

The Board met in due form with the following members present: Michael Repay, Roosevelt Allen, Jr. and Gerry Scheub. The Council Members present: Eldon Strong, Ted Bilski, Elsie Franklin, and David Hamm. They passed the following orders, to wit:

There was a moment for the Opening Prayer and the Pledge was given.

Order #1

In the Matter of Joint Meeting called to order regarding - Government Buildings, Lake County, Indiana.

Upon a meeting, called to order, the Board of Commissioners, the Lake County Council, along with the Lake County Sheriff, Attorney Dull, Attorney Szarmach, and Building Engineer Mr. Rehder, met in a public meeting to discuss thoughts and ideas to prepare a Master Plan to solve many of the on going issues and problems in the facilities of Lake County Government, which includes the County Jail, the Gary Courthouse, and the East Chicago Courthouse, which entail major problems. The Board of Commissioners asked for all authority members to collectively create a plan that would prioritize and put the problems and issues into phases. Also, the Board wants the authority members to keep lines of communication open, with an open dialogue to communicate in a better manner, obtaining a solid plan, working together, for example, getting the D.O.J. satisfied, firstly solving major plumbing issues on the Jail 3rd Floor. Discussion began between County Commissioners, County Council and the Sheriff.

Council President, Bilski, stated he's 100% on board with preparing a complete project with a projected cost timeline. Commissioner Allen, began speaking, stating that there has been a proposal submitted, it is currently unopened, three (3) proposals were solicited. Upon detailed discussion, Allen made a motion, seconded by Scheub, to have the proposal, in which was submitted for emergency repairs of the L C Jail 3rd Floor, returned unopened by the Commissioners' Attorney, John Dull. Motion carried.

Mr. Rehder, Superintendent responsible for the Lake County Government Buildings, added to the discussion that, he did take the contractor through with John Dull on Friday of last week, they did go to the site, they did look at the chases and yes there is a problem with the chases, but at that time it wasn't the chases that were leaking, it was a sprinkler head that knocked twice not just once, I understand we want to move forward, we have worked with the Sheriff and Mark Purevich (present), but in having 17 Buildings to look over, I have to look at the other 5 Courthouses that we have that I have to keep up and running, right now I honestly I do not believe I have to do anything, right now, with that third floor (jail), to be honest with you, when I walked in there, chases were dry, it happened again the same inmate who knocked the sprinkler head flooded it again and it was due to a sprinkler head, I would mover forward with doing the 3rd, the 1st and the 5th floor but it wasn't due to that. Bilski, responded, stating what if we put out an emergency bid and then I don't get the best bang for my buck, I want to get this done completely like we've done before, but I want to do it in a manor that's going to be most cost efficient. Discussion cont'd.

Problems in the Jail were discussed upon with the Sheriff, with Mr. Rehder, as well as Council Members who had questions and also Commissioners. Rehder, projected, the repairs for the Jail 3rd Floor could cost maybe 3 million. The Sheriff also stated every inmate is charged, as it relates to any damaged caused by an inmate to the L C Jail. The Sheriff, believes many problems come from years of neglect. It was also said that some form of water (contaminated or not is to be determined) is dripping from ceilings. Question and Answer continued between parties present, with *Councilwoman Franklin* suggesting we utilize our County Health Department and have the water tested, discussion continued with *Council President Bilski* stating that this be treated as a worse case, until evaluated, *Councilman Strong*, reiterated to Mr. Rehder whether or not problems of dripping water had ceased. *Bilski*, states, a scope of work is needed, 60 days.

Attorney Dull, began speaking to the Board

Commissioners Scheub, intervened, stating that this meeting was not intended to discuss the needs of the Jail, however this meeting is to establish open lines of communications, get a master plan, figure out what needs to be done.

Discussion continued between Commissioner Repay, Councilman Bilski and the Sheriff regarding problem solving for the Jail issues, prioritizing and financially, how it can be done.

Discussion between Commissioner Allen and Mr. Rehder, regarding 5 million vs. 1.9 million spent. And future cost anticipation that the County will incur. Sheriff spoke (inaudible).

Discussion continues (inaudible).

Sheriff responded to the Council and Commissioners stating if you're looking for a Master Plan, I will have within a week what is needed to get the DOJSA out, *Councilman Hamm* responded, stating to Sheriff also include what you what done, Bilski, added, specifications needed and how much, ie. 3rd Floor Renovation.....

Mr. Rehder, comes now, adding to the discussion that he has a sheet listing/saying what needs are for all the buildings, everything was on board with the plumbing, until the DOJ comes and says to re-do the Mental Health 750K projected and spent 1 million, taking away from plumbing project. Rehder, stating, he gets the cause and effect when for example the Gary Courthouse is down, saying we have to prioritize, putting a plan together with the help of everybody here/present to mover forward.

The Sheriff, Commissioner Repay, and Sheriff, continued with comment

Councilwoman Franklin, began speaking, stating that she has always been a supporter of Jail, but gets ill when thinking about the conditions of the Gary Courthouse, it can not be ignored, other buildings can not be ignored, because of the Jail and its on-going needs, Take A Serious Look

Dull, began speaking, asking is there a Spec., every Spec. with cost estimate of more than 100K, must be done with plans by an architect, and those plans must be submitted to a State agency for approval, so if you go with this plan, you must know you can't do much with a hundred grand so, *Bilski* intervened (inaudible), *Repay*, responded asking *Sheriff*, how many cell blocks in said area of Jail, *Sheriff*, responded, 10, *Repay*, asks, can block by block be done, *Dull*, continued, that you can't break a project to avoid Bid Laws, discussion cont'd.

Dull, continued, if you, speaking to the Council and Commissioners present, decide to Bond, and if no referendum, keep under 12 million, and the time factor, if there were no remonstrance, is 119 days, putting you in December sometime. But that gives some time to do what you want, say do I need to Bond for the construction projects that are out there? Or Can I do it some other way?, I (John Dull speaking) think the answer you're going to say is, yes we need to Bond, and you need to get that process starting quickly and the Commissioners know how to do it quickly, and then during this period of time, come in with your projects, everybody put them out, somebody prioritize them – Elected Officials, once you've done that, hire your architect. Commissioners need to set a special meeting, to adopt Findings to proceed.

Commissioner Scheub, spoke, stating he wants to plan how to bring all buildings up to code, 5 year.

Discussion cont'd among, Repay, Bilski, Scheub, Bilski, Franklin, Repay, Hamm.

Dante Rondelli, spoke.

Commissioner Allen, spoke, stating an idea has been discussed that due to increase in population in southern Lake County, that a Conservancy District would be created...

Dull, spoke.

Dante Rondelli, spoke (inaudible)

Order #1 cont'd

Councilwoman Franklin, spoke, off subject matter, however, asking Board of Commissioners to re-visit the decision to have Cigna, as it relates to our medical dental and vision and prescriptions insurance, it's ridiculous, numerous complaints from employees. Commissioner Repay, responded.

*please note some parts of this joint meeting were inaudible, due to the variables of discussions, amongst many.

The next Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.

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

MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

ROOSEVELT ALLEN Jr., COMMISSIONER

GERRY SCHEUB, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

PEGGY HOLINGA KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR