

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 Rose Koliboski/Heather Rodziewicz to NWI Times and Chicago-Tribune Newspapers on the 20th day of February, 2024 at about 2:27 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 20th day of February, 2024 at about 2:27 p.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WebEx Meeting ID: 263 124 81017 Password: commissioners

Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 2.1 DELETION: Highway: Agenda Item 8.45 (duplicate of 8.34).

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

Order #2 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 – 3.6: listed below.

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

- 3.1 2024 Annual Special Provisions AE-90 for Highway Dept.
- 3.2 2024 Annual Seal Coat (Chip and Seal) for Highway Dept.
- 3.3 2024 Annual Bituminous Materials for Roadway Patching and Bridge Deck, Bridge Approach Overlays and Surface Milling Delivered and Applied for Highway Dept.
- 3.4 2024 Annual Bituminous Materials to be picked up by the Lake County Highway Dept.
- 3.5 2024 Annual for Bituminous Materials to be delivered for Highway Dept.
- 3.6 Professional Services for the Evaluation of Lake County Convention and Event Center – RFQ

Order #3 Agenda #4.1

In the Matter of Approval of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting 01-17-2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Minutes from Regular Meeting held Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #5.1-5.4

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1-5.4: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Specifications for bids for agenda items 5.1 – 5.4, to be advertised, for the return of bids by Wednesday, March 20, 2024 by 9:30am in the Lake County Auditor's Office, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 5.1 HVAC: Request to solicit bids for the Paramore Building RTU Replacements and the Central Plant Expansion Tank Replacements on the Lake County Government Center Campus
- 5.2 COMMISSIONERS: Request to solicit bids for the addition to the Lake County Government Center for the new voting machines
- 5.3 COMMISSIONERS: Request to solicit bids for the Building #12 Roof Replacement Project for the Lake County Fairgrounds
- 5.4 911: Approve Specifications for General Technology Consultant Engineer

Order #5 Agenda #6.1-6.2

In the Matter of Modification of Specifications Prior To Public Opening Of Bids, Quotes, or Other Proposals: 6.1-6.2 Highway: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 6.1 Highway: Addendum #1 Bituminous Materials Delivered and Applied 2024 Annual Bid. Revised Attachment A – Item #10 Contractor Road Preparation for Paving as follows A # 53 Compacted Aggregate 15,000 Tons More or Less and 6.2 Highway: Addendum #1 Seal Coat with Fog Seal (Chip and Seal) Annual Bid 2024 Item #4 Contractor Road Preparation for Seal Coat – 5,000 Tons more or less INDOT Spec #53 Aggregate; 5,000 Tons more or less INDOT Spec #73 Aggregate. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #6 Agenda #7.1-7.2

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 – 7.2 Highway: listed below.

Comes now, Highway Engineer, before the Board of Commissioners, requested 7.1 and 7.2 be classified at public bid due to amount of bid exceeding limit for proposals, Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to amend agenda item 7.1 and 7.2 to be public bid for Highway Department, advertise specifications for the return of bids by 9:30am on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 to Office of the Lake County Auditor, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 7.1 Highway: Request Permission to advertise. Heather Hills Subdivision Sidewalk Removal and Replacement – Bell Street, Edison Street, 84th Place and 85th Avenue. Request Bids to be returned by 9:30am Wednesday March 20, 2024
- 7.2 Highway: Permission to advertise for bids Rehabilitation Lake County Bridge 103, Arizona Street over Deep River. Request the bids returned to the Office of Lake County Auditor, 2293 N Main Street Crown Point Indiana by 9:30am Local Time March 20, 2024

Order #7 Agenda #8.1

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 Coroner: 2024 Contract with Stericycle for pickup, treatment and disposal of medical waste in the amount of \$27.08 per container with 26 scheduled stops per annum.

