

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 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 17th day of August, 2021 at about 9:56 a.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 17th day of August, 2021 at about 9:56 a.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WebEx Meeting ID: 132 948 8119 Password: commissioners

Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 2.1-2.2: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and read into the record by County Attorney Fech, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- 2.1 Data: Change Order with Ciber for an additional \$25,920.00
- 2.2 Commissioners: Commissioners Mask Order for County Buildings
- 2.3 Commissioners: Re-issuance of Tax Sale Certificate to Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
- 2.4 Commissioners: Recommendation to award Door Replacement at LADOS with Sneed Construction in the amount of \$11,064.00
- 2.5 Auditor: LC 265 from 7/22 to 8/18; LC 130 8/18/2021
- 2.6 Remove: Notice of Public Hearing for Parcel No. 45-15-23-155-002.000-043
- 2.7 inaudible Sojourner Truth House donation (10.6)
- 2.8 inaudible New Shiloh MBC donation (10.7)

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests for Bids and Quotes: 3.1-3.4: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the opening of sealed bids and proposals for agenda items 3.1 through 3.4. Motion carried 3-0.

- 3.1 – Video Surveillance Project
- 3.2 – LED Light Fixtures
- 3.3 – Emergency Generator at Gary Courthouse
- 3.4 – Coroner Cooler

Order #3 Agenda #6.9

In the Matter of Bids to be Advertised: 6.9 Commissioners: Recommendation to Reject Bids and Re-Bid Upgrades to Chiller #1 and Electrical Maintenance.

Allen made a motion to approve the recommendation to reject all bids and re-bid the projects for Upgrades to Chiller #1 and Electrical Maintenance, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #6.1-6.8

In the Matter of Bids to be Advertised: 6.1-6.8: Various Departments: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the advertising of the following Specifications for the return of bids by 9:30am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 to the Auditor's Office, as read into the record, Tippy, spoke with discussion asking if the rejection of the Chiller #1 Upgrades be included, Fech recommended the Board take 6.9 first, Allen amended his motion to reject item 6.9, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6.9 Commissioners: Recommendation to Reject Bids and Re-Bid Upgrades to Chiller #1 and Electrical Maintenance

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 6.1 through 6.8 with all bids to be returned to the Lake County Auditor's Office by 9:30am Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Tippy seconded with discussion, asking was everything covered, was there two projects being rejected, Tom Kuhn confirmed two projects to be rejected and re-bid, end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

6.1: Highway: Two (2) 2020 or Newer 58,000 GVWR Tandem Axle Truck with Snow Plow Hydraulic and Salt Spreader. Bids to be returned to the Auditor's Office by 9:30am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

6.2 Assessor: Approve Specifications for Lake County Cyclical Reassessment. Bids are due to the Auditor's Office by 9:30am on the 15th of September, 2021.

6.3 Highway: One (1) New Unused 2020 Newer Lowboy Trailer. Bids to be returned to the Auditor's Office by 9:30am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

6.4 Commissioners: Approve specifications for bid for Paramore Roof Replacement. Bids to be returned to the Auditor's Office by 9:30am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6.5 Commissioners: Approve Specifications for Bid for HVAC Renovations to the Jail Laundry Building. Bids to be returned to the Auditor's Office by 9:30am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6.6 Commissioners: Approval of Specifications for Bid for Renovations to 2nd Floor Courts. Bids to be returned to the Auditor's Office by 9:30am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6.7 Commissioners: Approve Specifications for Re-Bid of Electrical Maintenance. Bids to be returned to the Auditor's Office by 9:30am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6.8 Commissioners: Approval of Specifications for Re-Bid for Upgrades to Chiller #1

Order #5 Agenda #8.1-8.3

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.1-8.3: Juvenile: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.1 through 8.3 on behalf of Juvenile, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.1 Juvenile: Contract renewal for Satellite Tracking of People, LLC

8.2 Juvenile: Contract with Tiffany Green to provide professional services in the amount of \$1,000 for the duration of one year

8.3 Juvenile: Contract with Northwest Psychological Services P.C. for professional services in the amount of \$9,500 for the duration of one year

Order #6 Agenda #8.4

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.4: Fairgrounds: Contract with Burris Equipment to purchase a 0-Turn Mower in the amount of \$14,560.00 (Other bids are McCullough Implement Company: \$14,565.00, Rigg's Outdoor Power Equipment: \$14,595.00).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.4 on behalf of Fairgrounds, Contract with Burris Equipment for the purchase of a 0-Turn Mower in the amount of \$14,560.00, being the lowest of three quotes. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #7 Agenda #8.5

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.5 Elections: Agreement between Konnech, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.5 on behalf of Elections, Agreement with Konnech, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000. Motion carried 3-0. (SEE FILE "AGENDA ITEMS" ON PC & INDIANA GATEWAY ONLINE)

Order #8 Agenda #8.6-8.8

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.6-8.8 Purchasing: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8 on behalf of Purchasing Department, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.6 Purchasing: Approve Offer from Pulse Technology to extend their 2021 Office Supply and Photocopier Maintenance bid prices through the year 2022 at the same rate.

8.7 Purchasing: Approve Offer from Gate way Business Systems, Inc. to extend their 2021 photocopier maintenance bid prices through the year 2022 at the same rate.

8.8 Purchasing: Approve Offer from Adams Remco, Inc. to extend their 2021 Office Supply and Photocopier Maintenance bid prices through the year 2022 at the same rate

Order #9 Agenda #8.9

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.9 Highway: Contract with Russell's Tree Care Service in the amount of \$29,500.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.9 on behalf of Highway, Contract with Russell's Tree Care Service in the amount of \$29,500.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #10 Agenda #8.10-8.11

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.10 Data: AT&T Updates for Hobart Township Assessor; 8.11 Data: AT&T Updates for Communication Lines.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.10 and 8.11 on behalf of Data, AT&T Updates for Hobart Township Assessor and AT&T Updates for Communication Lines. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #11 Agenda #8.12-8.14

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.12 – 8.14 Commissioners: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.12 through 8.14, on behalf of Commissioners, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.12 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Per Mar for Monitoring and Maintenance of the Fire Alarm Systems at the East Chicago, Gary and Hammond Courthouses in the amount of \$252.00 per month for the duration of 2021

8.13 Commissioners: Repair of access control on balcony doors with Phil & Sons in the amount of \$9,957.48 (Other quote from \$18,349.00 from Lazarro)

8.14 Commissioners: Recommendation to Award Contract for Juvenile Chiller to Gatlin for \$219,500

Order #12 Agenda #8.15

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.15 HVAC: Approve Service Provider Rates for 8/2021 – 7/2022.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.15, on behalf of HVAC Department, approve Service Provider Rates for 8/2021 through 7/2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 Agenda #8.16

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 8.16 Data: Change Order with Ciber for an additional \$25,920.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.16 on behalf of Data, Change Order with Ciber for an additional \$25,920.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #14 Agenda #8.17

In the Matter of Action on Form Contracts: 8.17 Commissioners: Recommendation to award Door Replacement at LADOS with Sneed Construction in the amount of \$11,064.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.17 on behalf of Commissioners, accept recommendation to award Sneed Construction with \$11,064.00 for Door Replacement at LADOS. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #10.1-10.3

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 – 10.3 Sheriff: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 on behalf of Sheriff, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

10.1 Sheriff: Request Retiring Sgt Dvorcak Request Service Weapon
10.2 Sheriff: Request Retiring Captain Robert Arnold Service Weapon
10.3 Sheriff: Request Retiring Lt. Lukasik Service Weapon

Order #16 Agenda #10.4


In the Matter of Action on Commissioners' Items: 10.4 Commissioners: Commissioners Mask Order for County Buildings.


Allen made a motion to approve Commissioners' Mask Order for County Buildings, Repay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1, Tippy against.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
MASK MANDATE ORDER

Based upon the ongoing recommendations of the Center of Disease Control ("CDC") and pursuant to I.C. § 36-2-3.5-4 which charges the Lake County Board of Commissioners with the obligation supervising the care and custody of all county property, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, by a vote of the majority hereby **ORDERS** that masks will be required for entry into any County owned building beginning on Monday, August 23, 2021.

This ORDER shall be reviewed again on October 20, 2021 by the Lake County Board of Commissioners and shall be updated accordingly.


Michael C. Repay, President
Lake County Board of Commissioners


Kyle Allen, Vice President
Lake County Board of Commissioners

Jerry Tippy, Member
Lake County Board of Commissioners

Order #17 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action on Commissioners' Items: 10.5 Commissioners: Re-issuance of Tax Sale Certificate to Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Re-issuance of Tax Sale Certificate to Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #18 ADD Agenda #10.6-10.7

In the Matter of Action on Commissioners' Items: 10.6-10.7: inaudible.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve donations by Lake County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Allen, donation to Sojourner Truth House in the amount of \$200 and New Shiloh MBC in the amount of \$200.

Order #19 Agenda #11

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 – 11.14: Ordinances and Resolutions: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 11.1 through 11.14, Council Ordinances and Resolutions, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
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Order #19 Agenda #11 cont'd

- 11.1 Ordinance 1453B-7 Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2021, Ordinance No. 1453B for the Lake County Sheriff
- 11.2 Ordinance 1461F Establishing a Tax Sale Wire Transfer Fee for the Lake County Treasurer
- 11.3 Ordinance 1459B-2 Amending Ordinance 1459B Declaring Funds not created by an Ordinance as Dormant and Inactive shall be amended by the Addition of the Following Funds
- 11.4 Ordinance 1459C-3 Amending Ordinance 1459C Declaring Funds Dormant and Inactive and Repealing the Ordinances Establishing the funds shall be amended by the addition of the following funds
- 11.5 Ordinance 1461A Granting the Recorder's Request to use monies from the Recorders Record Perpetuation Fund to Supplement the Recorders 2022 Budget
- 11.6 Ordinance 1461B Establishing the LADOS Division 2 Supporting Addiction Free Environments (SAFE) Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund
- 11.7 Ordinance 1461C Creating the Lake County Adult Community Corrections (LCACC) Program, Lake County Superior Court, Criminal Division 2 Therapeutic Intervention Court (TIC), Problem Solving Court – Mental Health Court Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund
- 11.8 Ordinance 1461D Creating the Lake County Adult Community Corrections (LCACC) Program, Lake Superior Court, Criminal Division 1 Community Transition Court (CTC), Problem Solving Court Re-Entry Court Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund
- 11.9 Ordinance 1461E Creating the Lake County Adult Community Corrections (LCACC) Program, Lake Superior Court, Court Division 3, Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund
- 11.10 Resolution 21-46 Honoring Parker Stanisiz – ISWA State Champion in Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco Wrestling Bantam Division
- 11.11 Resolution 21-47 Permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, Court Div. II to pay an outstanding 2020 invoice/debt from the 2021 budget in the amount of \$1,400
- 11.12 Resolution 21-49 to Extend the Payment of a Transfer between Funds (temporary loan) pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-4(B) (Fairgrounds Non-Reverting Fund, Fund No. 131)
- 11.13 Resolution 21-33B Amending Resolution No. 21-33 to Declare Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to the Appropriate Fund by the Addition of the Following Funds
- 11.14 Resolution 21-48 Permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, Court Div. IV to pay an outstanding 2020 invoice/debt from the 2021 budget in the amount of \$600

Order #20 Agenda #12

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 12.1-12.4: Auditor/Economic Development: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 12.1 through 12.4 on behalf of Lake County Auditor and Economic Development Departments, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 12.1 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll-Pay Date 7-2-2021
- 12.2 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll-Pay Date 7-19-2021
- 12.3 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register
- 12.4 Auditor: LC 265 from 7/22 to 8/18; LC 130 8/18

Order #21 Agenda #15

In the Matter of Appointments: 15.1 Reappoint Philip Mullens to the Gary Regional Airport Authority.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the reappointment of Philip Mullens to the Gary Regional Airport Authority, term expires the 31st day of August, 2025. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #22 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests for Bids and Quotes: 3.1 Video Surveillance Project.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Video Surveillance Project for Lake County Commissioners, the following bids were received:

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| Tri-Electronics | Base \$ 98,250 | Alternate \$173,749 |
| ATN Technology, Inc. | Base \$118,972 | Alternate \$ 46,592 |

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

Order #23 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests for Bids and Quotes: 3.2 LED Light Fixtures.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for LED Light Fixtures Project for Lake County Commissioners, the following bids were received:

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| Austgen Electric, Inc. | \$95,625 |
| Sweney Electric Company, Inc. | \$29,700 |
| Midwestern Electric, Inc. | \$54,989 |
| Continental Electric Co., Inc. | \$70,685 |
| Sargent Electric Company | \$72,742 |

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

Order #24 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests for Bids and Quotes: 3.3 Emergency Generator at Gary Courthouse.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Emergency Generator at Gary Courthouse Project for Lake County Commissioners, the following bids were received:

Order #24 Agenda #3.3 cont'd

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| Midwestern Electric, Inc. | \$267,557 |
| Gariup Construction Co., Inc. | \$267,500 |
| The Pangere Corporation | \$277,775 |

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

Order #25 Agenda #3.4

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses to Requests for Bids and Quotes: 3.4 Coroner Cooler.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Re-Bid of the New Cooler for the Coroner Project for Lake County Commissioners, the following bids were received:

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| Precision Builders, Inc. | \$154,500 |
| Gariup Construction Co., Inc. | \$127,500Base / \$9,200Alternate |
| The Pangere Corporation | \$121,530Base / \$15,800Alternate |

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

Order #26 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, comments from Members of the Public, Mr. Collin McCullom, Gary resident, before the Board of Commissioners, to speak regarding an abandoned house next to his residence at 1824 Georgia, he resides at 1822, stating, "So I'm here before you, I live next door to an abandoned house, I have been trying to acquire this house for about five (5) years, I have gone back and forth between the Assessor, the Redevelopment in Gary, the Calumet Township in Gary, the Auditor, you name it, I have talked to them, I tried to register for the Tax Sale this year, you may remember the debacle of the line across the parking lot until 11:00pm, I was standing in that line, I did my registration and everything and they denied me, I wasn't allowed to bid, and so now, I have pictures if you want to see the state of this property, my concern now is that either somebody is going to burn it down or some savvy investor from California is going to buy it for twenty grand because it's cheap and it's going to sit there for another ten or fifteen years, ideally I would like to knock it down and put a fence around it, maybe put a garage, it's pretty bad", Commissioner Tippy, asked "what was your name sir", Mr. McCollum, replied, Collin McCollum, Commissioner Allen, began commentary, "we have had some issues, with tax sale rejections for whatever reasons/complaints, founded or unfounded, and I know that we are attempting to address that issue, by removing the human factor from the process, and not make it appear to be subjective or arbitrary, in other words, online totally, obviously for the process if it's not filled out correctly you will not be allowed to proceed to the next screen or move forward error message in the light, you are not the only one at least in that regard, we get complaints all the time about the process, and as far as the building itself, do you know who owns the Building?" Mr. McCollum, replied, "the registered owner is someone with an address in Skokie, IL, but the taxes haven't been paid in like 30years, I have been cutting the grass for years and the trees, it's pretty insane the status of this property, address is 1824 Georgia Street", end comment.

Commissioner Repay, commented/spoke, in regard thereto, "First of all there's a bunch of Sales that go on here, one of them is called the Commissioner Tax Sale, unfortunately there's been, I think Commissioner Allen was being kind by saying some were rejected correctly and incorrectly, I think more often than not people were not treated fairly with regard to registration, the Commissioners' as a whole are pretty upset by, the way this particular was transacted, but I think it's' been leading up to that, lot of bad decisions were made, which is why Commissioner Allen brought up we're going to attempt to automate it, automate it not to take people out of the equation for any reason other than to just say that it is fair, you filled in the blanks you didn't fill in the blanks, so for that we do have to bear a responsibility because it's got our name on it, but and we're upset and we're not happy about it. Now the underling thing with regard to the next door neighbor, I don't know what the best solution is to have, City come in and do what they're supposed to do, which is enforce the code and tear it down", Mr. McCollum, spoke, "I tried to do that and the City says it's owned by the County, that they couldn't touch it, there's another one next door 1828 that the City tore down because the City owned 1828 and the County owned 1824", Repay, continued, "I don't think the County owned it, maybe because of a tax lien, but we'll figure the details of it and we'll have somebody get back to you directly on exactly what the status is in terms of the County's thing, I don't think there is anything except for it's available for sale but even you say it's "for sale", it's not really the property for sale it's the certificate that's for sale so it's kind of a misnomer when they say it's a tax sale because you're selling only the right to collect the taxes, which is kind of another winding road, we'll get it fixed", end comment, Commissioner Allen, spoke, "give me your information, I'll talk to Redevelopment, if we owned it obviously we could probably get it torn down, I would assume, but if there's taxes owed then there is a process for that, if the City was inclined to tear it down obviously they would have to go through Redevelopment, unsafe building hearing, the owner obviously has abandoned it would have to be notified, in other words there would have to be due process by the City before anything can be done, but I will help you with that don't worry", end comment. Attorney Fech, spoke, "And if I could just point out, the registration for the Treasurer's Tax Sale date the last day is the 20th of this month and that is an online registration through SRI", Allen, spoke, "that's the Treasurer's Sale, not the Commissioner's Sale, just want to make the distinction", Repay, spoke, "the difference between the two, just so you know, that the Treasurer's Sale is the minimum bid is the taxes owed, so if this guy has been owing taxes for all these years, he probably owes more than it's worth, which is why the people come to the Commissioner's Sale because the minimum bid of the Commissioner's Sale is at \$500, you can start a lot lower more reasonable, and that's why we have it but, it's unlikely that it would go for a Treasurer's Sale auction", Fech, continued, "I was going to share that in the meantime I've been working with Onyx Electronics, that runs the Commissioners Tax Sale, and we are going to have a demonstration of the online process for Onyx to show us that it's working properly for the Spring 2022 Commissioners' Tax Sale for registration purposes, so standing outside in line will no longer be a thing", Allen, commented, "good to know", end comments.

No further Comments.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

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

The following officials were Present:
Attorney Matthew Fech

MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN E. PETALAS, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR