,640.00, or \$2,470.00 per month on behalf of Lake Superior Court, Division Room 2. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #6 Agenda #8.2-8.31

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.2 – 8.31 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract(s): listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Action to Form Contracts on behalf of the Lake County Public Defender for agenda items 8.2 – 8.31, Legal Services Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.2 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Nicole A. Bennett for the year 2024 in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 8.3 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Kaitlynn Kay Cicillian for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.4 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Maryrachel Durso for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.5 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Kurt Earnst for the year 2024 in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- 8.6 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Gregory A. Fouladi for the year 2024 in the amount of \$30,000.00.
- 8.7 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Peter Fouts for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.8 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Brett R. Galvan for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.9 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Amanda C. Hires for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.10 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Kyle Hoogeveen for the year 2024 in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- 8.11 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Daryl D. Jones for the year 2024 in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 8.12 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Kenya A. Jones for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.13 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Visvaldis P. Kupsis for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.14 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Richard L. Mayer for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.15 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Eric K. Morris for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.16 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Benjamin Murphy for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.17 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with David Olson for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.18 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Thomas Olson for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.19 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with David Payne for the year 2024 in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- 8.20 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Karyn Price for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.21 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Nathan Mark Psimos for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.22 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Stephen I. Rodriguez for the year 2024 in the amount of \$35,000.00.
- 8.23 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with James N. Thiros for the year 2024 in the amount of \$20,000.00.
- 8.24 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Jose A. Vega for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.25 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Matthew J. Warring for the year 2024 in the amount of \$35,000.00.
- 8.26 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with Natalie Williams for the year 2024 in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 8.27 **Public Defender**: Amended Legal Services Contract for 2023 with Kyle Hoogeveen in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 8.28 **Public Defender**: Amended Legal Services Contract for 2023 with Richard L. Mayer in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 8.29 **Public Defender**: Amended Legal Services Contract for 2023 with Eric K. Morris in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 8.30 **Public Defender**: Amended Legal Services Contract for 2023 with David Olson in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 8.31 **Public Defender**: Legal Services Contract with for the year 2024 with Russell W. Brown, Jr. in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Order #7 Agenda #8.32-8.33

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.32 **Fairgrounds**: listed below; 8.33 Fairgrounds: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.32 and 8.33, on behalf of Fairgrounds Department, contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.32 **Fairgrounds**: Contract with Republic Services for the Service of Two Dumpsters for the year 2024 with the same pricing as 2023 in the amount of \$636.00 per month.
- 8.33 **Fairgrounds**: Contract with Service Sanitation for the Service of Porta-pots for the year 2024 with the same pricing as 2023 in the amount of \$426.00 per month.

Order #8 Agenda #8.34-8.36

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.34-8.36 **Surveyor**: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.34, 8.35 and 8.36, Contracts on behalf of Surveyor Office, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.34 **Surveyor**: Contract with Peter Katic for Legal Council with Surveyors Office and Lake County Drainage Board. Proposed amount is \$720.00 per month not to exceed \$8,640.00 yearly.
- 8.35 **Surveyor**: Award and Contract with Turning Point Surveying, Inc. for Consulting Surveying Services in the amount of \$82,50 per hour (eighty-two dollars and fifty cents) not to exceed \$35,328.00 (thirty-five thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars).
- 8.36 Contract renewal with DLZ, Indiana, LLC at a rate of \$168.00 per hour for technical reviews. Water quality and MS4 reviews will be paid by applicant fees (Stormwater Management 1206-1006-63995) and MS4 (1264-1006-63190).

Order #9 Agenda #8.37

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.37 **Data**: Service Express hardware maintenance agreement for an annual cost of \$36,820.08 invoiced quarterly for \$9,205.02.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Service Express hardware maintenance agreement for an annual cost of \$36,820.08 invoiced quarterly for \$9,205.02 on behalf of Data. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #10 Agenda #8.38

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.38 **Purdue Extension**: Contractual Service Agreement between Purdue University and Government of Lake County, Indiana.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.38 Contractual Service Agreement between Purdue University and Government of Lake County, Indiana on behalf of Purdue Extension Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #11 Agenda #8.39-8.41

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.39-8.41 **Coroner**: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.39, 8.40 and 8.41, Contracts on behalf of Coroner, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #11 Agenda #8.39-8.41 cont'd.

8.39 **Coroner**: 2024 Contract with RPS, Inc. dba RPD Imaging for Maintenance, Repairs and Labor on X-Ray Machine in Pathology. X-Ray Service billed at \$175.00 per hour, CR service billed at \$225.00 per hour, parts billed as quoted.

8.40 **Coroner**: 2024 Contract with Extra Packaging LLC for Purchase of Body Removal Supplies

8.41 **Coroner**: 2024 Contract with National Medical Services Inc. dba NMS Labs for laboratory testing. Services price list attached.

Order #12 Agenda #8.42-8.43

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.42 **Community Corrections**: Adult Education Contract with Center of Workforce Innovations for January 1 thru December 31, 2024; 8.43 **Community Corrections**: Renewal Contract with Awakenings Counseling Center for January 1 – December 31, 2024, not to exceed \$56,988.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.42 and 8.43, Contracts on behalf of Community Corrections, 8.42 Adult Education Contract with Center of Workforce Innovations for January 1 thru December 31, 2024 and 8.43 Renewal Contract with Awakenings Counseling Center for January 1 – December 31, 2024, not to exceed \$56,988.00.

Order #13 Agenda #8.44-8.82

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.44 – 8.82 **Highway**: Agreements/Permits/Contracts: listed below.

Comes now, President Repay, asked Highway Engineer, Duane Alverson, to come before the Board of Commissioners to speak as it relates to issues with NIPSCO, asking if they (NIPSCO) responded to our need for them to move or identify their gas in Calumet Township, Duane responded, "on 45th Avenue, no they have not, they're working on it, but we have no definitive location of where those gas services are, so that we can complete our sanitary sewer installation along 45th Avenue or in the pavement under 45th Avenue, and you're correct we have a number of County Utility Agreements between the County and NIPSCO on the Agenda today, these are all electric that are on the agenda today, to replace poles and equipment throughout different locations throughout the County, I've been trying to work with NIPSCO, saying hey we're trying to work with you here and issue your permits so you can work, but I need some help here, I need to complete our work on 45th Avenue", Repay continued/spoke seeking the pleasure of the Board, end discussion.

Comes now, Duane Alverson, Highway Engineer, spoke to identify the agenda items related to NIPSCO permits, stating that they are agenda items 8.45, 8.47, 8.54, and 8.55, Tippy made a motion to defer the items mentioned by County Engineer Duane Alverson, Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 8.44, 8.46, 8.48 – 8.53 and 8.56-8.82(8.68 was deleted), on behalf of Highway Department, listed below, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

8.44 **HIGHWAY**: Community Crossing Grant Project 2023-2- Parrish Avenue-Cedar Lake Limits (125th Ave.) to 109th Ave. (US 231) Fathke Road-113th Ave> to US 231 Burr Street-125th Avenue to 113th Avenue

8.46 **HIGHWAY**: Lake County Bridge 268, Supplemental Agreement 1 to Original Contract dated 11-17-2021. Additional Design and Right of Way Engineering Services with Gonzalex Companies LLC in the amount not to exceed \$58,000.00

8.48 **HIGHWAY**: Joint Interlocal Governmental Agreement between the Town of Saint John and Lake County Board of Commissioners, for Rehabilitation and Construction of one additional lane of roadway as part of the replacement of Lake County Bridge 268, Joliet Street over Saint John Ditch, Town of Saint John.

8.49 **HIGHWAY**: Extension for 2024 Waste Removal Services Crown Point and Lowell Highway Facility. Republic Services with the same Terms and Pricing as 2023.

