

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 14th day of July, 2023 at about 10:00 a.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 14th day of July, 2023 at about 10:00 a.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 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: Payment approve to Northern Indiana Mechanical for fuel pump repair done in Sheriff's garage in the amount of \$16,313.70. This is Item #8.17.

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

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1-3.10: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the opening of Vendor responses to requests for bids and quotes, listed below 3.1-3.10. Motion carried 3-0.

- 3.1 One (1) New Unused 2023 or Newer Chipper BC 1800XL Dom. WinchValue PKG T4F(173HP)
- 3.2 83rd Lane Culvert Replacement Project, Heather Hills Subdivision Unit 1
- 3.3 Van Buren Street, Holiday Creek Subdivision Construction Improvements Project
- 3.4 Removal of the Existing Storm Sewer System and Installation of a New Storm Sewer System on Colfax St., South of 153rd Avenue
- 3.5 Removal of 118 Trees in Various Locations in Unincorporated Lake County
- 3.6 Asbestos Abatement for the Surveyor's Office, Planning Office and Public Highway
- 3.7 One New Unused Regenerative Air Street Sweeper with Hydraulic Drives 9.6 Cubic Yard Hopper 90" Wide Pickup Head
- 3.8 Improvements at the LC Fairgrounds Building #12
- 3.9 Video Surveillance Upgrades at the Jail for the Sheriff
- 3.10 Fire & Alarm & Mass Notification System at the Lake County Government Center

Order #3 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approval of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Minutes Regular Meeting June 21, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1 Commissioners: Approve Specifications of bids for the Renovations to Westwind for the Health Department to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, August 16, 2023 by 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office; 5.2 Highway: Request to Solicit bids for a 2023 or newer Truck Mounted Combination, High Pressure Jet-Vacuum Water Recycler Combination Sewer Cleaning Machine 1500 Gallon- 12CU YD – ejector type debris body to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, August 16, 2023 by 9:00 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 5.1 and 5.2, Specifications for bids to be advertised on behalf of Commissioners and Highway departments for the return of bids by Wednesday, August 16, 2023 by 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 5.1 Commissioners: Approve Specifications of bids for the Renovations to Westwind for the Health Department to be advertised with a return date of Wednesday, August 16, 2023 by 9:30 a.m. at the Lake County Auditor's Office;
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Order #5 Agenda #7.1

In the Matter of Public Selection Of At Least Three Vendors From Whom To Seek Quotes: Approval of Specification For Seeking Proposals, Select The Vendors, And Set The Return Date: 7.1 Highway: Solicit Proposals for Emergency Replacement Structure #840 145th Ave over Middle Branch Stoney Run to assemble and install the new 63 foot long by (9.0) diameter Corrugated Aluminum Plate pipe to Austgen Equipment, LaPorte Construction, Ellas Construction and Dyer Construction to be received by the Highway Department on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the request for vendor quotes. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #6 Agenda #8.1

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 Assessor: Aerial Imagery Services Agreement with Nearmap, Inc. in the amount of \$334,000 for 2023-2025.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Aerial Imagery Services Agreement with Nearmap, Inc. on behalf of Lake County Assessor in the amount of \$334,000 for the years 2023-2025, Attorney Fech confirmed, this is a renewal. Motion

carried 3-0. (FOR AGREEMENT SEE FILE FOLDER "AGENDA ITEMS>2023>JULY 19 2023" & Indiana Gateway online)

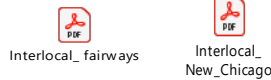


Order #7 Agenda #8.2-8.3

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.2 Commissioners: Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Fairways Regional Water District and Lake County, Indiana for public improvement costs incurred by the District in its transition to a Conservancy District and future development of public improvements located in Lake County, Indiana; 8.3 Commissioners: Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of New Chicago, Indiana in the amount of \$200,000 for New Town Hall, Additional Bays for Fire Department, and/or Squad Cars for the Police Department located in Hobart Township.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.2 and 8.3, Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement(s), listed below. Motion carried 3-0. (FOR AGREEMENTS SEE LINK BELOW & Indiana Gateway online)