Order #7 Agenda #8.1 cont'd

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 2024 Contract with Stericycle for pickup, treatment and disposal of medical waste in the amount of \$27.08 per container with 26 scheduled stops per annum on behalf of Coroner. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #8 Agenda #8.2

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.2 HVAC: Chiller Preventative Maintenance Agreement for 2024 with Johnson Controls, in the amount of \$57,250.00, for the Lake County Government Complex, Gary Courthouse, Hammond Courthouse and Lake County Juvenile Complex.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Chiller Preventative Maintenance Agreement for 2024 with Johnson Controls, in the amount of \$57,250.00, for the Lake County Government Complex, Gary Courthouse, Hammond Courthouse and Lake County Juvenile Complex for HVAC Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #9 Agenda #8.3-8.6

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.3-8.6 E-911: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.3 – 8.6 on behalf of E-911, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.3 E-911: Semi-Annual Fire Suppression System Inspection performed by Phoenix Fire Systems in the amount of \$1630.
- 8.4 E-911: 2024 Generator PM and Load Testing in the amount of \$21,044 from Altorfer Power Systems
- 8.5 E-911: Test Genius Online CritiCall Annual Software License Renewal in the amount of \$4,495
- 8.6 E-911: Palo Alto 450 Licensing renewal for one year purchased directly through Sayers in the amount of \$4,655.00

Order #10 Agenda #8.7-8.10

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.7-8.10 Elections and Registration: Service Agreement(s): listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.7 – 8.10 on behalf of Elections and Registration, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.7 Elections and Registration: Service Agreement with KnowInk Innovative Election Solutions in the amount of \$60,000 for the year 2024
- 8.8 Elections and Registration: Service Agreement with Boss Reporters in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the year 2024
- 8.9 Elections and Registration: Service Agreement with Imaging Office Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$5,025.00 for the year 2024
- 8.10 Elections and Registration: Service Agreement with MicroVote in the amount of \$13,000 for the year 2024

Order #11 Agenda #8.11-8.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.11-8.19 Commissioners: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.11 – 8.16 on behalf of Commissioners, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.11 Commissioners: Service Agreement with S&P Exterminating Services for the Gary Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00 payable at the rate of \$900.00 per quarter.
- 8.12 Commissioners: Award and Contract to The Pangere Corporation in the amount of \$262,000.00 for Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices at the Lake County Government Center
- 8.13 Commissioners: Change Order #1 from NIES Engineering, Inc. for the contract for design engineering services for the sanitary sewer collection in the unincorporated areas of south and west of Crown Point City limits.
- 8.14 Commissioners: Change Order #3 in the amount of \$2,230.00 to Security Automation Systems, Inc. to provide door access control for the new entrance door hardware furnished under a separate Contract as requested.
- 8.15 Commissioners: Change Order #3 in the amount of \$5,248.00 to The Pangere Corporation for removal of an additional window A/C unit and unforeseen electrical conditions
- 8.16 Commissioners: Service Agreement with S&P Exterminating Services for the East Chicago Courthouse for the year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 payable at the rate of \$300.00 per quarter

Order #12 Agenda #8.17

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.17 Commissioners: Contract with DLZ Indiana, LLC, for architectural services for the Lake County Fairgrounds Fine Arts Capital Improvement project in the amount of \$236,700.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to defer agenda item 8.17. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 Agenda #8.18-8.19

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.18 – 8.19: Commissioners: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.18 and 8.19 on behalf of Commissioners, listed below, Tippy seconded with discussion, asking "is everything going well with Otis lately?" Repay responded, "we had or Attorney Fech had a wonderful meeting with them and I think we got everybody on track" Fech commented "we do, yes, we have a complete inventory, we have a full inventory of all the elevators and/or dumbwaiters that are involved, the Hammond dumbwaiter's being removed from the Contract and we'll receive a monthly credit for that" Tippy replied, "alright thank you", end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.18 Commissioners: Service and Maintenance Contract with Otis Elevator Company for the year 2024 in the amount of \$4,361.88/month to be paid quarterly in advance.
- 8.19 Commissioners: Service Provider Agreement with CardioTech CPR Training, LLC, for the period of March 1, 2024 to February 20, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 payable at the rate of \$12,000.00 per quarter.