8.50 **HIGHWAY**: 2024 Contract extension with Monroe Pest Control for Pest Control Services with the same terms conditions and pricing as their 2023 Contract.

8.51 **HIGHWAY**: Road Cut Permit MCC Network Services, LLC, Directional Bore under Communication lines, 173rd Ave. under Clay Street, Grand Blvd., Union Street, & County Line Road.

8.53 **HIGHWAY**: Utility Agreement 12811 W 109th Dyer IN Bore and Place Fiber Cable

8.56 **HIGHWAY**: 2024 contract extension with William J. Fassoth for Deer Removal and Disposal Services with the same Terms Conditions and Pricing as 2023.

8.57 **HIGHWAY**: Certificate of Insurance Up-date

8.58 **HIGHWAY**: Utility Agreement with AT&T Delaware Street and 131st Place. To Bore Approximately 116' of 2" Innerduct from existing manhole HH 13100 D to outside of Right of Way

8.59 **HIGHWAY**: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 52622-912 to replace Cable Utility Poles & Equipment

8.60 **HIGHWAY**: Road Cut Permit for Skima & Sons Plumbing Dyer IN 9096 Dallas Pl., Crown Point, IN to install Water Tap

8.61 **HIGHWAY** Recommendation of Award Aggregate Limestone Pick-Up US Aggregate: ITEM'S #53's @ 10.50 a Ton-#73's @ 9.00 a Ton, Rip Rap @ 31.00 a Ton, 11's @ 23.00 a Ton South Lake Stone: ITEM'S #8's @ 15.00 a Ton, #2's @ 12.65 a Ton

8.62 **HIGHWAY** Recommendation of Award: Aggregate Limestone ACBFS Sole Bid Beemsterboer Aggregate INDOT ACBF, #53's @ 5.25 Ton, #73's @ 5.75 Ton, #8's @ 9.35 a Ton, #2's @ 8.80 a Ton #11's @ 11.70 a Ton.

8.63 **HIGHWAY** Recommendation of Award B-Borrow Materials Picked Up and Delivered Sole Bids

Beemsterboer Aggregate Sole Bid Backfill B Borrow Materials Pick-Up: INDOT B-Borrow 1000 Ton @ 5.95 = \$5,450.00

Beemsterboer Aggregate Sole Bid INDOT Backfill B Borrow Delivered INDOT B-Borrow 500 Ton @ 18.95 = \$9,574.00.

8.64 **HIGHWAY** Recommendation of Award Cold Patch Pick-Up and Delivered Sole Bid Reith-Riley ,Pick-Up 1250 Ton @ 125.00 a Ton \$156,250.00 Delivered 500 Ton @ 175.00 a Ton \$87,500.00 \$243,750.00

8.65 **HIGHWAY**: Concrete Curb and Gutter 2024 Extension to JJ Newell in the amount of \$307,250.00.

8.66 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award to Communications Company for Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Service for Crown Point and Lowell locations.

8.67 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award 2024 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Delivered to Crown Point and Lowell Highway Facilities to Al Warren in the amount of \$370,833.10 as the lowest and most responsive bid.

8.69 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award to Beemsterboer Aggregate for Ice Control Aggregate as the 2024 Sole Bid in the amount of \$326,250 FSC

8.70 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award to Great Lakes Chloride for Liquid Calcium Chloride as the 2024 Sole Bid in the amount of \$8,115.00

8.71 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award to Pomp's Tire for new tires, tire repair and recapping for 2024 as the Sole in the amount of \$153,470.76.

Order #13 Agenda #8.44-8.82 cont'd

- 8.72 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award to C.E. Hughes dba Airmarking for Painted Pavement Markings as the 2024 Sole Bid in the amount of \$423,000.00.
- 8.73 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award to Advanced Drainage Systems for Plastic Culverts for 2024 as the lowest and most responsive bid in the amount of \$98,367.00.
- 8.74 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award to Hubinger Landscaping Co. for Seeding (Mulch Seed) for the year 2024 as the sole bid in the amount of \$1.89 SY 10,000= \$28,350.00.
- 8.75 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award Top Soil Pick-Up 2024 Sole Bid to Hubinger Landscaping CY 5000 at 16.00 = \$80,000.00.
- 8.76 **HIGHWAY**: Recommendation of Award Traffic Signs 2024 to Newman Signs in the amount of \$31,495.00 as the lowest and most responsive bid.
- 8.77 **HIGHWAY**: Road Cut Permit with T2 Utility Engineers to perform test holes in various locations in Calumet Township.
- 8.78 **HIGHWAY** Recommendation of Award Traffic Accessories 2024 to Newman Signs in the amount of \$12,469.97 as the lowest and most responsive bid.
- 8.79 **HIGHWAY**: Amendment #2 with American Structurepoint, Inc. for additional services compensation for surface utility investigation for the 45th Avenue Calumet Township STEP Program with a contract increase of \$24,700.00 bringing the total contract to \$263,752.00.
- 8.80 **HIGHWAY**: Treated Timber Bridge 2024 Extension with American Timber Bridge with the same Terms and Conditions as 2023
- 8.81 **HIGHWAY**: Change Order #1 to Homer Tree Service for additional services for authorized tree removals in the amount of \$3,970.00.
- 8.82 **HIGHWAY**: County Utility Agreement with Enbridge Energy at the intersection of Beall Street and Torrence Street at an existing petroleum products pipeline.

Order #14 Agenda #8.83 w/8.84

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.83 **Prosecutor**: Contract with Buchertech for system support block time in the amount of \$20,000; 8.84 **Prosecutor**: Renewal of the High Tech Crime Unit (HTCU) Memorandum of Agreement for 2024 and 2025 for \$285,000 each year.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.83 and 8.84, on behalf of the Prosecutor, Contract with Buchertech for system support block time in the amount of \$20,000 and Renewal of the High Tech Crime Unit (HTCU) Memorandum of Agreement for 2024 and 2025 for \$285,000 each year. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #8.85

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.85 **E-911**: Purchase of new servers and 5-year maintenance agreement for Flex with Motorola Solutions totaling \$4,089,917.35.

Allen made a motion to defer, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion to defer carried 3-0.

Order #16 Agenda #8.86

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.86 **E-911**: Purchase of new multifunction printers from Gateway totaling \$18,147.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.86 for E-911, purchase of new multifunction printers totaling \$18,147 from Gateway. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #17 Agenda #8.87-8.92

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.87-8.92 **Commissioners**: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.87 – 8.92 on behalf of Commissioners, contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.87 **COMMISSIONERS**: Change Order #1 for Hasse Construction in the amount of \$192,894.00 for the security hardware upgrades at the Juvenile Detention Center.
- 8.88 **COMMISSIONERS**: Change Order #2 for Pangere Corporation in the amount of \$22,496.00 for the renovations to Westwind for the Health Department.
- 8.89 **COMMISSIONERS**: Award and Contract with TIB Office, Inc. for office chairs for the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$20,196.00. Two other quotes were received from Pulse in the amount of \$21,663.10 and Lincoln Office in the amount of \$23,285.14.
- 8.90 **COMMISSIONERS**: Change Order #1 to The Pangere Corporation for the walkway and stair removal on the east side of the Lake County Government center in the amount of \$19,488.00.
- 8.91 **COMMISSIONERS**: Lake County Fair lease for 2024.
- 8.92 **COMMISSIONERS/HAMMOND COURTHOUSE**: Contract with Thomas Irrigation for snow removal and salting at the Hammond Courthouse for 2023-2024.

Order #18 Agenda #8.93

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.93 **Commissioners**: Request approval of new carpet quote for the Hammond Courthouse (Room 4, Entrance, Public Defender, Commissioners, and Conference rooms). Three quotes were received. Creative Carpet and Flooring \$ 20,447.16 2. Hometown Floors \$22,500.00 and 3. Master Tile \$23,958.00. Request Creative Carpeting as lowest bidder to be selected.