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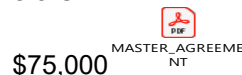
Order #8 Agenda #8.4-8.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.4-8.16 Commissioners: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.4 through 8.16, Contracts on behalf of Commissioners, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.4 Commissioners: Award and Contract with Gariup Construction for the Addition and Renovations to the Maintenance Building and Animal Control in the amount of \$693,500.00 (Pangere \$1,029,195; Hasse Construction \$710,840)

8.5 Commissioners: On Call Agreement with DLZ for Architecture and Building Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed



\$75,000

8.6 Commissioners: Contract with Gary Material for the Lake County Fairgrounds Building #22 and #23 Removal Project in the amount of \$25,000. (Pangere \$44,937)

8.7 Commissioners: Annual Service Provider Contracts for the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 with the following Companies: 1. Credent Quality Electric 2. Gariup Construction 3. Gluth Brothers Roofing Company, Inc. 4. Keough Mechanical Corp. 5. Korellis 6. Mechanical Concepts, Inc. 7. Midwestern Electric, Inc. 8. MJ Electric 9. Sneed Construction dba P&S Construction 10. Sweney Electric Company, Inc. 11. TLC Plumbing, Inc. 12. Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc. 13. Preferred Window and Door

8.8 Commissioners: Maintenance Agreement with Otis Elevator for the year 2023

8.9 Commissioners: Amended Interlocal Government Agreement between the Town of St. John, Town of Schererville and Lake County for the W. 85th Avenue Road from 2022

8.10 Commissioners: Contract with Otis Elevators for the year 2023 for the same pricing as 2022 at the annual cost of \$47,542.56 paid at \$3,961.88/month

8.11 Commissioners: Contract with Otis Elevators for the year 2024 for the same pricing as 2022 and 2023 at the annual cost of \$47,542.56 paid at \$3,961.88/month

8.12 Commissioners: Change Order for a new main control room console for Security Automation Systems in the amount of \$37,602.80

8.13 Commissioners: E.C. Babilla Inc. Change Order #1 to Flash New Portal Plus in the amount of \$887.70 at the Lake County Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building

8.14 Commissioners: E.C. Babilla Inc. Change Order #2 for masonry repairs in the amount of \$6,083.55 at the Lake County Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building

8.15 Commissioners: Request the quarterly approval of the AT&T High Volume Calling Contract

8.16 Commissioners: Award and Contract to the lowest, most responsive bidder to Pangere Corporation in the amount of \$17,776 for the Hammond Courthouse concrete restoration. Two other quotes were received from Gariup in the amount of \$28,700 and Hasse in the amount of \$6,650 but did not include the full scope of the project.

Order #9 Agenda #8.17

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: ADDITION: Commissioners: Payment approved to Northern Indiana Mechanical for fuel pump repair done in Sheriff's garage in the amount of \$16,313.70.

Allen made a motion to approve, Tippy seconded with discussion, asking, "did you say you had an explanation for all of this?", Fech responded, "I do, this was a situation where the computer was failing as well as the needed software upgrades, I've spoken to the Chief in terms of the proper procedures that should have been taken in that regard, he understands those and indicates that he'll follow those in the future, I do think that this should be declared as an emergency under the circumstances first and then the motion should be made whether or not to approve the expenditure", end discussion, approving payment to Northern Indiana Mechanical for fuel pump repair done in Sheriff's garage in the amount of \$16,313.70. Motion carried 3-0.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to declare as emergency, Tippy spoke with comment, stating, "I would just like to say, when people do work for us, whether it's been done improperly or not, I guess we're obligated to pay the bill", Fech, confirmed, "yes", end comment. Motion carried 3-0.

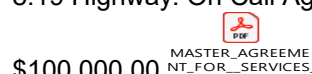
Order #10 Agenda #8.18-8.22

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: Highway: 8.18-8.22: Contracts listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.18 – 8.22, Contracts on behalf of Highway, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.18 Highway: Award and Contract with Ronson Equipment for GEIT 60" Tilting Bucket and Priority Flow Kit and installation in the amount of \$18,348.25. (NAPA \$20,259.44; J&M Equipment \$18,896.25)

8.19 Highway: On Call Agreement with DLZ for Civil & Transportation Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed



\$100,000.00

8.20 Highway: General Service Agreement with DLZ Indiana for Order to #14 Project, Clark Street Drainage Investigation which consists of Preliminary Pickup Survey, Preliminary Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis in an amount not to exceed \$5,190.00

8.21 Highway: Addendum #1 to the original agreement for the Van Buren St./Holiday Creek Subdivision road improvement project

Order #10 Agenda #8.18-8.22 cont'd

8.22 Highway: Emergency replacement of Lake County Structure #840 at 145th Avenue over Middle Branch of Stoney Run Ditch. Three proposals were received from Austgen Equipment in the amount of \$124,675, Ellas Construction in the amount of \$236,250 and Dyer Construction in the amount of \$300,193.91

Order #11 Agenda #8.23

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.23 Highway – Approve a Consultant for LC Bridge 98, Clay Street over Deep River Preliminary Engineering Service and Right of Way Services Based on INDOT scoring guidelines United Consulting scored the highest with a total of 375.6.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the selection of United Consulting as the Consultant for LC Bridge 98, Clay Street over Deep River Preliminary Engineering Service and Right of Way Services for Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #12 Agenda #8.24

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.24 Highway: Select a Consultant for Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way Services LC Bridge 143 Based on the INDOT guidelines American Structurepoint has scored the Highest at 353.8 as the highest-ranking consulting firm.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.24, selecting American Structurepoint as the Consultant for Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way Services LC Bridge 143 for Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 Agenda #8.25

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.25 Purdue Cooperative Extension: Service Agreement with Tri Electronics to replace damaged board and system controllers on Avigilon Security System and install intercoms on 2 entrance doors in the amount of \$7,410.00. (ATN Technology \$10,877.20; Preferred Door \$9,981.00).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Service Agreement with Tri Electronics to replace damaged board and system controllers on Avigilon Security System and install intercoms on 2 entrance doors in the amount of \$7,410.00(\$3,870.00 + \$3,540.00) on behalf of Purdue Cooperative Extension. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #14 Agenda #8.26

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.26 LADOS Division 2: Clinician/Grant Consultant Services contract with Denise M. Bozich from August 1, 2023 through August 1, 2024 in the amount of \$29,496.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Clinician/Grant Consultant Services contract with Denise M. Bozich from August 1, 2023 through August 1, 2024 in the amount of \$29,496.00 on behalf of LADOS Division 2. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #8.72-#8.28

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.27 Prosecutor: Contract with Thomson Reuters for Clear Proflex services in the amount of \$5,432.40 for 2023-2024; 8.28 Prosecutor/Child Support IV-D: Contract with Thomson Reuters for Clear Proflex services in the amount of \$5,432.40.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.27 and 8.28, Contract with Thomson Reuters for Clear Proflex services in the amount of \$5,432.40 for 2023-2024 on behalf of Prosecutor and ordered same to approve Contract with Thomson Reuters for Clear Proflex services in the amount of \$5,432.40 on behalf of Prosecutor/Child Support IV-D (per Fech, contract is for the same time period). Motion carried 3-0.

Order #16 Agenda #8.29-#8.33 (exc.8.30 – duplicate of 8.3)

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.29 – 8.31-8.33 Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement(s): Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.29, 8.31, 8.32 and 8.33, Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement(s), listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.29 Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Highland, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana to replace the existing 4-inch water main to 8-inch on Parkway Drive, between Lincoln Avenue and Ridge Road, adding fire hydrants and improving water quality/circulation located in North Township, Lake County, Indiana

8.31 Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Lowell, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for the Lowell State Road 2 Corridor Septic Project located in West Creek and Cedar Townships, Lake County, Indiana

8.32 Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Hammond, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for construction of the City's new Fire Station located in North Townships, Lake County, Indiana

8.33 Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Munster, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for improvement costs which will be incurred by the Town for Rehabilitation and maintenance of the Calumet Avenue Water Tank located in North Townships, Lake County, Indiana



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Order #17 Agenda #8.34

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.34 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Gregory A. Fouladi in the amount of \$25,000 effective July 19, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.34, Legal Services Contract with Gregory A. Fouladi in the amount of \$25,000 effective July 19, 2023 through December 31, 2023 on behalf of Public Defender. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #18 Agenda #9.1 - #9.2

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 Prosecutor: Request for Property Disposal: 9.2 Prosecutor/Child Support IV-D: Request for Property Disposal.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 9.1 and 9.2, Property disposal requests on behalf of Prosecutor and Prosecutor/Child Support IV-D. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #19 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 10.2 Re-Appointments to the Kankakee River Basin: Bill Emerson and Tom Larson.

Allen made a motion to appoint, Tippy seconded the motion, appointing Bill Emerson and Tom Larson to the Kankakee River Basin. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #20 Agenda #10.3-10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.3 Sign-In Sheet Pre-Bid Meeting for Asbestos Abatement Project to be made a matter of public record; 10.4 Sign-In Sheet for the Pre-Bid Meeting for the Jail Video Surveillance to be made a matter of public record.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.3 and 10.4, public record of Sign-In Sheets, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

10.3 Sign-In Sheet Pre-Bid Meeting for Asbestos Abatement Project: 1. Northwest Indiana Environmental Inc.; 2. Midwest Service Group; 3. MTO

10.4 Sign-In Sheet for the Pre-Bid Meeting for the Jail Video Surveillance: 1. Tri Electronics; 2. Continental Electric; 3. Tri-Electronics

Order #21 Agenda #11.1 – 11.6

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1- 11.6 Ordinance(s) – Council: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve Council agenda items 11.1 – 11.6, Ordinances listed below, Tippy seconded with discussion, asking, “on the Judgement Bond, where are we at right now?”, Fech gave response, stating, “we are a little over four million right now, like right around 4.1, we have until July the 31st to complete all the remaining settlements so we’re right around 4.1 right now, I don’t anticipate getting anywhere near the 5.5 as approved”, end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

11.1 Ordinance 1485A Establishing the Lake County Community Economic Development Department’s American Rescue Plan Act – Home Supplemental Allocation Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund

11.2 Ordinance 1485B Establishing the Adult Community Corrections – Indiana Department of Corrections – Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grant for an Alcohol and Drug Court Program Even-Numbered Year Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

11.3 Ordinance 1485C of Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Bonds of the County in the Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$5,500,000, for the Purpose of Funding Certain Judgements and Settlements Entered Against the County, together with Expenses in Connection with the Issuance of Bonds on Account thereof, and Appropriating the Proceeds Derived from the Sale of such Bonds for such Purpose

11.4 Ordinance 1485D Granting Petition to Vacate a Portion of a Platted Alley for Cedar Creek Township

11.5 Ordinance 1476F-5 Amending the Lake County 2023 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1476F, Establishing Ten (10) Additional Supplemental Pay Positions and Increasing Supplemental Pay for Two (2) Positions for Lake County Auditor’s Office

11.6 Ordinance 1476F-6 Amending the Lake County 2023 Salary Ordinance No. 1476F, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Clerk’s Office (1001-1001)

Order #22 Agenda #12.1-12.3

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

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

12.1 Auditor: LC 265 6/22/23 TO 7/19/23 HAND CUTS 6/22/23 TO 7/19/23 LC 130 7/19/23

12.2 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 6-16-2023

12.3 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register – For Period 6/1/2023 to 7/1/2023

Order #23 Agenda #13.1

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 Certificate of Insurance Up-date 7-19-2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 13.1 Certificate of Insurance Up-date 7-19-2023, submitted by Highway Department to be accepted and made a matter of public record for a number of Contractors. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #24 Agenda #14.1

In the Matter of Approve Vendor Qualification Affidavits And/Or Responsible Bidder Applications: 14.1 Responsible Bidder Applications for Renewal from the following businesses: Listed 1-19.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Responsible Bidder Applications for Renewal for agenda item 14.1, listed below 1-19. Motion carried 3-0.

1. Austgen Equipment
2. Berglund Construction
3. Budd Mechanical
4. Circle R Mechanical
5. Credent
6. Dyer Construction
7. E.C. Babilla, Inc.
8. Ellas Construction
9. Gary Material Supply

Order #24 Agenda #14.1 cont'd

10. Gough, Inc.
11. Grimmer
12. Johnson Controls
13. Korellis Roofing
14. Mechanical Concepts
15. NWI Environmental, Inc.
16. Ryan Construction
17. Sweeney Electric Co.
18. The Pangere Corporation
19. Ziese & Sons

Order #25 Agenda #15.1-15.2

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 5/16/2023-06/15/2023; 15.2 Weights & Measures: Annual Report 6/16/2022-6/15/2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Staff Reports 15.1 and 15.2, Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 5/16/2023-06/15/2023 and Weights & Measures: Annual Report 6/16/2022-6/15/2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #26 Agenda #16.1-16.2

In the Matter of Other: 16.1 Treasurer's Monthly Report; 16.2 Treasurer Monthly Report.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 16.1 and 16.2, Treasurer Monthly Report for Months ending March 2023 and April 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #27 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 One (1) New Unused 2023 or Newer Chipper BC 1800XL Dom. WinchValue PKG T4F(173HP).

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for One (1) New Unused 2023 or Newer Chipper BC 1800XL Dom. WinchValue PKG T4F(173HP) for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Vermeer Midwest \$110,980.00

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 #28 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 83rd Lane Culvert Replacement Project, Heather Hills Subdivision Unit 1.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 83rd Lane Culvert Replacement Project, Heather Hills Subdivision Unit 1 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Gariup Construction Co. \$627,500

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

Order #28 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.3 Van Buren Street, Holiday Creek Subdivision Construction Improvements Project.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Van Buren Street, Holiday Creek Subdivision Construction Improvements Project for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Milestone Contractors North Inc. \$811,232.00
Rieth-Riley \$827,093.06

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to award, pending review, Milestone Contractors North Inc. as the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$811,232.00 for Van Buren Street, Holiday Creek Subdivision Construction Improvements Project for Highway Department, recommendation by Highway Engineer present/spoke. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #29 Agenda #3.4

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.4 Removal of the Existing Storm Sewer System and Installation of a New Storm Sewer System on Colfax St., South of 153rd Avenue.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Removal of the Existing Storm Sewer System and Installation of a New Storm Sewer System on Colfax St., South of 153rd Avenue for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Dyer Construction Co. \$109,518.07
Grimmer Construction Inc. \$112,000.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to award, pending review, Dyer Construction Co. as the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$109,518.07 for Removal of the Existing Storm Sewer System and Installation of a New Storm Sewer System on Colfax St., South of 153rd Avenue for Highway Department, recommendation by Highway Engineer present/spoke. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #30 Agenda #3.5

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.5 Removal of 118 Trees in Various Locations in Unincorporated Lake County.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Removal of 118 Trees in Various Locations in Unincorporated Lake County for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Russell's Tree Care	\$171,900.00
Homer Tree Service	\$ 99,895.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to accept the Highway Engineer's recommendation to award to Homer Tree Service, pending review, for the Removal of 118 Trees in Various Unincorporated Lake County on behalf of Highway Department in the amount of \$171,900.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #31 Agenda #3.6

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.6 Asbestos Abatement for the Surveyor's Office, Planning Office and Public Hallway.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Asbestos Abatement for the Surveyor's Office, Planning Office and Public Hallway for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

NW Indiana Environmental	\$74,600.00
M&O Environmental Co.	\$76,450.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to accept the recommendation to award the low bidder, NW Indiana Environmental for Asbestos Abatement for the Surveyor's Office, Planning Office and Public Hallway in the amount \$74,600.00, Mr. Burns present/spoke with recommendation, Tippy spoke with question, asking, "is this primarily floor removal?, is there anything other than floor removal", Mr. Burns replied "yes" "no". Motion carried 3-0.

Order #32 Agenda #3.7

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.7 One New Unused Regenerative Air Street Sweeper with Hydraulic Drives 9.6 Cubic Yard Hopper 90" Wide Pickup Head.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for One New Unused Regenerative Air Street Sweeper with Hydraulic Drives 9.6 Cubic Yard Hopper 90" Wide Pickup Head for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

Hoosier Equipment	\$375,266.00
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Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above-mentioned bid under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation, Highway Superintendent present/spoke. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #33 Agenda #3.8

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.8 Improvements at the LC Fairgrounds Building #12.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Lake County Fairgrounds Building #12 Improvements for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

	Base	Deduct Alt.
The Pangere Corp.	\$629,585.00	\$24,700.00
Gariup Construction	\$747,500.00	\$20,000.00
Precision Builders Inc.	\$539,500.00	\$18,000.00

Comes now, President Repay, referred to Mr. Kirk of DLZ for recommendation, Mr. John Kirk present/spoke, recommended acceptance of the lowest most responsive bidder pending review, Allen made a motion based on Mr. Kirk's recommendation to approve agenda item 3.8, for Precision Builders, to award, pending review, for Improvements at the Lake County Fairgrounds Building #12 in the amount of \$539,500.00 with a deduction alternate amount \$18,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #34 Agenda #3.9

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.9 Video Surveillance Upgrades at the Jail for the Sheriff.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Video Surveillance Upgrades at the Jail for the Sheriff for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

Continental Electronic	\$1,031,210.00
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Comes now, Mr. Tom Kuhn recommended award pending review, President Repay declined recommendation having received only one bid and considering the bid amount, Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above-mentioned bid under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation pending review. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #35 Agenda #3.10

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.10 Fire Alarm & Mass Notification System at the Lake County Government Center.

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

	Base	Alt. Bid
ATN Technology	\$749,995.00	
Union Technology Group	\$669,582.57	\$609,360.22

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Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above-mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation, Mr. Tom Kuhn present/spoke recommended to take bids under advisement for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #36 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, Barbara Koteles, resident of Hobart, Indiana, to speak before the Board of Commissioners with public comment, stating, "I'm here today to make some comments about Senate Bill 4, which is now known as Senate Enrolled Act 4, it's the creation of a Public Health Commission in Indiana and in my opinion it's a glorious example of Government overreach, you Commissioners represent the people of Lake County and many people in Lake County don't know anything about this Bill yet, but it will affect them all in the sense that they will be taxed if we opt in to this Bill, what I have today is a letter from a Doctor who practices in Lake County and I'd like to read it to you" (Barbara Koteles began to read aloud letter from Lake County, Indiana Doctor, Dr. Hess, giving her assessment of what the Medical Community currently does in Lake County; Barbara Koteles began to read aloud, what she says are some comments and criticisms about Senate Bill 4 expressed by Dr. Hess) Barbara Koteles, continued comments, stating, "I did want to say that, I looked on the Lake County Health Board site and I couldn't find out what I wanted to know, someone I know in Porter County looked on the Porter County Health Board site and found out that Porter County would receive a minimum of 1.6 million dollars in 2024 and a minimum of 3.3 in 2025, but of course each County has to repay 25% of whatever they get and that money can't come from any funds that's given to them by the State for this purpose, it would have to be money that accrued through a tax, so I'm saying that Lake County, because of our population and our health rates, probably will get at least over 2 million, I couldn't find it anywhere, and I'm wondering what taxation will be levied to pay this 25%, if Lake County opts in to this, okay there's also another penalty, the penalty is, if a County does not opt in to this Bill, their current funding is the funding they will receive for the next 2 years, there will be no increase in what they are getting right now, there won't be any increase in their funding if they opt-out, for the next two years, but they'll still be required to comply with everything in this Bill, and by the way, the Bill is so vague, it's 39 pages small print, it's so vague, it's one of those Bills you have to pass it to know what's in it and I don't see any metrics in this Bill for how to determine the success of the money that's going to be spent, I would think that's kind of important, I wondered if there's any way that the people of Lake County could find out more about this Bill, say a Public Hearing or something like that, thank you"

Comes now, Katherine Johnson, to speak before the Board of Commissioners with public comment, stating, "My name is Katherine Johnson and I'm going to also talk about the SB4 Bill, I don't know a lot about it, but I will not comply, I have three kids, they'll not comply, we cannot be bought, I helped get rid of masks in Lowell, Indiana and that was horrible, we're not doing that again, I was here back in 2020 when you voted for no masks and that was great, I don't know, we will not be bought, with all this money, I will not comply and I just want to say that because we can't be bought"

Comes now, President Repay, called for anyone else present or online who wishes to speak, there were none, Elected Officials and Commissioners had no comments.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 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