

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 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 19th day of September, 2023 at about 2:58 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 19th day of September, 2023 at about 2:58 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 DELETION: HIGHWAY: 8.28 Rental Agreement for One (1) Powerscreen Warrior 1800 Scalping Screen for screening, 2-3-way stock piling recycling construction and demolition aggregate and topsoil months from 9-30-23 to 11-30-23 at \$15,000 per month; Correction: 8.27 (should read) \$674,961.23; Correction: 8.41 (should read) \$22,038.99.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Agenda as amended, with the follow deletion and corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

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Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Moving of Voting of Voting Machines for General Election; 3.2 Fire Alarm and Mass Notification Systems at the Lake County Government Center.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the opening of bid and quotes. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #3 Agenda #10.2-10.3

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.2 Public Hearing for the CDBG Funds (pass Resolution and Documents); 10.3 Proof of Publication for the Hearing of the CDBG Funds.

Comes now, Allen made a motion to open the Public Hearing for agenda item 10.2, Public Hearing for the CDBG Funds, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Comes now, President Repay opened the Meeting to a Public Hearing, Attorney Fech read aloud a briefing of the Opening Remarks, President Repay asked if there's anyone present wishes to speak with public comment.....called for once twice and a third time.....hearing none President Repay asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing, Allen made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Tippy seconded the motion. Motions carried 3-0.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 10.3, proof of publication for the Hearing of the CBDG Funds, for a matter of public record. Motion carried 3-0.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Resolution Authorizing and Directing the President of the Lake County Board of Commissioners To Submit A Projects Proposal For Community Development Block Grant Funds For Federal Fiscal Year 2023, Resolution 2023 -08, along with Affirmative Action Program Implementing Section 3 Of The Housing And Urban Development Act of 1968, and Lake County, Indiana Section 3 Understanding. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUBMIT A PROJECTS PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to date, Lake County, Indiana is authorized to provide financial assistance to units of general local government for undertaking and carrying out Community Development activities; and

WHEREAS, it is provided in such Act that the unit of general local government shall provide a satisfactory assurance prior to submission of its Application, that it has held one public hearing to obtain the views of citizens of Community Development needs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that Lake County, Indiana, hereinafter called the ("County"), undertake and carry out Community Development activities; and

WHEREAS, the County is proposing a project for assistance under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to date, and proposes to undertake and make available a total project cost of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) and

WHEREAS, the County has held one formal public hearing on the proposed program and has made available to the general public, through the mass media and other sources, information concerning the program; and

WHEREAS, the County has general knowledge of the proposed uses of such funds and is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of Community Development activities and undertaking with Federal financial assistance under Title 1, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, creed, sex or national origin;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Lake, Indiana:

Section 1: That the President of The Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake, IN is hereby authorized to file a Project proposal for funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to date, with Lake County, Indiana and provide all information and assurances as may be necessary under the Act.

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake

President of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake

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ATTEST:

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Order #3 Agenda #10.2-10.3

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTING SECTION 3 OF THE
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968

SPECIFIC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STEPS

COUNTY OF LAKE agrees to implement the following specific affirmative action steps directed at increasing the utilization of lower income residents and project area businesses.

- A. To ascertain from the HUD Area Office Director the exact boundaries of the Section 3 covered project area and where advantageous, seek the assistance of local officials of the department in preparing and implementing the affirmative action plan.
- B. To attempt to recruit from the appropriate areas the necessary number of lower income residents through: local advertising media, signs placed at the proposed site for the project, and community organizations and public or private institutions operating within or serving the project area such as Service Employment and Redevelopment (SER), Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), Urban League, Concentrated Employment Program, Hometown Plan or the U.S. Employment Service.
- C. To maintain a list of all lower income area residents who have applied either on their own or on referral from any source and to employ such persons, if otherwise eligible and if a vacancy exists.
- D. To insert this affirmative action plan in all bid documents, and to require all bidders to submit a Section 3 affirmative action plan including utilization goals and the specific steps planned to accomplish the goals.
- E. To insure that contracts which are typically let on a negotiated rather than a bid basis in areas other than Section 3 covered project area, are also let on a negotiated basis, where ever feasible when let in a Section 3 covered project area.
- F. To formally contact unions, subcontractors and trade associations, to secure their cooperation for this program.
- G. To insure that all appropriate project area business concerns are notified of pending contractual opportunities.
- H. To maintain records including copies of correspondence, memoranda, etc., which document that all of the above affirmative action steps have been taken.
- I. To appoint or recruit an executive official of the company or agency as Equal Opportunity Officer to coordinate the implementation of this Section 3 Affirmative Action Plan.


Signature


Title



**LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
Section 3 Understanding**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued regulations that provide the directive to creative job opportunities for low-income persons when HUD funds are expended on a construction project. These regulations are known as Section 3 policy. The purpose of the Section 3 policy is to ensure that the employment and other economic opportunities generated by Federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed toward low and very low-income persons.

Section 3 covered projects are construction, reconstruction, conversion, or rehabilitation of housing, including reduction and abatement of lead based paint hazards, or other public construction which includes building and improvements assisted with HUD housing and community development assistance. Section 3 covered contracts do not include contracts for purchase of supplies and materials. However, whenever a contract for materials includes the installation of the materials, the contract constitutes a Section 3 covered contract.

Fund recipients and contractors must show compliance with the numerical goals set forth by the regulations. The numerical goals for new hires apply only to the number of new hires generated because of the financial assistance of the HUD programs. The numerical goals are not absolute numerical requirements. They are goals that each recipient and contractor should try to reach. The goals, if not met, do not trigger sanctions against the recipient or contractor. However, if challenged on the issue of compliance with Section 3, the recipient or contractor should be ready to demonstrate that they tried to reach these goals. The goals are as follows:

- 30% of all covered new hires for the year FY 2023

In addition, recipients and contractors are required to show compliance with the goal that at least 10% of any building trade activity which is subcontracted, and 3% of non building trade activity (construction management, etc.), is awarded to eligible Section 3 business concerns.

Further information regarding these requirements may be found in the Federal Regulations at 24 CFR 135 and the Lake County Section 3 Plan.

I certify that I have read the information above and understand the Section 3 requirements and numerical goals.

Name: Michael Ropay; Jerry Tippy; Kyle W. Allen, Sr.

Title: Commissioner(s), Board of

Date: September 20, 2023



Order #4 Agenda #4.1-4.2

In the Matter of Approval of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting July 19, 2023; 4.2 Regular Meeting August 16, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Minutes from prior Meetings, Regular Meetings July 19, 2023 and August 16, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5 Agenda #5.1-5.4

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1 DATA: Specification for IBM Compatible Personal Computers for the year 2024 for various County Offices and Departments to be advertised. Bids to be returned by Tuesday, October 17, 2023 by 9:30a.m. to the Lake County Auditor's Office; 5.2 COMMISSIONERS: Approve Specifications of bids for Paving Work at Paramore, Westwind, LADOS, and Animal Control to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Lake County Auditor's Office; 5.3 COMMISSIONERS: Approve Specifications of bids for Renovations to the Lake County Government Center to Remove Northeast Walkway and Stairs to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:30a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office; 5.4 COMMISSIONERS: Approve Specifications of bids for HVAC Renovations to the New Lake County Jail to Replace the Duct Furnaces to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:30a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Specifications for bids for agenda items 5.1 – 5.4 with the return date of October 17, 2023 by 9:30a.m. in item 5.1 and October 18, 2023 by 9:30a.m. for agenda items 5.2 – 5.4, all to be returned to the Office of the Lake County Auditor. Motion carried 3-0.

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Order #6 Agenda #8.1-8.15

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 – 8.15 Contracts: Various Offices and Departments: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.1 – 8.15, Contracts for Offices and Departments, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.1 Community Corrections: Subscription Contract with PowerDMS a cloud-based program for 2 year period, in the amount of \$28,695.10
8.2 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Kaitlynn Kay Cicillian in the amount of \$20,000 for the year 2023
8.3 Juvenile Court: Contract with Satellite Tracking of People LLC for monitoring certain individuals from August 20, 2023 – August 20, 2024
8.4 Juvenile Court: Contract with Great Lakes Music Company in the amount of \$1,000 to provide Music Therapy programming to youth
8.5 Juvenile Court: Contract with the Love of the Arts, Inc. to facilitate weekly group sessions covering Life Skills, Social Skills and Mental Wellness Topics in the annual amount of \$4,800.00
8.6 Data: License Agreement with Threatlocker, Inc. for use of security software
8.7 Data: Tri-Electronics 2024 Service Agreement on Security Cameras in the Data Center
8.8 Data: County Form 19 with Mapsys Inc. for telephone support for IBM iSeries System Administration in the amount of \$9,000 for the year 2024
8.9 Data: Dynamic Imaging System, Inc. for maintenance on PictureLink imaging software support for Sheriff
8.10 Data: Tri-Electronics 2024 service agreement for Sheriff Hirsh/Identiv access control system
8.11 Data: Tri-Electronics 2024 Maintenance Agreement for Security Equipment for the Computer Room
8.12 Circuit Court: Legal Services Agreement with Courtney C. Smith for Title IV-D for the year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 payable at the rate of \$90.00 per hour
8.13 Circuit Court: Legal Services Agreement with Courtney C. Smith for Title IV-D for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 payable at the rate of \$90.00 per hour
8.14 Circuit Court: Legal Services Agreement with Brian Smith & Gerald Fankhauser, III of Smith and Fankhauser, P.C. for Mental Health Commitment Counsel Services for the year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 payable rate of \$90.00 per hour
8.15 Circuit Court: Legal Services Agreement with Brian Smith and Gerald Fankhauser, III of Smith & Fankhauser, P.C. for Mental Health Commitment Counsel Services for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 payable at the rate of \$90.00 per hour.

Order #7 Agenda #8.16-8.32

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.16 – 8.32 Highway: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.16 – 8.32, excluding 8.28 (deleted). Motion carried 3-0.

8.16 Highway: Untreated and Treated Road Salt Contract with the State of Indiana from August 2023 through July of 2024 at \$72.93 a Ton
8.17 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 52934-912(Hager) Pole Replacement General Maintenance 45th PL W RT 41 Hanover Twp
8.18 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO53196-912 Belmont-Magoun 143rd Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.19 Highway: Utility Agreement WO53247-912 State Line-Sohl -223rd Pole Replacement – General Maintenance
8.20 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53248-912 241st- Rt US 41 Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.21 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53253-912 Cline-221st & 219th East of RT US 41 Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.22 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53306-912 141st & Reeder Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.23 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53195-912W-RT US 41 – Hanover Twp. Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.24 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 52690-912 Henry Street North of 90th PI Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.25 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO WO 53246-912 243RD-241ST Wicker PI Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.26 Highway: Service Contract with T-Mobile (T-Mobile Government) for GPS Services for 70 Vehicles at \$19.25 each in the amount of \$1,347.50 monthly

Order #7 Agenda #8.16-8.32 cont'd

8.27 Highway: Award and Contract with only bidder, Eco-Infrastructure Solution, for One 2023 or newer High-Pressure Jet Vacuum Recycler Combination Sewer Cleaning Machine in the amount of \$67,961.23
8.29 Highway: Road Cut Permit T2UES, Inc. (dba T2 Utility Engineers) Location Basins 3,7,10 to perform test holes in various locations Calumet Twp, Step
8.30 Highway: Utility NIPSCO Project WO53252-912- Woodmar & 206th Ave- 205th Ave & Austin- Colfax South of 205th Ave. (4-Poles) Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.31 Highway: Utility Project WO93250-912 Chestnut North of 221st Ave East of Chestnut (5 Poles) Pole Replacement General Maintenance
8.32 Highway: Utility NIPSCO WO53251-912 Sheffield North of RT 2 and Calumet North of RT 2 (5-Poles) Pole Replacement General Maintenance