Order #14 Agenda #8.20

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.20 Juvenile Court: Contract with Pulse Technology to provide pay clock services for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with Pulse Technology to provide pay clock services for the year 2024 on behalf of Juvenile Court. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #8.21

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.21 Prosecutor: Grant Agreement with the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration Division of Aging for the Prosecuting Attorney's Adult Protective Services Unit, and the Lake County Board of Commissioners for an additional \$33,807.84 for December 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.21 Grant Agreement with the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration Division of Aging for the Prosecuting Attorney's Adult Protective Services Unit, and the Lake County Board of Commissioners for an additional \$33,807.84 for December 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 on behalf of Prosecutor. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #16 Agenda #8.22 – 8.27

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.22-8.27 Assessor: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.22 – 8.27 on behalf of Assessor, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.22 Assessor: Legal Services Agreement with Kopka Pinkus and Dolin, PC in the amount of \$90,000 for the year 2024

8.23 Assessor: Legal Services Contract with Angela M. Jones, LLC, not to exceed \$50,000 annually for the year 2024

8.24 Assessor: Co-Star not to exceed \$23,944.20 Annually

8.25 Assessor: Legal Services Contract with The Law Firm of Ayn K. Engle not to exceed \$50,000 annually for the year 2024

8.26 Assessor: Renewal Amendment to the Software License Agreement with IncomeWorks in an amount not to exceed \$57,855.00 which include County and Township amounts

8.27 Assessor: Service Agreement with Suburban Cash Registers, Inc. invoiced quarterly in the amount of \$242.28 not to exceed \$969.12 annually.

Order #17 Agenda #8.28

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.28 Calumet Township: Lease Agreement with Marvels, Inc. for Lease of premises located at 501 East 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46402 from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027. Monthly rent for the year of 2024 will be in the amount of \$4,739.00. Monthly rent for the year of 2025 will be in the amount of \$5,212.00. Monthly rent for the year of 2026 will be in the amount of \$5,734.00. Monthly rent for the year 2027 will be on the amount of \$6,307.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to defer until next month agenda item 8.28. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #18 Agenda #8.29

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.29 Recorder: Kopka Pinkus Dolin PC contract renewal from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 not to exceed \$12,000.00 annually.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract renewal with Kopka Pinkus Dolin PC from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 not to exceed \$12,000.00 annually on behalf of Recorder. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #19 Agenda #8.30-8.31

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.30 Auditor: Consulting Contract with Policy Analytics, LLC, in a sum not to exceed \$127,200.00 for the year 2024; 8.31 Auditor: Contract with Sidwell for software maintenance and services for the year 2024 in the amount of \$12,670.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.30 Consulting Contract with Policy Analytics, LLC, in a sum not to exceed \$127,200.00 for the year 2024 and 8.31 Contract with Sidwell for software maintenance and services for the year 2024 in the amount of \$12,670.00 on behalf of the Auditor. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #20 Agenda #8.32

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.32 Sheriff: Attorney John R. Cantrell Consulting Contract for Legal Services for the year 2024 not to exceed \$25,000.00 payable at \$2,083.33 monthly.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Consulting Contract for Legal Services with Attorney John R. Cantrell for the year 2024 not to exceed \$25,000.00 payable at \$2,083.33 monthly on behalf of Sheriff. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #21 Agenda #8.33

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.33 Plan Commission: Contract with Attorney Joseph Irak for Legal Services in a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the year 2024.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with Attorney Joseph Irak for Legal Services in a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the year 2024 on behalf of Plan Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #22 Agenda #8.34-8.44

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.34-8.44 Highway: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.34 – 8.44 on behalf of Highway, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.34 Highway: CCMG 2023-2 Community Crossing Grant Recommendation of Award and Execution of Contract for Parrish Avenue, Fathke Road and Burr Street (award to Milestone Construction in the amount of \$2,209,578.85)

8.35 Highway: Change Order #1 Holiday Creek Improvement Project Van Buren Street Increase of \$44,609.15

8.36 Highway: Indiana Department of Transportation Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract DES# 1902819 Group 4-Bridge Program, Construction Lake County Bridge 259-45th Avenue over Hart Ditch. The Federal funds made available to the LPA by INDOT will be used to pay 80% of the eligible project Construction Cost.