Order #18 Agenda #8.93 cont'd

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.93, recommendation to accept quote from Creative Carpet and Flooring, being the lowest of three quotes, in the amount of \$20,447.16 for New Carpet for the Hammond Courthouse (Room 4, Entrance, Public Defender, Commissioners, and Conference rooms) on behalf of Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #19 Agenda #8.94

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.94 **Commissioners**: Contract with Lochmueller Group for upgrades to King Court Park and Ralston Place Park Pay Areas in the amount of \$10,800.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Commissioners: Contract with Lochmueller Group for upgrades to King Court Park and Ralston Place Park Pay Areas in the amount of \$10,800.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #20 Agenda #8.95

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.95 **COMMISSIONERS**: Respectfully request Commissioners to approve carpet installation to Judge Ommes in the Gary Courthouse. We have two quote that have been received and one non-response. First Quote was from Sneed Construction in the amount of \$18,154.92. The second quote is from Hometown Floors in the amount of \$20,154.00. A third quote request from Creative Carpet and Flooring was not received, so they are unresponsive. We would like to go with the lowest and responsive bidder Sneed Construction Company in the Amount of \$18,154.92.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to defer until next month. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #21 Agenda #8.96-8.102

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.96-8.99 **Treasurer**: Contracts: listed below; 8.100 **Calumet Township**: Contract: listed below; 8.101-8.102 **Auditor**: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.96 – 8.102, on behalf of Treasurer, Calumet Township and Auditor, contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.96 **TREASURER**: Contract with Manning & Mouratides, PC in the amount of \$36,000.00 for the year 2024.

8.97 **TREASURER**: Service Contract with Per Mar Security Services (ABC ALARM) for Monitoring the HAMMOND, GARY AND CROWN POINT Locations for the year 2024 at the same rate as 2023.

8.98 **TREASURER**: Contract with J. M. Bennett Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the year 2024.

8.99 **TREASURER**: Contract with Ostojic and Ostojic Law Office in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the year 2024.

8.100 **CALUMET TOWNSHIP**: Rug service agreement with Cintas in the amount of \$82.95/week

8.101 **AUDITOR**: Legal Services Contract with John Stanish for 2024 in the amount of \$90,000.00/year or \$7,500.00/month.

8.102 **AUDITOR**: Legal Services contract with Randy H. Wyllie for the year 2024 in the amount of \$11,000.00/month.

Order #22 Agenda #8.103-8.104

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.103 ADDITION: **Community Corrections**: Seeking approval to purchase a 2023 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Bank from Webb Ford in the amount of \$38,099.00. Two other quotes were received from Paul Heuring in the amount of \$38,254.00 and from Art Hill in the amount of \$39,985.00; 8.104 ADDITION: **Community Corrections**: Seeking approval to purchase a 2023 Ford Explorer XLT from Webb Ford in the amount of \$44,953.27. Two other quotes were received from Paul Heuring in the amount of \$45,610.00 and from Art Hill in the amount of \$47,425.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Bank from Webb Ford in the amount of \$38,099.00, being the lowest of three quotes and ordered same to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer XLT from Webb Ford in the amount of \$44,953.27, being the lowest of three quotes, on behalf of Community Corrections Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #23 Agenda #8.105

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.105 ADDITION: **Highway**: Addendums No. 1 and No. 2 for the Lawndale Sanitary Sewer Collection System project.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Addendums No. 1 and No. 2 for the Lawndale Sanitary Sewer Collection System project. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #24 Agenda #8.106-8.108

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.106 **Council**: Interlocal Agreement By and Between the Town of St. John, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for the Replacement of Lake County Bridge #268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch, in the Town of St. John; 8.107 **Council**: Consulting Contract for the Law Offices of Shana D. Levinson in the amount of \$75,000 for the year 2024; 8.108 **Council**: Amended Consulting Contract for the Law Offices of Ray L. Szarmach, P.C.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Interlocal Agreement By and Between the Town of St. John, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for the Replacement of Lake County Bridge #268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch, in the Town of St. John, ordered same to approve Consulting Contract for the Law Offices of Shana D. Levinson in the amount of \$75,000 for the year 2024, and ordered same to approve Amended Consulting Contract for the Law Offices of Ray L. Szarmach, P.C., on behalf of Lake County Council. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #25 Agenda #9.1