Order #8 Agenda #8.33-8.38

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.33-8.38 E-911: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.33 – 8.38, Contracts on behalf of E911, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.33 E-911: Guardian Tracking yearly renewal from Vector Solutions in the amount of \$4,728.78
8.34 E-911: One-year Agency 360 renewal from PowerFTO in the amount of \$2,173.50
8.35 E-911: Coax Cable Repairs at the Hammond Radio Tower Site from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$21,476.92
8.36 E-911: 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement (approved by the Union & recommended for approval by Mr. Stroverski for 2024 per Attorney Fech present/spoke)(Agreement is a two-year agreement for 2024 & 2025 per an answer to question by Commissioner Tippy)
8.37 E-911: HPE Support Renewal for 2024 in the amount of \$15,859.20
8.38 E-911: Front Line Policy Tracker Software in the amount of \$6,000 for one year

Order #9 Agenda #8.39

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.39 Hobart Township Assessor: Property Lease with Ardena Pavilion, LLC for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026 at the rate of \$33,600.00 payable at the rate of \$2,800.00 per month for 2023 with 4% annual escalations.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Property Lease with Ardena Pavilion, LLC on behalf of Hobart Township Assessor for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026 at the rate of \$33,600.00 payable at the rate of \$2,800.00 per month for 2023 with 4% annual escalations. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #10 Agenda #8.40

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.40-8.48: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to delete agenda item 8.48, being a duplicate of 8.41. Motion carried 3-0.
Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.40 – 8.47, Contracts on behalf of Commissioners, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
8.40 Commissioners: Building Demolition and Removal with Actin, Inc. in the amount of \$22,650.00 for the property located at 2030 W. 48th Pl., Gary, IN 46408. Quotes were also requested from Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc. and Gary Material Supply, LLC but no response was received
8.41 Commissioners: Service Agreement with NIPSCO for Extension of Facilities to Supply Gas Service to 899 Court Street, Crown Point in the amount of \$22,038.99
8.42 Commissioners: Building demolition and removal with Actin, Inc. in the amount of \$13,170.00 for the property located at 2269 W. 48th Pl., Gary, IN 46408. Quotes were also requested from Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc. and Gary Material Supply, LLC but no response was received
8.43 Commissioners: Award and Contract with M&O Environmental Company for Westwind Health Department Offices Asbestos in the amount of \$27,900. (Northwest Indiana Environmental \$32,100; Valor Technologies, Inc. \$29,900)
8.44 Commissioners: Change Order #1 with Gariup Construction for the Elevator Upgrades at Westwind in the amount of \$13,072
8.45 Commissioners: Change Order #2 with Security Automation Systems for Electronic Security System Upgrades at Juvenile Detention Center in the amount of \$25,155.30
8.46 Commissioners: Award and Contract with Continental Electric Company, Inc. for the Video Surveillance Upgrades at the Jail in the amount of \$1,031,210.00(paid from Sheriff budget)
8.47 Commissioners: Award and Contract with Pangere Construction Co. for the Renovations to Westwind for the Health Department in the amount of \$904,844.00.(Commissioner Tippy asked if this would take place this year, Bill Burns responded, part of the response "there's a pre-construction meeting today at 1 o'clock at the Health Department in regard to that project", response is partially inaudible, Bill Burns is not speaking into a microphone)

Order #11 Agenda #8.49

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.49 Sheriff Dept./Jail: Award and Contract with, low bidder, Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for the Replacement of Water Heater #1 at the Lake County Jail in the amount of \$75,500.00. (Mechanical Concepts \$113,250).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.49, Award and Contract with Gatlin Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$75,500.00 on behalf of the Sheriff's Department/Jail, being the low bidder, for the Replacement of Water Heater #1 at the Lake County Jail. Commissioner Repay stated this is paid for by Commissioners budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #12 Agenda #8.50

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.50 Council: Joint Interlocal Agreement City of Gary, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for Renovations and Maintenance at the U.S. Steel Yard Baseball Stadium located in Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana in the amount of \$203,000.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Joint Interlocal Agreement City of Gary, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for Renovations and Maintenance at the U.S. Steel Yard Baseball Stadium located in Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana in the amount of \$203,000, on behalf of the Council. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 Agenda #8.51

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.51 Council: Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with Jeanann Georgas Ficker dated October 11, 2022 in the amount of \$100,000.

Allen made a motion to approve Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with Jeanann Georgas Ficker on behalf of the Council dated October 11, 2022 in the amount of \$100,000, Tippy seconded with a question, asking "this is not an additional hundred thousand?", Fech replied, "no", Tippy continued, "when we say an amendment, we're amending the total amount up to a hundred thousand", Fech replied, "correct", end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #14 Agenda #8.52

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.52 Plan Commission: Amendment #2 for the Professional Services Agreement dated October 16, 2019 to extend the period of performance for work on Unified Development Ordinance Rules & Procedures through January 31, 2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Amendment #2 for the Professional Services Agreement dated October 16, 2019 to extend the period of performance for work on Unified Development Ordinance Rules & Procedures through January 31, 2024 on behalf of Plan Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #9.1-9.2

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 Elections And Registration: Property Disposals on Old Battery Backups, Letter Folder, Cannon Copier, and other miscellaneous items; 9.2 Prosecutor: Request for Property Disposal.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 9.1 and 9.2, Requests for Property Disposal on behalf of Elections and Registration and Prosecutor. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #16 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 Appointment to the Lake County Library Board.

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

Order #17 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.4 Letter of Appointment to RDA.

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

Order #18 Agenda #11.1

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 Ordinance 1487A Granting the Recorder's request to use monies from the Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund to Supplement the Recorder's 2024 Budget.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 11.1 Council Ordinance 1487A Granting the Recorder's request to use monies from the Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund to Supplement the Recorder's 2024 Budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #19 Agenda #12.1-12.6

In the Matter of State Board Of Accounts Items: 12.1 – 12.5 Auditor: listed below; 12.6 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 12.1 – 12.6, State Board of Accounts Items, listed below, on behalf of Auditor and Economic Development. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 7-17-2023
12.2 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 7-31-2023
12.3 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 8-14-2023
12.4 Auditor: LC 265 8/17/23 TO 9/20/23 Hand Cuts 8/17/23 to 9/20/23; LC130 9/20/23
12.5 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 8-28-2023
12.6 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register – 8/1/23 to 9/1/23

Order #20 Agenda #13.1-13.2

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 Highway: Western Surety Company Bond for Contractor C.E. Hughes Milling, Inc. a/k/a Air Marking for Painted Pavement Markings Services to Highway County Roads and Streets; 13.2 Certificate of Insurance up-date.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 13.1 and 13.2, Western Surety Company Bond for Contractor C.E. Hughes Milling, Inc. a/k/a Air Marking for Painted Pavement Markings Services to Highway County Roads and Streets and Certificate of Insurance up-date both on behalf of Highway. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #21 Agenda #15.1 w/16.1-16.2

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 7/16/2023-8/15/2023; Other: 16.1 Treasurer Monthly Report; 16.2 Treasurer Monthly Report.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 15.1, 16.1 and 16.2 all being Monthly Reports from the Office Holders, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 7/16/2023-8/15/2023
16.1 Treasurer Monthly Report – May 2023
16.2 Treasurer Monthly Report – June 2023

Order #22 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Moving of Voting machines for General Election.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of quotes for the Moving of Voting Machines for General Election for Lake County Elections the following quotes were received:

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| 1. Bill's Movers & Storage | \$30 per micro infinity machine \$10 per precinct ADA delivery
\$10 per precinct ADA pickup \$30 per VVPAT Machines
\$200 per hour for 2men + 1 truck |
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Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above-mentioned quote under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation. 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 Fire Alarm and Mass Notification Systems at the Lake County Government Center.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Fire Alarm and Mass Notification Systems at the Lake County Government Center for Lake County Commissioners, the following bids were received:

	<u>Base</u>	<u>Voluntary Alt. Bid</u>	<u>Unit Prices</u>
		~Auto Call or Kidde~	~2hr/4hr/6hr/8hr~
1. Union Technology Group LLC	\$702,450.00	\$655,000.00	100/200/300/400
2. ATN Technology Inc.	\$749,095.00	n/a	100/200/300/400

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 #24 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, Lake County Resident, Scott Sefert, from Heather Hills subdivision of Crown Point, with public comment, stating, "On numerous walks with my wife and I, we've noticed that a lot of the trees are X'd out, in talking to Commissioner Repay, that's where they're going to be taking the trees down in the parkway along with, I do believe, sidewalks, what I'm asking is for this to be revisited because there are a lot of trees that are out there that are not breaking up the sidewalks at all and there was an article from HGTV where it states that, for people with mature trees out there, the amount goes up to 7-19% more money that can be paid out when somebody buys a house, so there are, I think, over 80 trees marked and I'm looking for that be revisited and possibly those that do not have any issues with breaking of sidewalks, to stay", end comment.

Comes now, Lake County Resident, Catherine Johnson, stating, "I realize SEABill4 passed, I wanted to go to that meeting but I was a week, I got it wrong on my calendar, are we going to get a presentation about because it was voted 3-0 and I'm sure we'd all like to hear about, like make a presentation about it, I know it's the Health Board's thing but they only meet twice a year so how are we supposed to get ahold of them and figure out information, I'm sure we all want to know about SEABill4", end comment.

Comes now, Lake County Resident, Sheila Madjecki, of Schererville, with public comment, stating, "First I'd like to thank the Commissioners for your hard work for Lake County, it is come to our attention that transparency and accountability are lacking, I can go on and on about the deficiencies, but let's talk about solutions, which are quite simple and every citizen has a right to know, we are asking for change, hold regular monthly Health Department Board Meetings, open to the public, number two, some of these Meetings should occur in the evenings so that working taxpayers can attend, all Meetings should be posted on the Government website under each Department site, all Meeting Minutes should be posted upon approval, immediately, list all Board Members and Contact information, including Government email on the website, and number six, email should be responded to, especially any emails submitted that includes studies and research regarding health of Lake County Residents, certain things have occurred that is prompting this Public Comment, there is zero data to show what Lake County health needs are and what is the best response for Residents of Lake County, although the newspaper about maternal health was nice, it didn't address any current data for statistics, feel good articles don't explain 4.7 million dollars to a Health Department with clear communication issues with constituents, we were referred to Nick Doffin, he very nicely answered some questions, however we would like to know the qualifications and the terms of service of each Board Member, if records and meetings occur regularly it should not take almost a month for a taxpayer to obtain records, currently Nice tells us that he post it at the entrance of the Department at least 48hours to the scheduled meetings, now let's be serious, what are the chances of 498thousand Lake County Residents going thru the Health Department door before that Meeting, at this point we have not been shown who has the credibility to enforce tyrannical unproven mandates, for instance some schools are already masking our children, the last booster had a seventeen percent compliance factor, let's just say we all know why and have seen the numbers worldwide, we called the Health Department's of Johnson, Marion and Porter County's and asked if they have Meetings open to the public, we were told that they do, in fact Porter County strongly encourages Public commentary and participation, the Health Department told Luke Brit, the PAC, that the Board hardly has any Meetings, this is no longer acceptable to we the people, when a bill is paid like Taxes you want to know what you are paying for, maybe enough of us were not paying attention, but that has changed, our Lake County Family will be looking forward a tremendous increase in transparency, communication and responsibility, thank you", end comment.

Comes now, Lake County Resident, Ron Segert, from Crown Point, with public comment, stating, "I've been recently attending the Board of Election Meetings and through those meetings, public commentary is being offered, requests were made for those records and transcripts to be available, the Board says we don't do that here, let me suggest to you Indiana Code 5-14-3-1 inclusive, says that a public record meets any writing paper report study map photograph book card tape recording or other material that is created received or maintained or filed by or with a Public agency, and on and on and on, they have a Court Reporter transcribing public comments, but Public Comments are not available, what are they hiding, what are they afraid of, the remedy of this is a FOIA requests', which are denied, out of hand, we don't do that here, the next step is the Office of Public Access Counselor, down at the State, let's not go there, the next level is Lawsuit, the next level is holding each Board Member accountable for maleficence, misficence, nonficence and fraud, how far do we need to go, can we ask this Board of Commissioners to instruct advise inform in writing that from this day forward and all records past, public comments and transcribed documents be available to the Public under FOIA requests, that is my request, I ask this group to so instruct advise and inform the Board of Elections to follow the Law, thank you very much", end comment.

President Repay, spoke, stating that "each one of us and everybody in the audience has heard every comment that's been made and we'll take it upon ourselves to address it in our own ways, they won't go unanswered", end comment.

No further comments heard.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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