8.37 Highway: Weather Services, Crown Point and Lowell Facilities Calendar Year 2024 Total \$8,631.00 for 2024

8.38 Highway: Recommendation of Award for sole bid to Vegetation Management Annual Proposal for Calendar year 2024 in the amount of 16,550.00 (award to Daltons Vegetation Control)

8.39 Highway: Utility Agreement, MCI metro Access Transmission Services DBA Verizon Transmission Services with Ledcor Technical Services (LTS Managed Technical Services) Ross Road West 49th Project # 1709APA.006-PE-Highway-16342-1

Order #22 Agenda #8.34-8.44 cont'd

- 8.40 Highway: Utility Agreement NIPSCO Center Twp. Clark Road 101st Avenue South and 105th Avenue East to Limits. Installation of NIPSCO Utility Poles and Equipment. NIPSCO Project Liberty Park Ckt. 12-252
- 8.41 Highway: Administrative Settlement Counter Offer Parcel 71, Calumet Township Sewer Project. Original Offer \$650.00 asking additional \$4,350.00, for internal and external legal costs associated with the review of execution of easement. Total Amount with Counter Offer \$5,000.00.
- 8.42 Highway: Administrative Settlement Counter Offer Parcel 141, Calumet Township Sewer Project. Original Offer \$2,600.00 asking additional \$250.00. Total Amount with Counter Offer \$2,850.00
- 8.43 Highway: Administrative Settlement Parcel 142 Calumet Township Sewer Project Original offer \$20,500.00 Easement 0.637 Acres Vacant Lot. Property Owner Request additional compensation of \$5,200.00 for the valuation established in the higher of County's two appraisals prepare for this parcel. Total amount of the Counter Offer is \$25,700.00.
- 8.44 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Up-Date February 21, 2024

Order #23 Agenda #8.46

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.46 Highway: Road Cut Permit MCImetro Access Transmission Services DBA Verizon Transmission Services with Ledorcor Technical Services LTS Managed Services Ross Road W 49th Avenue to be directionally bored.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.46 Road Cut Permit MCImetro Access Transmission Services DBA Verizon Transmission Services with Ledorcor Technical Services LTS Managed Services Ross Road W 49th Avenue to be directionally bored on behalf of Highway. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD CUT PERMIT

PERMISSION TO WORK IN HIGHWAY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

DATE: 1/19/2024

Applicant:

Ledorcor Technical Services
723 N Oaklawn Ave
Elmhurst, IL

Upon filing a Bond or a Certificate of Insurance acceptable and approved by the Board of County Commissioners for the amount of \$1,000,000.00 furnished by MCImetro Access Transmission Services on behalf of the applicant.

Permission is hereby granted to Ledorcor Technical Services

in accordance with the plans submitted and specifications outlined below.

CONSTRUCTED TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

TO BE DIRECTIONALLY BORED 2-6-2024

- 1 Paved surface to be cut on a smooth edge. Cut is to be 12" wider than the proposed trench so as to hold 6" shoulder on both sides of the trench.
- 2 After trench has been cut and tile firmly bedded, the entire trench to be filled with Indiana #53 aggregate or equivalent.
- 3 10" of compacted aggregate to be placed 12" wider than paved surface on both sides. Aggregate to be in accordance with the most recent State Highway Specifications.
- 4 6" of bituminous material laid and rolled so as to give a smooth continuous surface. Bituminous material to be in accordance with the most recent Indiana State Highway Specifications.
- 5 All safety-precautionary measures to be used in accordance with standard practice during construction period.

TO BE DIRECTIONALLY BORED 2-6-2024

Applicant shall in no case have the road closed for more than an (8) hour period. Contractor is to notify the Lake County Highway Engineer or his appointed representative 24 hours in advance of the cutting of the road. Also, notification is to be given to all emergency services (police, fire, ambulances and schools etc.) 24 hours in advance. While project is going on, flagman, barricades and flashers to be maintained so as to keep the traveling public safe and free from harm. The completion of the project must meet the approval of the Lake County Highway Engineer.

Recommended by:



Lake County Highway Department

Approved by:

<i>Michael Repay</i>	02/21/2024
<i>[Signature]</i>	02/21/2024

Lake County Board of Commissioners

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Peggy Katona, Auditor
02/21/2024

Order #24 Agenda #8.47-8.49

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.47 – 8.49 Criminal Court: Contracts: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.47, 8.48, 8.49 for Criminal Courts, contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 8.47 Criminal Court: Contract with Technical Resource Management, LLC d/b/a Cordant Health Solutions for drug testing to be performed by the Criminal Probation Department for the period of January 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, to be paid monthly.
- 8.48 Criminal Court: Contract with WORD SYSTEMS, INC. for Maintenance of recording equipment located in the FOUR (4) CRIMINAL COURTS. The total annual amount is \$6,429.00 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$1,607.24 each.
- 8.49 Criminal Courts: Contract with Waddel, Inc. d/b/a Puritan Springs Water. This service will be for water to be delivered for jurors in the four (4) criminal courts and Magistrates courtroom.

Order #25 Agenda #8.50-8.52

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.50-8.52 Fairgrounds: Requests: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.50, 8.51, 8.52 on behalf of Fairgrounds, contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.50 Fairgrounds: Purchase request for a 27" Stand On Autoscrubber from Able Paper & Janitorial Supply in the amount of \$11,000 (Global Industrial \$13,252.15; Pulse Technology \$13,641.45)

8.51 Fairgrounds: The Lake County Fairgrounds is requesting approval to purchase a Primary Seeder attachment for the Ventrac Mower from Burris Equipment (\$7,470.00). Other quotes received, RPM Machinery (\$7,472.48) Alta Equipment (\$7,550.00).

8.52 Fairgrounds: The Lake County Fairgrounds is requesting approval to purchase a Turbine Blower attachment for the Ventrac Mower from Burris Equipment (\$6,650.00). Other quotes received, RPM Machinery (\$6,653.80) Alta Equipment (\$6,900.00).

Order #26 Agenda #8.53

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.53 Council: Amendment #1 to Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement between Lake County Council and Lake County Board of Commissioners and Cedar Creek Township, Center Township, Eagle Creek Township, Hanover Township, Hobart Township, St. John Township, West Creek Township and Winfield Township concerning Distribution of the Public Safety County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.53 on behalf of Council, Amendment #1 to Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement between Lake County Council and Lake County Board of Commissioners and Cedar Creek Township, Center Township, Eagle Creek Township, Hanover Township, Hobart Township, St. John Township, West Creek Township and Winfield Township concerning Distribution of the Public Safety County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT). Motion carried 3-0.



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Order #27 Agenda #9.1

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 Prosecutor: Request for Property Disposal.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve request for property disposal on behalf of Prosecutor, IT equipment and furniture. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #28 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 Rescind Item 8.84, 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 from the January 17, 2024 meeting.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.1 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 from the January 17, 2024 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #29 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.2 Fairgrounds: Amended Lease which reflects the increase for the security guards on page 4 paragraph two. The increase is from \$25 per hour to \$35 per hour.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.2 on behalf of Fairgrounds, Amended Lease which reflects the increase for the security guards on page 4 paragraph two. The increase is from \$25 per hour to \$35 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #30 Agenda #10.3-10.10

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.3 – 10.10 Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 10.3 - 10.10 Action on Commissioners' Items, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

10.3 Cancellation of Meeting Notice and Rescheduled Meeting Notice from February 14, 2024 to February 21, 2024

10.4 Correction to Amended BOC Resolution Establishing Regular Meeting Dates for the year 2024. Paragraph above dates showing 2023. Corrected to 2024 as well as having meeting by Zoom/Webex and in person.

10.5 Commissioners: Updated Lake County Government Insurance Enrollment Form.

10.6 Appointment: Chris Salatas to the Lowell Economic Development Committee

10.7 Commissioners: Contribution to the Lake County Fair in the amount of \$8,000.00 to help cover the premiums for the children's exhibits in the 4-H Department.

10.8 Resolution to donate 1003 Chase Street, Gary, Indiana to a nonprofit and Legal Notice on a Public Hearing on the transfer of Commissioners' owned property to an exempt nonprofit.

10.9 Legal Notice of a Public Hearing on the Transfer of Commissioner Owned Property to Exempt Nonprofit Organizations to be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

10.10 Economic Development: Approval of wire transfer to the Bureau of Fiscal Services in the amount of \$154,945.27

Order #31 Agenda #11.1-11.8

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 – 11.8 Ordinance(s): listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 11.1 – 11.8 on behalf of Council, Ordinance(s) listed below, adopted by the Council on the 13th day of February, 2024, Motion carried 3-0.

11.1 Ordinance 1492A establishing the Lake County Coroner's Motherhood and Infant Health Initiative Program Grant/SUID/SDY Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

11.2 Ordinance 1492B Establishing the Lake County Sheriff's 2023 Project SAFE Neighborhoods Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

11.3 Ordinance 1492C Establishing the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration's Federal 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant Fund. A Non-Reverting Fund

11.4 Ordinance 1492D Establishing the Lake County Prosecutor's Office Gun Safety Education and Gun Safety Locks Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

Order #31 Agenda #11.1-11.8 cont'd

11.5 Ordinance 1492E of the Lake County Council authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the county and, if necessary, bond anticipation notes, for the purpose of providing funds to be applied to the cost of construction of additions and improvements to the sewage works system of Lake County, Indiana, together with all related improvements, equipment and incidental expenses in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of bonds therefore

11.6 Ordinance 1492F of the Lake County Council establishing a schedule of rates and charges to be collected by Lake County from the owners of property served by the sewage works of said county and other matters connected therewith

11.7 Ordinance 1488N-2 Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Establishing Salary and Wage Increases and Eliminating an Entry Level Med/Legal Death Investigator Position in the Lake County Coroner's Office (1007).

11.8 Ordinance 1488N-3 Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Creating Twenty-Three (23) New Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306) (Retroactive 1/1/2024)

Order #32 Agenda #12.1-12.5

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 12.1- 12.4 Auditor: listed below; 12.5 Economic Development: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve State Board of Accounts Items for Accounts Payable Vouchers, Handcuts and Accounts Payable Voucher, 12.1 – 12.5, on behalf of the Auditor and Economic Development. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll Pay Date 1/2/2024

12.2 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll Pay Date 1/12/2024

12.3 Auditor: LC 265 01/18/24 TO 2/21/24 HAND CUTS 01/18/24 TO 2/21/24 LC 130 2/21/24

12.4 Auditor: Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll- Pay Date 1/29/2024

12.5 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register – February 2024

Order #33 Agenda #15.1 Agenda #16.1

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 12/16/2023 – 1/15/2024; 16.1 Treasure's Monthly Report – ending December 31, 2023.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 15.1 and 16.1, Monthly Reports, Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 12/16/2023 – 1/15/2024 and Treasure's Monthly Report – ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #34 Agenda #16.2-16.4

In the Matter of Other/Matters of Public Record: 16.2 Treasurer: listed below; 16.3-16.4 Sheriff: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 16.2, 16.3, 16.4 a make a matter of public record agenda items on behalf of Treasurer and Sheriff, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

16.2 Treasurer: Request for Property Disposal

16.3 Sheriff: Lake County Jail Advanced Practice Nurse Contract Lynda Nathan, MHNP Consultant not to exceed \$149,903.21 annually.

16.4 Sheriff: Metropolitan Industries, Inc. Wireless Monitoring Services Agreement Lake County Jail.

Order #35 Agenda #3.1-3.5

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids and Quotes: 3.1-3.5 2024 Annual Bids: Highway Department: listed below.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.1 Special Provisions AE-90 for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

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| 1. Reith-Riley Construction Co. Inc. | \$42,750.00 |
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This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.2 Seal Coat (Chip and Seal) for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

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| 1. Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc. | \$2,671,250.00 |
| 2. Milestone Contractors North, Inc. | \$2,376,350.00 |

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.3 Bituminous Materials for Roadway Patching and Bridge and Deck, Bridge approach overlays and surface milling, delivered and applied for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

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| 1. Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc. | \$652,000.00 |
| 2. Milestone Contractors North, Inc. | \$450,000.00 |

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.4 Bituminous picked-up for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

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| 1. Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc. | \$38,200.00 |
| 2. Milestone Contractors North, Inc. | \$34,800.00 |

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.5 Bituminous Materials delivered for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

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| 1. Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc. | \$6,913,150.00 |
| 2. Milestone Contractors North, Inc. | \$6,696,400.00 |

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 #36 Agenda #3.6

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids and Quotes: 3.6 RFQ: Professional Services for the Evaluation of Lake County Convention and Event Center.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of quotes for Professional Services for the Evaluation of Lake County Convention and Event Center for Commissioners, the following quote was submitted:

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| 1. J. S. Held 429 N Pennsylvania Street, Suite 304 Indianapolis, IN 46204 | \$400,000.00/not to exceed |
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Order #36 Agenda #3.6 cont'd

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 #37 Agenda #17.1

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

Comes now, President Repay, opened the meeting for public comment, present to speak for public comment, Barbara Koteles from Hobart, stating, "The other day I saw the list of Boards that you, that the Commission appoints to and it was astounding so thank you for what you do every day, I'd like to get some answers regarding appointments to the Health Board, as you know some Lake County Citizens want to be included on this Health Board and they are qualified for these positions, yet you aren't considering them, why, are you still appointing friends and friends of friends and acquaintances and referrals from current Board Members, it's almost impossible to get information about the Health Board since so much is hidden and not revealed upon request, as you know I have filed almost half a dozen records request through the Commission and only one request was ever answered, does the Commission require a subpoena, why such disrespect for the Law and your constituents, from what I was able to find out through an internet search and from limited information I got awhile ago from Nick Doffin, it appears that two board members had terms that expired at the end of 2023 and you know what when I went to the first meeting of 2024 there they were, at the first, I saw nothing in the meeting agendas from the Commissioners reappointing these members, new Board members are supposed to be appointed at the first meeting of the year which was February 7th, no appointments were made during this meeting that I know of yet a new persons name popped up on the Board member list, what are her qualifications, there's no information on the internet about her or Nick Doffin for that matter and very little information about the other Board members except for Public Health Officer Chandana Vavilala who has a private practice, apparently the Lake County Health Board has it's own set of rules, which aren't allowed to be questioned, how many years have the current Health Board members served on the Board, no one at the Health Board has answered that question yet, they say to ask you, Indiana code 16.22.4 deals with the political composition of the Board, the Board should have seven members not more than four of whom may be from the same political party, this really does need to be checked, I would not be surprised if nearly all of the people on the Board are from the same political party, save one, one Board member actually put down his political affiliation as Independent, that is not a political party, Indiana code 16.25 describes the qualification of the seven Board Members, they can include a registered pharmacist, a dentist, a school superintendent, an environmental scientist, a professional engineer and a veterinarian, is there currently anyone on the Board in these professions, is anybody working on this, is the Commission trying to follow the Law, these appointments should be done in a timely manner and instead it seems that they are ignored, I'm asking you again to please start posting Health Board member vacancies on your website so that some Lake County taxpayers who provided this windfall of five million dollars and who are qualified can have some say so about the Health Department policies and how that money is being directed, thank you.

Comes now, present to speak for public comment, Gerry Scheub from Crown Point, stating, "I was talking to our Northwest Indiana US Attorney couple weeks ago and we discussed thee LED Lights & Fixtures and he had an interesting statement where he said there's good government and there's good contracts, there's bad government and there's bad Contracts, this definitely was a very very bad contract, I don't know if you've had the chance to look at my letter from June 14th, if you have any comments on it, well one suggestion is, let me stay home and pay Production Distribution four hundred and thirty five thousand dollars, which they were entitled to on this Contract and fraud, bid rigging and collusion kept them from getting in on this Contract, lights ended up coming from China while Trump was fighting embargos, yet we were given, Commissioners were given a Contract for Lights from China, so only thing I'm saying is, I want to stay home, but I want Production Distribution paid for what was rightfully theirs, I'm not asking anything for Sweney or Midwest Electric because I still think one of those two should've got the Contract and it shouldn't've gone any further and I wouldn't be here today if it was done right from the start, so any time you want to talk to me I'm available but I will be back every month and I'll probably run and an independent and I will be on WJOB every month and there's more to come, there's a lot more involved in this that nobody knows about and I will be bringing it out, so if I were you gentlemen, I'd get this off the table and let's go on with life because what you did, your Attorney did a great job, Raggs, in trying to exonerate you from any responsibility but the total responsibility in this Contract lies with you three up here, you initiated it, you finalized it and you have to answer for it and until you do, I'm going to be here, so let's get it right and let's pay Production Distribution what's due to them, because you already cost the County over a million dollars and that was less than you would've paying Midwest Electric in the first place, so I started investigating this when people asked me to, back in 2020, you filed a lawsuit against LTN in 2022, I've been with the Prosecutor, the FBI, the NWI Indiana Attorney for two and a half years, for some reason and the press seems to be scared to put this in the paper, but I will be here and if you write a check for them, you won't see me again and you won't see me on the ballot, thank you.

No further comments heard.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

The next Board of Commissioners Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 11:30 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