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

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 9.1 request for property disposal, on behalf of Prosecutor. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #26 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 10.1 Highway: Indiana Department of Transportation Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance for Lake County Bridge 48, DES 170830.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 10.1, on behalf of Highway, Indiana Department of Transportation Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance for Lake County Bridge 48, DES 170830. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #27 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 10.2 Highway: Letter to reject the award to Bonnell Industries, Inc. for Two (2) New Chassis Tandem Axle Trucks with 58,000 GVWR Hydraulic from the November 16, 2022 Commissioners' meeting and to re-advertise at a future date.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.2, on behalf of Highway, letter to reject award to Bonnell Industries, Inc. for Two (2) New Chassis Tandem Axle Trucks with 58,000 GVWR Hydraulic from the November 16, 2022 Commissioners' meeting and to re-advertise at a future date. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #28 Agenda #10.3

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 10.3 Commissioners: Approve Legal Notice for Public Hearing on the assignment of Commissioner owned tax sale certificates to exempt nonprofit organizations to be held on January 17, 2024. Legal notice should be published one time.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 10.3, on behalf of Commissioners, publication of Legal Notice for Public Hearing on the assignment of Commissioner owned tax sale certificates to exempt nonprofit organizations to be held on January 17, 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #29 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 10.4 Appointment: Ryan Elinkowski to the Crown Point Community Library for the term of January 2024 through December 2027.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve appointment for agenda item 10.4, appointing Ryan Elinkowski to the Crown Point Community Library Board for the term of January 2024 through December 2027. (Certificate of Appointment inaudible). Motion carried 3-0.

Order #30 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 10.5 Commissioners: A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, Making Findings of Need for a Certain Sewer District Project for the Township of Calumet, Making a Recommendation to the County Council of Lake County, Indiana, to Proceed with Bond Financing for Such Sewage Works Improvement Project Expenditures and Related Matters.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, Making Findings of Need for a Certain Sewer District Project for the Township of Calumet, Making a Recommendation to the County Council of Lake County, Indiana, to Proceed with Bond Financing for Such Sewage Works Improvement Project Expenditures and Related Matters, numbered as Resolution No. 2023-11.

Order #31 Agenda #11.1-11.3

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 **Council:** Ordinance Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2023, Ordinance No. 1478C; 11.2 **Council:** Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Establishing Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Salary Increases in the Lake County Prosecutor's Office – 1001-9001; 11.3 **Council:** Ordinance Concerning Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year of 2024; 11.4 **Council:** Ordinance No. 1490B – Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 11.1 – 11.4 Council Items, Tippy seconded with discussion, asking is there a difference between 11.1 and 11.4, Attorney Fech responded, "yes, two different Ordinances, the first one is 1478C, the second Ordinance is 1490B, two separate Ordinances", end discussion, items listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

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

11.2 **Council:** Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Establishing Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Salary Increases in the Lake County Prosecutor's Office – 1001-9001

11.3 **Council:** Ordinance Concerning Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year of 2024

11.4 **Council:** Ordinance No. 1490B – Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024

Order #32 Agenda #12.1-12.3

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 12.1 Auditor: listed below; 12.2 Economic Development: listed below; 12.3 ADDITION: Auditor: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 12.1 – 12.3, State Board of Accounts Items listed below for Auditor and Economic Development Departments. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 **Auditor:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 11-6-2023

12.2 **Economic Development:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register

12.3 **Auditor:** LC 265 Report for Daily; LC 265 Report for Billing; LC 265 Report for Jury; LC 265 Report for Tuesday; LC 265 Report for Tax Sale; LC 265 Report for Hand Cuts; LC 265 Report for Workman Comp; LC 265 Report for Expense; LC 265-- Dates 11-16-2023 – 12-13-2023 Report for HUD; LC 130 Report Thursday; LC 130 Report Tax Sale; LC 130 - Report Billing - Dates 12-14-2023

Order #33 Agenda #13.1-13.4

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 – 13.4: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 13.1 – 13.4, Bonds listed below. Bonds (4) have been Officially Recorded with Lake County Recorder 12-15-2023. Motion carried 3-0.

- 13.1 **Auditor:** Public Official Bond for Margaret Katona for the year 2024
- 13.2 **Treasurer:** Public Official Bond for John E. Petalas for the year 2024
- 13.3 Renewal Blanket Bond for 2024
- 13.4 2024 Clerk's Official Bond

Order #34 Agenda #15.1

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 **Weights & Measures:** Monthly Report 10/16/2023 – 11/15/2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Staff Report from Weights & Measures, monthly report dated 10/16/2023 – 11/15/2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #35 Agenda #16.1-16.6

In the Matter of Other/Matters of Public Record: 16.1 – 16.6 Sheriff/Sheriff-Jail: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to make agenda items 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5 and 16.6 a matter of public record on behalf of the Sheriff, Sheriff/Jail, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 16.1 **Sheriff:** Contract with Janet E. Robinson, Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, for mental health services for inmates in the Lake County Jail. Not to exceed \$165,850 annual, payable at the rate of \$13,820.83 for each month worked. (Same annual NP rate as 2023).
- 16.2 **Sheriff/Jail:** Contract with Michael Frampton, M.D., P.C. for Psychiatric Medical Services for inmates in the Lake County Jail. Not to exceed \$93,600.00 in 2024. (Same rate as 2023).
- 16.3 **Sheriff/Jail:** Contract with Attorney Samuel L. Berkman for Legal Services provided to Lake Co. Corrections Merit Board in 2024. Not to exceed \$20,000, payable at the rate of \$1,666.66 per month. (Same rate as 2023).
- 16.4 **Sheriff/Jail:** Contract extension with Summit Food Services for LC Jail inmate meals at the rate of \$1.496 per meal.
- 16.5 **Sheriff/Jail:** Third Extension of Pharmacy Services Agreement between In-Touch In Touch Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and the Lake County Sheriff for inmate pharmaceuticals at Medicare's formulary rates.
- 16.6 **Sheriff/Jail:** Jail Medical Services Contract extension with Correctional Health Indiana, Inc. (CHI) at the 2024 annual rate of \$6,719,576.

Order #36 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 VFD's for the coil pumps at the Lake County Government Center.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for VFD's for the coil pumps at the Lake County Government Center for Lake County Commissioners, the following bids were received:

	<i>Electrical</i>	<i>Bldg. Automation</i>	
	<u>Base</u>	<u>Alt.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Sweney	\$55,575	\$25,500	\$81,075.00
2. Midwestern Electric, LLC	\$55,309	\$39,792	\$92,101.00
3. Austgen Electric, Inc.	\$42,787.87	n/a	\$42,787.87
4. Emcor Hyre Electric Co. of IN	\$68,425	\$52,335	\$120,760.00

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

Order #37 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 Gas for the Lake County Sheriff's Office and other Lake County Government Agencies for the year 2024.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Gas for the Lake County Sheriff's Office and other Lake County Government Agencies for the year 2024, the following bids were received:

	<u>Per Gallon</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Al Warren	\$2.5331	\$823,257.50
2. Parent Petroleum	\$3.2524	\$1,057,030.00

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

Order #38 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.3 Correctional Officer Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Correctional Officer Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024, the following bids were received:

- 1. Star Uniform \$753.00/per uniform

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to award the sole bid received for Correctional Officers Uniforms for 2024 in the amount of \$753.00 per uniform from Star Uniform. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #39 Agenda #3.4

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.4 Merit Police Officer Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024.

Order #39 Agenda #3.4 cont'd

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Merit Police Officer Uniforms for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024, the following bids were received:

1. Star Uniform \$6,391.50

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to award agenda item 3.4 to Star Uniform, being the sole bidder, in the amount of \$6,391.50 for Merit Police Officers Uniforms for 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #40 Agenda #3.5

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.5 Oil & Lube for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Oil & Lube for the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 2024, the following bids were received:

1. Al Warren Oil \$6,258.25
2. Parent Petroleum \$5,153.53

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

Order #41 Agenda #3.6

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.6 Sanitary Sewer Collection For Lawndale Subdivision unincorporated Lake County, Center Township.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Sanitary Sewer Collection For Lawndale Subdivision unincorporated Lake County, Center Township, the following bids were received:

1. Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. \$2,800,000.00
2. Grimmer Construction \$3,486,684.00
3. Woodruff & Sons, Inc. \$2,964,137.88

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

Order #42 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, Comments from the Public, to speak before the Board of Commissioners, Gerry Scheub, present/spoke, stating, "Good morning, just responding to the letter from the Lawyer you hired at Harris Law Firm on the LED Lights and Fixture contract, he did a very nice job, but the questions aren't answered, I don't know if you've ever had the chance to review the bid applications because LTN should've never been awarded the Contract, should've been rejected immediately, the bid process we always have a primary bidder with Licensed Sub-contractors with sub-leasing you split them and you left the responsibility of the Commissioners that it cost you four hundred fifteen thousand plus complete chaos til this day, but what I'm asking is, and I have a letter that I just delivered to the US Attorney's Office in Hammond, I'm going to give the same letter to the Prosecutor, I have the same letter for the Charles P.(last name inaudible) from the FBI, I met with all of them prior, I want to bring this thing to a conclusion because there seems to be so many unethical things that happened on this Contract and it could've been avoided from the start, so what I'd like to have the Commissioners cooperation, I'll leave this with you so you can review and I'd like for you to bag with me because I am going to keep pursuing this until, we have three Contractors, legal Contractors in Lake County who had qualifying material, yet the products were bought from (inaudible word) China, I have a list of witnesses who say they were very inferior, somebody didn't do their job and looking at the specs and if they said that this was the best that was available, they're wrong, but there's so many clarifications that have to be cleared up, I don't like it to be here right now, but this is important, this Contract has to be finalized, it has to be done with integrity, transparency, because when you look at the whole picture, there had a possibility of collusion involved in this and that's what I'm worried about because there's deep findings, I had so many people call me on this that when we talked they want to be witnesses, they wanted to clear things and I just want to get the Commissioners to understand that whatever happened here has to be made public and that's what I'm asking, we'll leave this with you for your review, I'll be back at every meeting until this is resolved, and it's a simple process of making sure that every thing is legal with what's been done from what people are saying, this is just all things that people told me none of this is coming from me, this is coming from people who talk to me from the start of this Contract, this day, that's why I have to do this all over again because people keep calling me, they say commissioner you're, Gerry Scheub you're right this Contract should've never been awarded, they should've never even bid on it, if you do the specs on the one project and then you bid on it on another company, you know what, John Dull says it's irrelevant, it wasn't irrelevant, it was very irrelevant by the results of this whole process, this whole process really leaves a black eye of Lake County Commissioners and you Commissioners can rectify it, you Matt can rectify it, all I'm asking is, let's talk about it and let's get it cleared up, if you don't want me here anymore that'd be great, let's do it right and let the public know exactly what happened and how and who is going to rectify the things that were done wrong, okay, thank you" end public comment, President Repay, said thank you.

Comes now, Comments from Commissioners, thanked the Staff and wished a Merry Christmas to everyone.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Announcement: Attorney Fech – January 2, 2024 – Judge McDermott and the Lake County Bar Association Annual Memorial Service, Joe Irak will be speaking after the passing of John Dull and he'll be recognized during the course of that, for the remembrance, Memorial Service will begin 9 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:

PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR