

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, Roll Call and Emergency Exit announcement 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 16th day of January, 2024 at about 2:17 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 16th day of January, 2024 at about 2:17 p.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WebEx Meeting ID: 2634 40678414 Password: esH2zQMfj33

Order #1 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 Organization of the Board of Commissioners for 2024.

Tippy made a motion that the Officers of the Board remain the same as 2023 for 2024 with Michael Repay as President and Kyle W. Allen, Sr. as Vice President, Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #2 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 2.1 CORRECTION: COMMISSIONERS: 2.1 DLZ's Architectural Proposal for work on Building #12, Maintenance Building at the Lake County Fairgrounds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (Item #8.82); 2.2 DELETIONS: Item 8.85.

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

2.1 CORRECTION: COMMISSIONERS: DLZ's Architectural Proposal for work on Building #12, Maintenance Building at the Lake County Fairgrounds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. (Item #8.82)

2.2 DELETION: 8.5 HIGHWAY: Award and Contract with Gatlin Plumbing and Heating for Lawndale Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Collection System in the amount of \$2,800,000.00. (Woodruff & Sons, Inc. \$2,964,137.88; Grimmer Construction, Inc. \$3,486,684.00).

Order #3 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices at the Lake County Government Center; 3.2 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 Ave to 113th Ave; 3.3 Carpeting for Magistrate Ormes' Office at the Gary Courthouse.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to allow the opening of Bids and Quotes in agenda items 3.1 – 3.3. Motion carried 3-0.

3.1 Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices at the Lake County Government Center

3.2 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 Ave to 113th Ave

3.3 Carpeting for Magistrate Ormes' Office at the Gary Courthouse

Order #4 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting December 13, 2023; 4.2 Special Meeting December 18, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 13, 2023 and Special Meeting held December 18, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1 – 5.6 Highway: Specifications: listed below; 5.7 Commissioners: RFQ: Listed below..

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 5.1 – 5.7, Specifications to be advertised on behalf of Highway and Commissioners, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

5.1 Highway: 2024 Annual Specification for Special Provisions AE-90 to be advertised with a return date of February 14, 2024 to the Lake County Auditor's Office by 9:30a.m.

5.2 Highway: 2024 Annual Specification for Seal Coat (Chip and Seal) to be advertised with a return date of February 14, 2024 to the Lake County Auditor's Office by 9:30a.m.

5.3 Highway: 2024 Specification Bituminous Materials for Roadway Patching and Bridge and Deck, Bridge Approach Overlays and Surface Milling Delivered and Applied to be advertised with a return date of February 14, 2024 to the Lake County Auditor's Office by 9:30a.m.

5.4 Highway: 2024 Specification Bituminous Materials Pick-Up by LCHD to be advertised with return date of February 14, 2024 to the Lake County Auditor's Office by 9:30a.m.

5.5 Highway: 2024 Annual Specification for Bituminous Materials Delivered and Applied to be advertised with a return date of February 14, 2024 to the Lake County Auditor's Office by 9:30a.m.

5.6 Highway: Approve Specifications for the Calumet Township STEP Construction Project 1, Package A to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, March 20, 2024 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.7 Commissioners: Approve RFQ for Professional Services for the Evaluation of Lake County Convention and Event Center to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, February 14, 2024 no later than 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Order #6 Agenda #8.1-8.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 – 8.16 Juvenile Court: Contract/Agreement(s): Listed below.

Tippy made a motion, seconded by Allen, to approve agenda items 8.1 – 8.16 on behalf of Juvenile Court, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.1 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Betsy Gregory, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.2 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Karen Fajman-Nauracy, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.3 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Helen Galanos, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.4 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Jacquelyn Matthews, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.5 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Kathleen Tomko, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.6 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Susan Pudlo, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.7 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter RuthAnn Krause, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.8 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Bridgette Ward, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.9 **JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2024, with the Court Reporter Lisa Klotz, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

8.10 **JUVENILE COURT:** Contract with Indiana Sports and Family Medicine/Timothy J. Mullaly for the year 2024 in the amount of \$35,000.00,

8.11 **JUVENILE COURT:** Contract approval for the Case Specialist, Raquel Basile, to provide support to the Family Recovery Court (FRC) Coordinator for 2024.

8.12 **JUVENILE COURT:** Contract Approval for the Case Specialist, Rachel Fesco, to provide support for the Family Recovery Court (FRC) Coordinator for 2024.

8.13 **JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Edward Wartman in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per appeal at the rate of \$90 per hour for 2024.

8.14 **JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Larry Stassin in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per appeal at the rate of \$90 per hour for 2024.

8.15 **JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Deidre Monroe in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per appeal at the rate of \$90 per hour for 2024.

8.16 **JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Renee Ortega in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per appeal at the rate of \$90 per hour for 2024.

Order #7 Agenda #8.17

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.17 IV-D Court: Contract approval for Attorney Vasilia Pangere, IV-D Public Defender for 2024 in the amount of \$39,000.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.17 on behalf of IV-D Court, Contract with Attorney Vasilia Pangere, IV-D Public Defender for 2024 in the amount of \$39,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #8 Agenda #8.18

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.18 Treasurer: Contract Renewal for the year 2024, for A.E. Boyce, Inc. dba Boyce System Keystone for Software Maintenance Agreement for Annual Software Licenses and Software Updates for Hermits Lake.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract Renewal for the year 2024, for A.E. Boyce, Inc. dba Boyce System Keystone for Software Maintenance Agreement for Annual Software Licenses and Software Updates for Hermits Lake on behalf of Treasurer. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #9 Agenda #8.19-8.20

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.19 Clerk: Legal Service Contract with Law Office of Weiss, Schmidgall & Hires PC for 2024 in the amount of \$41,460.00; 8.20 Clerk: Title IV-D Child Support Claiming Consulting Contract with Dossett Consulting, LLC for 2024 in the amount of \$10,800.00. Quarterly \$900.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.19 – 8.20, on behalf of the Clerk, Legal Service Contract with Law Office of Weiss, Schmidgall & Hires PC for 2024 in the amount of \$41,460.00 and Title IV-D Child Support Claiming Consulting Contract with Dossett Consulting, LLC for 2024 in the amount of \$10,800.00. Quarterly \$900.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #10 Agenda #8.21-8.23

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.21 Health Dept.: Contract with Michael J. Benko dating Jan 1st, 2024 thru Dec 31, 2024 in the amount of \$56,000; 8.22 Health Dept.: Contract with Puritan Springs Water in the amount of \$1,000 for the year 2024; 8.23 Health Dept.: Contract with Per Mar Security in the amount of \$384.00 for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.21, 8.22 and 8.23, on behalf of the Health Department, Contract with Michael J. Benko dating Jan 1st, 2024 thru Dec 31, 2024 in the amount of \$56,000, Contract with

Order #10 Agenda #8.21-8.23 cont'd

Puritan Springs Water in the amount of \$1,000 for the year 2024, Contract with Per Mar Security in the amount of \$384.00 for the year 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #11 Agenda #8.24-8.28

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.24 – 8.28 Highway: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.24 – 8.28, on behalf of Highway, Contracts/Agreements/Bid Award listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.24 **Highway:** Service Agreement with Beam Longest and Neff LLC for the Replacement of Lake County Bridge 97, Colorado Street over Deep River for Right of Way in the amount of \$53,900.00. This is a Federal Aid Project. Lake County will be reimbursed 80% of the contract total amount or \$43,120.00.

8.25 **HIGHWAY** Utility NIPSCO WO 53259-912 Replacement of Utility Poles and Equipment Cedar Creek Township al in Shelby area.

8.26 **HIGHWAY** Utility NIPSCO WO 53264-912 Replacement of Utility Poles and Equipment. Cedar Creek, Belshaw and Clark Roads.

8.27 **HIGHWAY** Utility NIPSCO WO 53303-912 Replacement of Utility Poles and Equipment Cedar Creek Township East Side of Lake Dalecarlia.

8.28 **HIGHWAY:** Recommendation of Award for the 2024 Annual -Bid for Beet Heat and Geo Melt 2024 to Great Lake Chloride



Lake County Highway Department

Duane A. Alverson, P.E.
Engineer

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Crown Point, Indiana 46307
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December 13, 2023

Lake County Board of Commissioners
2293 North Main Street
Crown Point, IN 46307

Attn: Michael C. Repay, President

Re: Recommendations for the **2024 Annual Bid**

Honorable Commissioners:

On November 15, 2023 the Lake County Board of Commissioners opened the Lake County Highway Department's bids for **2024**.

At this time, we would like to recommend the acceptance of the most responsive bidder which has met our specifications for the 2023 Annual Bids. The following is a tabulation of the lowest and most responsive bid. We have indicated in bold print the bidder we are recommending.

BEET HEAT/ GEO MELT RECOMMENDED 2024
Great Lakes Chloride 895 E 200 N Warsaw IN 574-267-2286

Geo-Melt De-icer	\$1.35 gal	10,000 gallons	\$13,500.00
\$13,500.00			
Calcium chloride with boost			
Geo-Melt Anti-Icing	\$1.35 al	25,000 gallons	\$33,750.00
\$33750.00			
Calcium chloride with boost			
			Total Bid Amount \$47,250.00

ROAD SOLUTIONS

Geo-Melt De-icer	\$2.99 gal	10,000 gallons	\$ 29,900.00
Calcium chloride with boost			
Geo-Melt Anti-Icing	\$1.45 gal	25,000 gallons	\$36,250.00
Calcium chloride with boost			
			TOTAL 66,150.00

CHLORIDE SOLUTIONS 672 NM 52 Webbersville MI 48892 517-803-4726

Geo-Melt De-icer	\$1.42 gal	10,000 gallons	\$14,200.00
Calcium chloride with boost			
Geo-Melt Anti-Icing	\$3.00 gal	25,000 gallons	\$75,000.00
Calcium chloride with boost			
			Total Bid Amount \$89,200.00

We are recommending the acceptance of the above-mentioned highlighted bids as the most responsive for the Calendar Year 2024.

Respectfully,

Duane Alverson, Engineer
Lake County Highway Department

Michael Repay
01-17-2024 01-17-2024 01-17-2024

Order #12 Agenda #8.29-8.50

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.29 - 8.38 Commissioners: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.29 – 8.50, on behalf of Commissioners, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.29 **COMMISSIONERS:** Request approval on Lighting and Equipment Installation on LCEMA Dodge. We have received Three Quotes. The First is from Move Over Outfitters with a total quote of \$19,905.14. The Second quote is from 10-8 Technology for a total quote of \$ 22,552.46 and the Third quote is from Fire Services Inc. for a total quote of \$65,703.06. Request Commissioners advise.

8.30 **COMMISSIONERS:** Contract with MCR Partners LLC from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$3,500.00/month for economic development coordination services.

Order #12 Agenda #8.29-8.50 cont'd

- 8.31 **COMMISSIONERS:** Contract with Cender & Company, LLC dba Cender/Dalton Municipal Advisors for the year of 2024 for consulting services.
- 8.32 **COMMISSIONERS:** Award and Contract to Gatlin Plumbing and Heating, only bid, in the amount of \$583,000 for the Replacement of the Duct Furnaces in Old Jail at LC Government Center.
- 8.33 **COMMISSIONERS:** Change Order #1 with Gariup Construction for an additional \$3,025.00 for the Addition and Renovations to the Maintenance Building and Animal Control.
- 8.34 **COMMISSIONERS:** Change Order #1 for a credit of \$91,210.00 for Gatlin Plumbing and Heating for Replacement of Duct Furnaces in Old Jail at LC Government Center.
- 8.35 **COMMISSIONERS:** Change Order #2 with Hasse Construction for an additional \$2,299.00 for the Renovations to the Juvenile Center.
- 8.36 **COMMISSIONERS:** Award and Contract with Sweney Electric in the amount of \$81,075.00 for the HVAC Coil pump VFD's at the LC Government Center.
- 8.37 **COMMISSIONERS:** Award and Contract with TK Electric, LLC in the amount of \$1,503.00 for Electrical Ground work for the 911 Center at the LC Government Center. (Continental Electric \$3,540)
- 8.38 **COMMISSIONERS:** Certificate of Substantial Completion for Powers & Sons Construction for the Penthouse Louvers Project.
- 8.39 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Ace Exterminating Co., Inc. on behalf of the Lake County Government Center for the year 2024 for: A. Lake County Government Center Buildings A & B in an amount not to exceed \$3,480.00 payable at the rate of \$290.00 per month. B. Lake County Juvenile Center in an amount not to exceed \$3,120.00 payable at the rate of \$260.00 per month. C. L.A.D.O.S. in an amount not to exceed \$984.00 payable at the rate of \$82.00 per month.
- 8.40 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with ATN Technology, Inc. on behalf of the Lake County Government Center for the year 2024 for phone line service for the Westwind Manor elevator in an amount not to exceed \$1,980.00 payable at the rate of \$165.00 per month.
- 8.41 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Altorfer Power Systems on behalf of the Lake County Government Center for generator and transfer switch service for the year 2024 for 12 generators and 16 transfer switches in an amount not to exceed \$45,268.00 payable at the rate of \$11,317.00 per quarter.
- 8.42 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with F.E. Moran, Inc. on behalf of the Lake County Government Center for annual inspection and testing of (12) wet fire sprinkler systems, (1) dry fire sprinkler system, (2) standpipe systems and (2) fire pumps at the new Jail, old Jail, Government Center, Westwind Manor and the Paramore Building for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$9,600.00 payable at the rate of \$2,400.00 per quarter.
- 8.43 **COMMISSIONERS:** Rental Agreement with Cintas Corporation on behalf of the Lake County Government Center traffic mat rental for the years 2024 and 2025 subject to appropriation by the Fiscal Body in an amount not to exceed \$221.30 per month.
- 8.44 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Forever Green on behalf of the Lake County Government Center for lawn care service for the year 2024 for: 1. Lake County Government Center \$3,161.42; 2. Lake County Juvenile Center \$1,057.80.
- 8.45 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Great Lakes Industrial Environmental Construction, LLC on behalf of the Lake County Government Center for cleaning sewers/manholes at the Lake County Government Center, Juvenile Center, Jail, Animal Control Center in an amount not to exceed \$26,220.00 payable at the rate of \$2,185.00 per month.
- 8.46 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Lubrifleet Power Wash for snow removal at the Gary Courthouse for the year 2024. Prices vary per attached breakdown.
- 8.47 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Monroe Pest Control, Inc. on behalf of the Lake County Government Center for pigeon control at the Lake County Government Center for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$2,100.00 payable at the rate of \$175.00 per month.
- 8.48 **COMMISSIONERS:** Maintenance Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the fire alarm system at the Lake County Government Center Building B for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$216.00 payable at the rate of \$18.00 per month.
- 8.49 **COMMISSIONERS:** Change Order #3 with The Pangere Corporation for the Renovations to the Plan Commission and Surveyor's Offices in the amount of \$6,390.00.
- 8.50 **COMMISSIONERS:** Contract with Telamon Energy, LLC to design, manage and support the solar array project at the Lake County Government Center in an amount not to exceed \$222,700.00.

Order #13 Agenda #8.51-8.54

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.51-8.54 Coroner: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.51-8.54, Contracts on behalf of Coroner, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.51 **CORONER:** 2024 Contract with Steven J. Sersic of Smith & Sersic LLC for legal services in the amount of \$24,000.00 per annum with monthly payments in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- 8.52 **CORONER:** 2024 Contract with Axis Forensic Toxicology Inc. for Forensic Toxicology Testing. Price list attached.
- 8.53 **CORONER:** Contract with Zhuo Wang, M.D. for Pathologist Services in the amount of \$265,000 for the year 2024
- 8.54 **CORONER:** Contract with Shiping Bao, M.D. for Pathologist Services in the amount of \$241,800 for the year 2024.

Order #14 Agenda #8.55-8.58

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.55 – 8.58 Public Defender: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.55-8.58, Contracts on behalf of Public Defender. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.55 **PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Legal Services Contract for the year 2024 with Amishi P. Sanghvi in the amount of \$45,000.00
- 8.56 **PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Court Reporter Service Contract for the year 2024 with Fissinger & Associates, LTD in the amount of \$45,000.00
- 8.57 **PUBLIC DEFENDER:** 2024 Legal Services Contract for Kelly White Gibson in the amount of \$45,000.
- 8.58 **PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Court Reporter Service Contract for the year 2024 with Nicole L. Gagna in the amount of \$45,000.00

Order #15 Agenda #8.59-8.60

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.59-8.60 Sheriff: Contracts: Award: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.59 and 8.60, on behalf of the Sheriff, award to Al Warren Oil Co., lowest bid, for Gas for the year 2024 in the amount of 2.5331 per gallon and ordered same to approve bid award recommendation for Oil & Lubricants for the year 2024 to Parent Petroleum lowest bidder. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #8.59-8.60 cont'd

Letter of Recommendation

OSCAR MARTINEZ
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

2293 N. Main Street
Crown Point IN 46307

Phone: 219-755-3400
Fax: 219-755-3371

Date: January 3, 2024
To: Lake County Board of Commissioners
Re: Bid Award Recommendation for: Oil & Lubricants for the year 2024

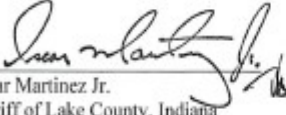
Dear Commissioners,

The Lake County Sheriff's Department is recommending the bid for Oil & Lubricants for the Lake County Sheriff's Department and other Lake County Government Agencies be awarded to the lowest bidder:

Parent Petroleum
1775 Mallette Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Parent Petroleum's bid is \$5,153.53 for one of each of the seven items.
Al Warren Oil's bid is \$6,258.25 for one of each of the seven items.

Sincerely,



Oscar Martinez Jr.
Sheriff of Lake County, Indiana

OSCAR MARTINEZ
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

2293 N. Main Street
Crown Point IN 46307

Phone: 219-755-3400
Fax: 219-755-3371

Date: December 14, 2023
To: Lake County Board of Commissioners
Re: Bid Award Recommendation for: Gas for the Lake County Sheriff's Department and other LC Government Agencies for the year 2024

Dear Commissioners,

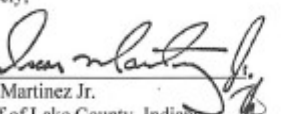
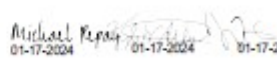
The Lake County Sheriff's Department is recommending the bid for Gas for the Lake County Sheriff's Department and other Lake County Government Agencies be awarded to the lowest bidder:

Al Warren Oil Co.
1646 Summer Street
Hammond, IN 46320

Al Warren Oil Co. bid is \$2.5331 per gallon delivered total (based on the 325,000 gallons at average rack price of \$2.2331 on 12/07/2023) for a total amount of: \$823,257.50

Parent Petroleum's bid is \$3.2524 per gallon delivered total (based on the 325,000 gallons at average rack price of \$2.1115 on 12/08/2023) for a total amount of: \$1,057,030.00

Sincerely,

Oscar Martinez Jr.
Sheriff of Lake County, Indiana

Order #16 Agenda #8.61

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.61 Lake Superior Court, Criminal Div.: Contract with Mary Slafindor for Bailiff and Court Reporting Services in the amount of \$20,000 for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with Mary Slafindor for Bailiff and Court Reporting Services in the amount of \$20,000 for the year 2024 on behalf of Lake Superior Court, Criminal Div. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #17 Agenda #8.62

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.62 Fairgrounds: Award and Contract with Castongia Tractor for 2023 John Deere 3033R Compact Utility Tractor in the amount of \$28,850.00. (Shorewood \$30,286.00, Ruim Equipment \$31,500.00)

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Award and Contract with Castongia Tractor for 2023 John Deere 3033R Compact Utility Tractor in the amount of \$28,850.00 on behalf of Fairgrounds. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #18 Agenda #8.63 w/8.64-8.72

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.63 Purdue Co-Op Extension: Monitoring and Service Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the year 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$420.00 payable at the rate of \$35.00 per month.

- Allen made a motion to approve 8.63 – 8.72, with no objections, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 8.63 **Purdue Co-Op Extension:** Monitoring and Service Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the year 2024 in the an amount not to exceed \$420.00 payable at the rate of \$35.00 per month.
- 8.64 **COMMISSIONERS:** Maintenance Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the fire alarm system at Westwind Manor for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$216.00 payable at the rate of \$18.00 per month.
- 8.65 **COMMISSIONERS:** Maintenance Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the fire alarm system at the Lake County Juvenile Center for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$576.00 payable at the rate of \$48.00 per month.
- 8.66 **COMMISSIONERS:** Maintenance Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for Westwind Manor for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,980.00 payable at the rate of \$165.00 per month.
- 8.67 **COMMISSIONERS:** Maintenance Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the Paramore Building for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,788.00 payable at the rate of \$149.00 per month.
- 8.68 **COMMISSIONERS:** Maintenance Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the Lake County Government Center for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,740.00 payable at the rate of \$895.00 per month.
- 8.69 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring and Service Agreement with Per Mar Security Systems for LADOS for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$420.00 payable at the rate of \$35.00 per month.
- 8.70 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring Service Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for Purdue Co-op Extension for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$420.00 payable at the rate of \$35.00 per month.
- 8.71 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the Lake County Government Center Building A for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$216.00 payable at the rate of \$18.00 per month.
- 8.72 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring Service Agreement with Per Mar Security Services for the Paramore Building for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$216.00 payable at the rate of \$18.00 per month.

Order #19 Agenda #8.73-8.84

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.73-8.84 Commissioners: Contracts: listed below.

- Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.73-8.84, on behalf of Commissioners, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
- 8.73 **COMMISSIONERS:** Window Cleaning Agreement with Performance Plus for the year 2024 for: 1. East Chicago Courthouse 3 times in an amount not to exceed \$1,890.00 payable at the rate of \$630.00 per service. 2. Hammond Courthouse 3 times in an amount not to exceed \$2,250.00 payable at the rate of \$750.00 per service.
- 8.74 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Ace Exterminating Co., Inc. for the Hammond Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,320.00 payable at the rate of \$110.00 per month.
- 8.75 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with F.E. Moran, Inc. for annual inspection and testing of (1) Wet Fire Sprinkler System at the East Chicago Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$640.00.
- 8.76 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement with Forever Green Lawn Care for the Gary Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$164.32.
- 8.77 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring and Maintenance Agreement between Per Mar Security Services and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for the East Chicago Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,740.00 payable at the rate of \$145.00 per month.
- 8.78 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring and Maintenance Agreement between Per Mar Security Services and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for the Gary Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,068.00 payable at the rate of \$89.00 per month.
- 8.79 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring Agreement between Per Mar Security Services and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for the Hammond Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$576.00 payable at the rate of \$48.00 per month.
- 8.80 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring Agreement between Per Mar Security Services and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for the Paramore Building for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$216.00 payable at the rate of \$18.00 per month.
- 8.81 **COMMISSIONERS:** Monitoring and Service Agreement between Per Mar Security Services and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for Purdue Co-op Extension the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$420.00 payable at the rate of \$35.00 per month.
- 8.82 **CORRECTION:** COMMISSIONERS: DLZ's Architectural Proposal for work on Building #12, Maintenance Building at the Lake County Fairgrounds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. (Item #8.82)
- 8.83 **COMMISSIONERS:** Contract with Lake County IN Economic Alliance aka LCEA for economic development activities in Lake County, IN in the amount of \$50,000 for the year 2024.
- 8.84 **COMMISSIONERS:** Change Order #4 with The Pangere Corporation for the Renovations to the Plan Commission and Surveyor's Offices in the amount of \$6,390.00.

Order #20 Agenda #8.86-8.88

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.86-8.88 Highway: Contracts: listed below.

- Allen made a motion to approve 8.86 – 8.88, Contracts on behalf of Highway, listed below, Tippy seconded with discussion, asking for confirmation if this is the award and approval of the contract for the sanitary sewer project at Lawndale Subdivision, Highway Engineer, present/spoke, responded yes, followed by brief discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 8.86 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO County Utility Agreement St John & Hanover Twp. Cline Avenue 109th Avenue south to Cedar Lake Limits WO#52851-912.
- 8.87 **HIGHWAY:** NIPSCO County Road Cut Permit St John & Hanover Twp. Cline Avenue 109th Avenue south to Cedar Lake Limits WO#52851-912.
- 8.88 **HIGHWAY:** Revised Contract and Recommendation of Award between Gatlin Plumbing and Heating and Board of Commissioners Lawndale Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Collection System in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000. The partially executed contract by Gatlin Plumbing and Heating is attached along with the Bonds and Insurance (CONTRACT> <F:\AgendaItems\2024\2024 01-17-2024\Highway 1-17-Gatlin 8.88 Lawndale Sewer Project.pdf>)
[Letter of Recommendation](#)

January 17, 2024

Lake County Board of Commissioners
Lake County Government Center
2293 N Main Street

Order #20 Agenda #8.86-8.88 cont'd

Crown Point, IN 46307

ATTN: Michael C. Repay, President

RE: Recommendation of Award and Execution of Contract
Lawndale Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Collection System

Honorable Commissioners:

On December 13, 2023 the Lake County Board of Commissioners opened bids for the Lawndale Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Collection System.

NIES Engineering, Inc. and the Lake County Highway Department have reviewed the bids and recommend award to the lowest and most responsive bidder **Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.** in the amount of **\$2,800,000.00**.

Bids received were as follows:

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

Also, Please find attached a **Contract between Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.** and the Lake County Board of Commissioners for the Lawndale Sanitary Sewer Collection System in the amount of **\$2,800,000.00**. Included with the contract is the contractors signed Notice of Award, Certificate of Liability Insurance along with their Performance and Payment Bonds.

If the Board finds the contract to be acceptable, please execute on page 16 of 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane A. Alverson
EngineerHighway
1-17-Gatlin 8.88 Law
DAA/daa

Order #21 Agenda #8.89-8.96

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.89-8.91 Commissioners: Contracts: listed below; 8.92-8.93 Highway: Contracts: listed below; 8.94-96 Commissioners: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.89 – 8.96, Contracts on behalf of Commissioners and Highway, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.89 **COMMISSIONER:** Please approve Johnson control maintenance agreement as it relates to Fire control systems at a rate of \$ 53,868.00 per year8.90 **COMMISSIONERS:** Please approve second annual service contract to be administered by Johnson Controls for Fire Control systems in the amount of \$ 21,924.008.91 **COMMISSIONERS:** Approve Proposal and Contract with NIES Engineering, Inc. for Easement Preparation and Legal Description/Engineering Services for Sanitary Sewer Collection for Certain areas of Unincorporated Lake County, South and West of Crown Point City Limits in an amount not to exceed \$46,250.00.8.92 **HIGHWAY:** Contract with Elzinga Masonry for Cleveland Heights Entrance Sign Reconstruction in the amount of \$9,450.00.8.93 **HIGHWAY:** County Utility Agreement with NIPSCO WO#52597-912 Winfield Township o 109th Ave from County Line Road west to Winfield Limits.8.94 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement between Waste Management of Indiana, LLC and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Lake County Engineer's Office for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$85,476.00 payable at the rate of \$7,123.00 per month.8.95 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement between Waste Management of Indiana, LLC and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Engineer for the Grass Shack for:

1. Haul Rate \$375.00
2. Disposal rate per ton \$65.00
3. Container usages/day (after 30 days) \$100.00

8.96 **COMMISSIONERS:** Service Agreement between Waste Management of Indiana, LLC and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Hammond Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,440.00 payable at the rate of \$120.00 per month.

Order #22 Agenda #9.1-9.2

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 Auditor: Request approval for Auditor's Office disposal form; 9.2 Treasurer: Request for Disposal of items - Chairs(36).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 9.1 and 9.2, on behalf of Auditor's Office Request approval for disposal form and Treasurer Request for Disposal of items - Chairs(36). Motion carried 3-0.

Order #23 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 10.2 Public Hearing on Nonprofit Commissioner Tax Sale Certificate donation requests.

Comes now, President Repay, to open the Meeting to a Public Hearing on Nonprofit Commissioner Tax Sale Certificate donation requests, Allen made a motion to open the Public Hearing for agenda item 10.2, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Comes now, Public Hearing for Nonprofit Commissioner Tax Sale Certificate donation requests, Attorney Fech read request aloud into the record, stating, "there were four entities that made requests, there are only two of the entities that could be

Order #23 Agenda #10.2 cont'd

awarded the nonprofit donations, because the other parcels are no longer available that were requested by two of the entities, so the parcels will be items 2 and 3, Household of Israel Tabernacle, they have requested 3789-3791 Georgia Street, 3793-3795 Georgia Street and 3774 Rhode Island Court and then Better Sister & Brother Growth Network requested 1525 Van Buren Street, 629 West 13th Ave and 828 West 25th Ave, all of those properties are located in the City of Gary", the Board called for comments for anyone present to come forth and speak for or against said Public Hearing.....calling once twice and three times.....hearing none Public Hearing is closed, Allen made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the donations for agenda item 10.3. Motion carried 3-0.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4, 10.2 approve the six parcels going to the nonprofit organizations, 10.4 approve the upcoming Spring Tax Sale of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, 10.3 approve Resolution and Legal Notice for the 2024 Sale of Commissioner-Owned Tax Certificates. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #24 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.4 Approve Publication of Legal Notice for bidder registration dates and deadlines for 2024 Commissioner Tax Certificate Sale and Select a vendor capable of providing all the necessary paper, disc and thumb drive copies of the property offered for sale.

Comes now, President Repay, called for a motion to approve the upcoming Tax Sale Certificate Sale for the Commissioners Certificate Sale, Allen made a motion to approve, Tippy seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (inaudible - Select a vendor capable of providing all the necessary paper, disc and thumb drive copies of the property offered for sale.)

Order #25 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.5 Commissioners: Michael C. Repay appointed to the Lake County Data Board for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.5, appoint Michael C. Repay to the Lake County Data Board for the year 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #26 Agenda #10.6

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.6 Sheriff: Requesting authorization for take home vehicle privileges for the Lake County Sheriff's Public Information Officer.

Comes now, President Repay, spoke, stating, "there's only, there's a fine amount of people that are allowed to take vehicles home, obviously Merit Officers, but the current Sheriff's Public Information Officer is not a Merit Officer and therefore is not authorized under current Commissioners' policy to take home a vehicle", President Repay allowed Chief Balbo to come forward and speak, stating, "a letter was submitted, pursuant to Sheriff from Martinez request that we get the authorization from the Commissioners to allow that to happen, primarily because the Public Information Officer is called out after hours, on the weekends, going to events that require that person to be there, so they can report that to, whether it be the News Media or the Sheriff, but normally these events, when they don't happen during the day, they're usually happening during the evening or overnight hours and on the weekends and that was the purpose for making this request so the Public Information Officer will have access to a vehicle to be able to respond to one of those particular scenes that are all over the County", Repay continued, "so this is a, I think the motion would be to amend the policy to allow for that to occur, which wouldn't be a problem, I don't think", end discussion, Allen made a motion voting in favor, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #27 Agenda #10.7

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.7 Highway: Request the Commissioners Select a Consultant to provide Construction Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Bridge #103, Arizona Street over Deep River.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the County Engineer's recommendation to select Gonzalez (formerly ESI) as the Consultant to provide Construction Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Bridge #103, Arizona Street over Deep River, Highway Engineer's recommendation states that Gonzalez (formerly ESI) has done an excellent job with the design engineering phase of the bridge rehabilitation project, letter of recommendation dated January 17, 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #28 Agenda #10.8

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.8 Amended Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake Resolution Establishing Regular Meeting Dates for the Year 2024.

Comes now, Attorney Fech, before the Board of Commissioners for the amended dates of the Board of Commissioners Meetings in calendar year 2024, stating, "Moving the June 19th Meeting, that date is a National/County Holiday, to June 12th and moving up the December Meeting from December 18th to December 11th", Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the amended Board of Commissioners Regular Scheduled Meetings, agenda item 10.8. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #29 Agenda #11.1-11.2

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 Ordinance No. 1491A Establishing the Lake County Mileage Rate for 2024; 11.2 Ordinance No. 1478B-1 Amending the Ordinance Concerning Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year of 2023, Ordinance No. 1478B.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 11.1 and 11.2, on behalf of the Council, Ordinance No. 1491A Establishing the Lake County Mileage Rate for 2024 and Ordinance No. 1478B-1 Amending the Ordinance Concerning Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year of 2023, Ordinance No. 1478B. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #30 Agenda #12.1-12.5

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 12.1 – 12.4 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register(s): listed below; 12.4 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 12.1 – 12.5, on behalf of Auditor and Economic Development, State Board of Accounts items, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll - Pay Date 11-20-2023

Order #30 Agenda #12.1-12.5 cont'd

12.2 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll-Pay Date 12-04-2023

12.3 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll - Pay Date 12-18-2023

12.4 **AUDITOR:** LC 265 12/14/23 TO 1/17/24; HAND CUTS 12/14/23 TO 1/17/24 LC130 1/17/24

12.5 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for period 12/1/2023 through 1/1/2024.

Order #31 Agenda #13.1

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 2024 Public Officials Bond for: Recorder, Surveyor, 1st District Commissioner, 2nd District Commissioner, 3rd District Commissioner, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecutor and Assessor.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 13.1, Public Officials Bonds, on behalf of Recorder, Surveyor, 1st District Commissioner, 2nd District Commissioner, 3rd District Commissioner, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecutor and Assessor. Bonds Recorded with County Recorder Dated Jan 17 2024; Lake County Recorder Bond recorded with Clerk Dated Jan 17 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #32 Agenda #15.1-15.3

In the Matter Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures; 15.2 Treasurer; 15.3 Treasurer: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Staff Reports for agenda items 15.1 – 15.3, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 11/16/2023 – 12/15/2023

15.2 Treasurer: October, 2023 Monthly Report

15.3 Treasurer: November, 2023 Monthly Report

Order #33 Agenda #16.1 -16.8

In the Matter of Other/Matters Of Public Record: 16.1 – 16.8: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 16.1 – 16.8 matters of public record. Motion carried 3-0.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to grant transfer for agenda items 16.5 – 16.7, Service Weapon and Police K-9, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

16.1 Notice of Special Meeting held December 18, 2023

16.2 Proof of Publication for Hearing on Nonprofit Commissioners' Tax Sale Certificate donation requests

16.3 Community Corrections: Appoint Individuals to the Lake County Community Corrections Advisory Board

16.4 Sheriff: Contract extension with Nurse Practitioner Jacob Huseman to provide part-time mental health services to inmates housed in the Lake Co. Jail. Not to exceed \$38,253.00 in 2024, payable at the rate of \$3,188.00 per month.

16.5 Sheriff: Retired Commander Lessie Evans-Smith Service Weapon Request

16.6 Sheriff: Retired Deputy Commander Scott Musgrove Service Weapon Request

16.7 Sheriff: Agreement Transferring Ownership of Police K-9 Mauri to Handler Sergeant Aaron Ramos

16.8 Highway: Addendum #1 for the Community Crossing Matching Grant for Parrish-Fathke-Burr bids to be made a matter of public record

Order #34 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices at the L C Government Center

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices at the L C Government Center for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Alt. #2	Total
1. Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$282,250.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$297,750.00
2. The Pangere Corporation	\$252,776.00	\$4,048.00	\$12,476.00	\$269,300.00

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 #35 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 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 Ave to 113th Ave.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 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 Ave to 113th Ave for Highway, the following bids were received:

	Total
1. Milestone Contractors North, Inc.	\$2,209,578.85
2. Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,409,011.75

Comes now, Highway Engineer, recommended to the Board to accept the apparent low bidder, Milestone Contractors North, Inc., upon review and all checks out, Contract will follow, Contract has to be to INDOT by March 1st, Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to accept the County Engineer's recommendation and award to the apparent low bidder, Milestone Contractors North, Inc. in the amount of \$2,209,578.85 for 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 Ave to 113th Ave for Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #36 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.3 Carpeting for Magistrate Ormes' Office at the Gary Courthouse.

Order #36 Agenda #3.3 cont'd

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of quotes for Carpeting for Magistrate Ormes' Office at the Gary Courthouse for Commissioners, the following quotes were received:

	<u>Total</u>
1. Sneed Construction	\$18,154.92
2. Direct Floors	\$19,625.88

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve and award to the apparent low bidder of Sneed Construction for Carpeting for Magistrate Ormes' Office at the Gary Courthouse for Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #37 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, Gerry Scheub, with Public Comment, stating, "I have a form I'd like to leave with you and it has to do with the Lighting Contract, we have a prime contractor which is normal process for all bids", partially inaudible words, "you have a licensed prime contractor and if that contractor use sub-contractors he's insured that those sub-contractors are licensed with the City or Town or County, now on this LED Lighting, what happened was they ignored these prime contractors and split the bid where there was no prime contractor, what this did, it allowed anybody non-licensed to bid on the contract and it was a non-licensed person broker who bid on this job and got the Contract, didn't have any funds, was given a Contract and cost the County taxpayers approximately six hundred thousand dollars and today it's still unresolved, so I just want to leave this form, prime licensed contractor is always used never do you go without a prime contractor, never do you split a Contract where you allow anybody, in this case a broker, who is only in business for six months have no financial capabilities, to fund and purchase the lights and then he purchased the lights from China, which hurt every contractor in Lake County, this whole system was thrown to chaos because now they don't have to use a prime contractor or anything, that opens it up to right to work and this is what this contract show and it failed and it cost the taxpayers six hundred thousand dollars and the Contract was a total failure, three local companies who bid properly, licensed and had a better product at a less price were shafted and there's a lot of problems, in fraud possibility, we know there was collusion, we know there was bid rigging because they were told to buy the lights from a certain company, from China, they didn't do it, they lost the Contract, so I just want to leave this form, I'm going to keep coming back until somebody admits that this Contract was a total failure, illegal and improper, and I'm not going to stop", end comment.

Comes now, Barbara Koteles, with Public Comment, stating, "good morning everybody, Commissioners as always, thank you for hearing our Public Comments, my comments today concern the transparency and accountability of both the commission and the Health Department, as I'm sure you're aware back in October a group of taxpayers in Lake County wanted to attend a Public Meeting of the Health Department, but there were no meetings to be had, we investigated further, repeated phone calls and records request made to the Health Department, through the Commission went denied or unanswered, I came to the conclusion that the Lake County Board of Health doesn't have Public Meetings except in rare instances, however most Indiana Health Departments schedule public meetings every month or every two months and they post their agendas and meeting notices online as well as approved Minutes from the previous month's Meeting, I have here some pages I took off the East Chicago Health Board website, this is Minutes from just one meeting, three pages, Lake County Health Department knew it would be receiving almost five million dollars in June of 2023, how could it have nothing to discuss in a Public Meeting between then and now, it did finally post four meetings for 2024 a few weeks ago and the time of those meetings is 7:30am, the County Council agreed with taxpayers that while that time may be convenient for the Board members it is not convenient for the Public, I called Marion Allen Johnson and Porter County Health Boards and all their meetings are held between five and six in the evening, if the Lake County Board members can't meet at those times they should resign and let citizens who can fill in those vacancies, I want to read a particularly humorous denial of my records request of November 2, 2023 in which I asked for Minutes from the only two meetings, which I knew to exist in a four year period, I also requested a list of dates of Board of Health Meetings held in 2020 and 2023, here is the Attorney's response, 'Ms. Koteles, the Lake County Department has located records responsive to your request please enclosed find a copy of the Meeting Minutes for August 12th 2021 and June 22 2022 please be advised that APRA does not require a public entity to compile a list in response to APRA request if no other statute requires the compiling and maintenance of that list, advisory opinion of the Indiana Public Access Counselor says Indiana Law does not require compilation and maintenance of nor does the Lake County Health Department under discretionary function maintain a list of meetings held over the course of years thus the Lake County Health Department does not have any records responsive to this request after the submission of this letter the Lake County Health Department will consider this request fulfilled and the matter closed', how bout that, they don't have a record of the readings, can't give us any dates, I see that the Commissioners' Attorney is present so I'll address these comments to him, Attorney Tramell Raggs was probably paid around two hundred dollars by the Commissioners to write this letter, when did it become fashionable in Lake County to flaunt APRA laws, the open door policy, when did it become fashionable to ignore the freedom of information act, my latest records request of December 7th has never been answered, how are the Commissioners okay with this level of incompetence, in this record request I asked for notices, agendas and the minutes of all Lake County Board of Health meetings in 2023 and I put a note saying that the requested information is in the Public's interest, I request that the Lake County Board of Health sight the exact portion of APRA used to justify denial of my request, that was over a month ago no response, the Board Members you appointed and the Administrator and Public Health Officer that they hired are at fault, there is an effort to push the Public out of the equation now at the Health Department, instead of appointing friends of existing Board Members or friends of friends of Board Members and re-appointing them again and again, which happens sometimes, I wish that the Lake County Commissioners would follow the standards set by other Health Departments in Indiana by posting Board vacancies online for thirty days along with job qualifications, did you know that working for Lake County right now, you have a talented employee who has a bachelor degree in health care management and experience in accounting and running a business he works in the building right across the street for Lake County, did you know that there is a citizen of Lake County who has a BS degree in public and environmental health and has done course work in epidemiology, hazardous materials and food safety, will these taxpayers ever get to be considered for a position on the Lake County Health Board or Health Department, not the way appointments are currently handled and that should change, thank you", end comments.

Comes now, President Repay, asked if anyone else wished to speak, any Elected Officials present wishing to speak and if any Commissioners wished to speak, there were none, no further comments.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 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:

PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR