

The Board met in due form with the following members present: Michael Repay and Jerry Tippy They passed the following orders, to wit:

The Pledge was given followed by a Moment of Silence. Roll Call – 2 present 1 absent.

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 14th day of July, 2026 at about 3:32 p.m.

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Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: Listed below.

- Tippy made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Repay seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
- 2.1 ADDITION (3.5) Public Opening of Vendor Responses – Commissioners: Access Control Upgrades at the Westwind Building
 - 2.2 ADDITON (4.2) Commissioner: Specificaitons for Bids: Jail Kitchen Flooring
 - 2.3 ADDITON (4.3) Commissioner: Specificaitons for Bids: Subgrade Drainage at the Juvenile Center

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 – 3.5 Listed below.

- Tippy made a motion to open bids in 3.1 – 3.5, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
- 3.1 Renovations for the new Hobart Township Assessor’s Office
 - 3.2 New Shelter for the Purdue Extension
 - 3.3 New Jail Video Upgrades-Phase 1
 - 3.4 Clark Street Culvert Replacement and Roadway Improvement Project* (4.1)
 - 3.5 Access Control Upgrades at the Westwind Building

Order #3 Agenda #(inaudible)

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: Regular Meeting June 17, 2026.

Tippy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes, Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 17, 2026, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #4 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 4.1 – 4.3 Listed below.

- Tippy made a motion to approve agenda items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 and approve advertising, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
- *4.1 Highway: Approve Specification to be advertised for Clark Street Culvert Replacement and Roadway Improvement. Bids to be submitted on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 by 9:30a.m. in the Auditor’s Office.
 - 4.2 Commissioner: Specificaitons for Bids: Jail Kitchen Flooring quotes due Wednesday, August 19, 2026 by 9:30a.m. in the Auditor’s Office (Request for Public Quote Per Architect)
 - 4.3 Commissioner: Specificaitons for Bids: Subgrade Drainage at the Juvenile Center quotes due Wednesday, August 19, 2026 by 9:30a.m. in the Auditor’s Office (Request for Public Quote Per Architect)

Order #5 Agenda #5.1 - #5.4

In the Matter of Modification Of Specifications Prior To Public Opening Of Bids, Quotes, Or Other Proposals: 5.1 – 5.4 Addendum(s): Listed below.

- Tippy made a motion 5.1 – 5.4, Modification of Specifications, Addendum(s) as listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
- 5.1 Commissioners: Addendum #1 for the Renovations for the New Hobart Assessor’s Office Project on June 25, 2026
 - 5.2 Commissioners: Addendum #1 for the New Jail Video Upgrades Project-Phase 1 on June 25, 2026
 - 5.3 Commissioners: Addendum #1 for the New Shelter for the Purdue Extension on June 30, 2026
 - 5.4 Commissioners: Addendum #1 for the Lake County Fairgrounds 4H Building Roof Replacement Project

Order #6 Agenda #6.1-6.2

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: 6.1 – 6.2 Commissioners: Listed below.

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- 6.1 Commissioners: Approve Specifications for proposals to be solicited to Gariup, Grimmer Construction, Hasse, Pangere and Powers & Sons for the Flooring Upgrades Project at the Jail Kitchen. Quotes to be submitted on August 19, 2026 by 9:30 a.m. in the Auditor’s Office
 - 6.2 Commissioners: Approve Specifications for Proposals to be solicited to Gariup, Grimmer Construction, Hasse, Pangere, and Powers & Sons for the Subgrade Drainage Project in the Basement of the Juvenile Detention Center. Proposals to be submitted on August 19, 2026 by 9:30 a.m. in the Auditor’s Office

Order #7 Agenda #7.1

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.1 Auditor: Approval of Nyhart Service Agreement, from December 31, 2025 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$14,500.00.

Tippy made a motion to defer, Repay seconded. Motion to defer carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #8 Agenda #7.2

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.2 Fairgrounds: Request to purchase new Foundation for Lake Francher in the amount of \$11,100.50 from Aquatic Control. (Other quotes received – Lake & Pond Biologists \$11,105.90 & South County Landscaping \$14,525.00).

Tippy made a motion to approve the purchase from Aquatic Control, on behalf of Fairgrounds, lowest of three quotes, in the amount of \$11,100.50 for new Foundation for Lake Francher, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #9 Agenda #7.3

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.3 Juvenile Court: Approval of Contract for the GPS Monitoring by Satellite Tracking of People, LLC, from August 20, 2026 through August 20, 2027, with pricing schedule attached.

Tippy made a motion to approve, 7.3 on behalf of Juvenile Court, Contract for the GPS Monitoring by Satellite Tracking of People, LLC, from August 20, 2026 through August 20, 2027, with pricing schedule attached, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent

Order #10 Agenda #7.4

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.4 Recorder: Addendum approval with Fidlar Technologies, Inc. Historical Indexing Services not to exceed \$140,000.00. Contract beginning 2026 and ending January 2027.

Tippy made a motion to approve, 7.4 on behalf of Recorder, Service Agreement Addendum with Fidlar Technologies, Inc. Historical Indexing Services amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, Contract beginning 2026 and ending January 2027, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent

Order #11 Agenda #7.5-7.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.5 – 7.16 Highway: Contracts/Agreements: Listed below.

Tippy made a motion, in omnibus form, to approve agenda items 7.5 – 7.16, on behalf of Highway, Contract(s)/Agreement(s) as listed below, Repay seconded, President Repay deferred to Highway Engineer for overview of agenda item 7.13, Mr. Alverson explained they're asking the Commissioners to accept the Contract for Milestone Construction that they submitted earlier this year through the annual bid process, accept those unit prices for paving in the Fairgrounds only, Rieth-Riley has our annual bid that was awarded previously but when it came to paving in the Fairgrounds, they raised their unit prices, because they couldn't get the production and after review they raised their unit prices above and beyond what Milestone originally bid, Milestone has been contacted and they will hold their unit prices for paving in the Fairgrounds, asking Board members to accept their unit prices that they submitted earlier this year for paving in the Fairgrounds only, end overview, brief discussion among Engineer Board Members and Attorney Fech. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent

7.5 Highway: Replacement of Lake County Bridge #924, 165th Avenue over West Creek Tributary. Design Engineering with USI Consultants Inc. at an amount not to exceed \$319,500.00

7.6 Highway: Road Cut Agreement; Enviroforensics; Location: Southern County Easement of West Ridge Road and Cleveland Street; Request to conduct remedial amendment injections in the county easement at the intersection of West Ridge Road and Cleveland Street in Gary, Indiana

7.7 Highway: Utility Enviroforensics; Location: Southern County Easement of West Ridge Road and Cleveland Street; Request to conduct remedial injections

7.8 Highway: Joint Local Agreement for the Purpose of Construction Services for the Replacement of Lake County Bridge # 43-00143 Kennedy Avenue over the Little Calumet River. This Agreement is between The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and the Lake County Board of Commissioners. With the conditions as stated in the Joint Local Agreement with estimated cost of (\$15,253,171.06). Lake County shall commit to the sum of (\$4,500,000.00) shall be payable to LCRBCD in ten (10) payments on a yearly basis starting December 1, 2026.

7.9 Highway: Change Order #6 to Calumet Township STEP Construction Project 1-Package A with an increase of \$845,661.66 for a new contract sum of \$43,717,740.30,

7.10 Highway: Change Order #5 for Lake County Bridge #259, 45th Ave. over Hart Ditch Total Change Decrease \$-56,238.04 New Contract Amount \$2,990,753.18

7.11 Highway: On-Call Engineering Service For Bridge Inspection 2026-2029 as needed in an amount not to exceed 100,000 with American Structurepoint.

7.12 Highway: First Amendment to the Wastewater Treatment Agreement between the Gary Sanitary District and Lake County Board Commissioners

7.13 Highway: Contract with Milestone Construction for the 2026 paving within the Lake County Fairgrounds(only)

7.14 Highway: Change Order #1 Heather Hills Tree Installation Emergency Services Staking 10 Trees to Prevent Storm Damage not to exceed \$500.00

7.15 Highway: Change Order #3 Work Directive 4 Calumet STEP Construction Project 1 Package B Increase amount not to exceed \$27,144.70

7.16 Highway: Final Contract Inspection Lake County Bridge 259, 45th Avenue over Hart Ditch

Order #12 Agenda #7.17 - #7.30

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.17 – 7.30 Health Dept.: Contracts: Listed below.

Tippy made a motion 7.17 – 7.30, renewals of Healthy Indiana Contracts, on behalf of Health Department as listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

7.17 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Community Advocates of Northwest Indiana LUV Moms in the amount of \$20,387.89

7.18 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Community Advocates of Northwest Indiana Stronger Together Program in the amount \$0

7.19 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Love of Arts in the amount of \$72,000.00

7.20 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Gatehouse Recovery The Sober Life, Healthy Life Program in the amount of \$25,000.00

7.21 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Gatehouse Recovery Autos for Access in the amount of \$25,000.00

7.22 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Gatehouse Recovery: Non-, Pre-, current, post program in the amount of \$25,000.00

7.23 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Gatehouse Recovery The Sober Living for Women Program in the amount of \$25,000.00

7.24 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with School City of Hobart Brickies Healthy Hobart in the amount of \$24,354.68

7.25 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Hope Alliance in the amount of \$100,000.00

7.26 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with Prenatal Well Early Connect in the amount of \$0 dollars

7.27 Health Dept.: Contract renewal with St Jude House in the amount of \$0

Order #12 Agenda #7.17 - #7.30 cont'd

7.28 **Health Dept.:** Contract renewal with SAFE HR Coalition A Better Way in the amount of \$17,000.00
7.29 **Health Dept.:** Contract renewal with Methodist Hospital Inc. Maternal and Infant Care in the amount of \$26,750.00
7.30 **Health Dept.:** Contract renewal with Methodist Hospital STAR Program in the amount of \$0

Order #13 Agenda #7.31

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.31 Data: AT&T Switched Ethernet.

Tippy made a motion to defer, Repay seconded. Motion to defer carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #14 Agenda #7.32

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.32 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract for the Year 2026 with Kasey Dafoe in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Tippy made a motion to approve Legal Services Contract for the Year 2026 with Kasey Dafoe in the amount of \$40,000.00 on behalf of Public Defender, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #15 Agenda #7.33

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.33 Sheriff: Approval to repair Drug Task Force Office Facilities in the amount of \$10,188.00. In an effort to obtain competitive pricing, the Department solicited proposals from three firms: Sneed Construction, Pangere Corporation and Gatlin Construction. Only Sneed Construction d/b/a P&S Construction submitted a proposal.

Tippy made a motion to approve acceptance of the sole proposal received from Sneed Construction d/b/a P&S Construction in the amount of \$10,800.00 for repair at Drug Task Force Office Facilities on behalf of the Sheriff, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #16 Agenda #7.34

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.34 Sheriff: Approval to pay Garmin North America Database Invoice in the amount of \$3,220.85 out of Dues and Subscriptions. The Database is a critical resource in supporting the Sheriff's Aviation Unit's mission to provide rapid aerial support, search and rescue assistance, emergency response, and public safety services throughout Lake County.

Tippy made a motion to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$3,220.85 to Garmin North America Database, out of Dues and Subscriptions, on behalf of the Sheriff, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #17 Agenda #7.35

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.35 Sheriff: Requesting approval of Architectural Services Agreement with FGM Architects, Inc. for professional architectural and engineering services associated with the renovation of the Lake County Sheriff Indoor Firing Range. This agreement was previously approved by the Board during its June 2026 meeting; however, the contract itself must also be approved and executed before work may proceed. The agreement establishes a total architectural fee of \$151,500.00.

Tippy made a motion to approve Architectural Services Agreement with FGM Architects, Inc. for professional architectural and engineering services associated with the renovation of the Lake County Sheriff Indoor Firing Range, on behalf of Sheriff, in the amount of \$151,500.00, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #18 Agenda #7.36

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.36 Sheriff: Requests approval to trade in the County-Owned firearms and related equipment identified in the attached trade-in quotation and memorandum. The approved trade-in will generate a credit of \$76,625.00, which will be applied toward the purchase of replacement duty weapons and associated equipment for the Department.

Tippy made a motion to approve the credit, on behalf of the Sheriff, agenda item 7.36 request for approval to trade in the County-Owned firearms and related equipment identified in the attached trade-in quotation and memorandum, the approved trade-in will generate a credit of \$76,625.00, which will be applied toward the purchase of replacement duty weapons and associated equipment for the Department, Repay seconded. Letter of Request dated June 24, 2026 relates: Motorola M500 Body-Worn Camera System w/V700 Body Worn Camera and Command Central Evidence. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #19 Agenda #7.37 - #7.38

In the Matter Of Action To Form Contracts: 7.37 Sheriff: Approval to Renew Motorola's M500 In-Car System with V700 Body Worn Camera and Command Central Evidence subscription. This subscription provides Enhanced Evidence Collection, Improved Officer Safety and Accountability, Increased Transparency and Public Trust, Operational Efficiency, with Training and Performance Improvement. The total cost is a one-time fee of \$191,223.00; 7.38 Sheriff: Approval to Renew 20 of Motorola's M500 In-Car system with V700 Body Worn Camera and Command Central Evidence subscription. This subscription provides Enhanced Evidence Collection, Improved Officer Safety and Accountability, Increased Transparency and Public Trust, Operational Efficiency, with Training and Performance Improvement. The Total cost is a one-time fee of \$39,600.00.

Comes now, President Repay, spoke in discussion with Chief Balbo, Brian Marsh, asked “how many units do we have and is this both car and body worn” “are these existing systems or are we putting in new”, Chief Balbo replied “initially when we went and issued body cameras and car cameras they were our Patrol Division, we’ve expanded that to other units to interact on a routine basis with the Public to include our Traffic Unit, to include our Civil Division through our High Crimes Units, so all of our Officers they were purchased at different times, as you pointed out in the next item, the twenty additional cameras to ensure that we could issue all of our Officers that interact directly with the Public with body worn cameras”, Repay continued asked “so the initial purchase was Motorola M500 system” Balbo, replied “yes, Brian Marsh spoke “yes, it’s an existing Contract with them”, Repay asked “for almost two hundred thousand a year to Motorola to do this” Marsh replied “yes”, Repay asked “and when did we start that Contract with Motorola”, Marsh replied “approximately four years ago”, Tippy spoke stated “it says a one time fee, if that’s for one year” Marsh replied “yes, sir” Tippy asked “what are the effective dates, starting”...brief chatter...Repay commented “I think the verbiage one-time fee is incorrect, it’s not really a one-time fee, it’s a subscription” Marsh replied “correct, it’s a yearly fee”

Order #19 Agenda #7.37 - #7.38 cont'd

Repay continued “and it's going to be, let's say in 2027, it could be double” Marsh “I'd have to see what our existing Contract is, how many years it was” Repay spoke “but the thirty thousand is an addition to the one ninety one” Marsh “correct” Repay continued “because we're going to add twenty more units” Marsh “we've actually already added those twenty, a year or two ago and this is that Contract for those twenty, two separate Contracts” Balbo “because we purchased them at different times” Repay replied “okay, got it”, end discussion, Tippy made a motion to approve 7.37 and 7.38, on behalf of the Sheriff, listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

7.37 **Sheriff:** Approval to Renew Motorola’s M500 In-Car System with V700 Body Worn Camera and Command Central Evidence subscription. This subscription provides Enhanced Evidence Collection, Improved Officer Safety and Accountability, Increased Transparency and Public Trust, Operational Efficiency, with Training and Performance Improvement. The total cost is a one-time fee of \$191,223.00;

7.38 **Sheriff:** Approval to Renew 20 of Motorola’s M500 In-Car system with V700 Body Worn Camera and Command Central Evidence subscription. This subscription provides Enhanced Evidence Collection, Improved Officer Safety and Accountability, Increased Transparency and Public Trust, Operational Efficiency, with Training and Performance Improvement. The Total cost is a one-time fee of \$39,600.00.

Order #20 Agenda #7.39 - #7.40

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.39 Sheriff: Approval to renew Electronic Strategies, Inc. (ESI) Veeam Subscription. This subscription provides benefits of Reliable Data Backup, Disaster Recovery Capabilities, Data Security and Integrity, Software Updates, Enhancements and Technical Support for a total cost of \$14,608.82; 7.40 Sheriff: Approval to Renew Active911’s Active Comms Subscription. Active Comms supports the Lake County Drive and Swat Team by Enhanced Emergency Communications, Bridge and Cable Support, Software Updates, Hardware Upgrades and 24/7 Technical support for a total cost of \$3,556.00.

Tippy made a motion to approve 7.39 and 7.40, on behalf of the Sheriff, Approval to renew Electronic Strategies, Inc. (ESI) Veeam Subscription. This subscription provides benefits of Reliable Data Backup, Disaster Recovery Capabilities, Data Security and Integrity, Software Updates, Enhancements and Technical Support for a total cost of \$14,608.82 and Approval to Renew Active911’s Active Comms Subscription. Active Comms supports the Lake County Drive and Swat Team by Enhanced Emergency Communications, Bridge and Cable Support, Software Updates, Hardware Upgrades and 24/7 Technical support for a total cost of \$3,556.00, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #21 Agenda #7.41

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.41 Sheriff: Consulting Agreement with Randy J. Phillips (Consulting Pilot). Consulting Pilot shall be compensated at a rate of \$38.00 per hour. The hours worked will not exceed twenty-nine hours per week and a monthly amount of \$4408.00.

Comes now, Commissioner Tippy, with question, asked if Mr. Phillips is going to do the training, Chief Balbo replied “Randy turned 65 this month so he can no longer be a part-time County employee, so he's one of our, frankly, most experienced Pilots in the Fleet, so we have basically his service of experience, helicopter pilot at \$38 an hour, which is extremely advantageous” President Repay, spoke, “I would like to say that the Contract, here, expires, we should change the Contract expiration date to expire the end of 2026 rather than 2027” Attorney Fech spoke, “so the Contract is Amended to expire on December 31, 2026” Tippy made a motion to approve 7.41 with the amendment that the Contract is through December 31, 2026, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #22 Agenda #7.31 Re-Visit

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.31 Data - AT&T Switched Ethernet.

Tippy made a motion to approve AT&T Switch Ethernet Contract on behalf of Data, Mark Pearman present/spoke, stated “this is a renewal of our Ethernet Contract with AT&T, just a renewal, money is already in the budget, the issue is if we do not get it signed this month they're going to raise the rates” Tippy confirmed there is no switch, Mark Pearman confirmed “switched” is a technical term, Repay seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #23 Agenda #7.42 – 7.56

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.42 – 7.56 Commissioners: Contracts – Listed below.

Tippy made a motion to approve agenda items 7.42 – 7.56 on behalf of Commissioners, as listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

7.42 **Commissioners:** Approve proposal from DLZ for the Heat Equipment Installation Project at the Lake County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$19,000.00

7.43 **Commissioners:** Contract with Midwestern Electric for the Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades-Phase 1 Project in the amount of \$1,778,195.00

7.44 **Commissioners:** Contract with Gariup Construction for the Roof Deck Replacement Project-Phase II in the amount of \$1,567,500.00

7.45 **Commissioners:** Contract with Gluth Brothers for the Reroofing of the Animal Control Project in the amount of \$210,342.00

7.46 **Commissioners:** Contract Services with MCR Partners, LLC for Economic Development Coordination Services for the year 2026 in the amount of \$4,250.00 a month

7.47 **Commissioners:** Economic Development Agreement with CRC Lake County LLC in the total amount of \$85,000.00 from July 15, 2026 through November 15, 2026

7.48 **Commissioners:** Change Order #1 with Pangere for the 2nd Floor Bathroom Renovations in the amount of \$2,730.

7.49 **Commissioners:** Annual Service Provider Contracts and updated rate sheets for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 with the following Service Providers: Grimmer Construction, Inc., Security Door, Inc., The Pangere Corporation, Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Credent Electric, Gariup Construction, Gluth Brothers Roofing, Keough Mechanical, Korellis Roofing, Mechanical Concepts, Midwestern Electric, M.J. Electric, Preferred Window & Door, Security Door, Inc., Sneed Construction, Sweney Electric Co., TLC Plumbing, Inc., Ziese & Sons Excavating

7.50 **Commissioners:** Final Amendment in the amount of \$7,500.00 for completing all required easements and services provided for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System for Center Township ARPA Projects

7.51 **Commissioners:** Request to purchase tables, chairs and two planters for the cafeteria in the Lake County Government Center in the amount of \$13,148.05 from Office Interiors, Inc.

7.52 **Commissioners:** Extension of Contract for one year and option year with Rulo Strategies, LLC for the utilization of Opioid Settlement Funds for Lake County, Indiana. The amounts are as follows: July, 2026 thru July, 2027 - \$27,580.00 and August 2027 thru September, 2028 - \$28,428.00

Order #23 Agenda #7.42 – 7.56 cont'd

- 7.53 **Commissioners:** Recommend approval of Change Order #2 in the amount of \$7,614.00 for the installation of east entrance staircase stringers and railings outside normal business hours to meet noise restrictions guidelines.
- 7.54 **Commissioners:** Recommend approval of Enspect Engineering proposal in the amount of \$1,800.00 for structural engineering analysis of the steel girder for the east entrance stairway installation
- 7.55 **Commissioners:** Contract with Origami Risk
- 7.56 **Commissioners:** Legal Services Agreement with Cattie & Gonzalez, PLLC in the amount of \$350 per hour

Order #24 Agenda #7.57

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 7.57 Prosecutor – Contract with Friendly Foot Care, PC for forensic analysis of evidence and expert witness testimony.

Tippy made a motion to approve Contract with Friendly Foot Care, PC for forensic analysis of evidence and expert witness testimony, on behalf of the Prosecutor, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #25 Agenda #8.1

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 8.1 Lake Superior Court, Div Room One: Property Disposal Request.

Tippy made a motion to approve the request by Lake Superior Court, Div Room One, for property disposal, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #26 Agenda #9.1-9.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 9.1 Calumet Trustee: Poor Relief Appeals Decisions held on June 25, 2026; 9.2 Resolution in Support of United Steelworkers Local 7-1.

Tippy made a motion to approve 9.1 and 9.2, as listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Poor Relief Appeal Decision

Maria Fowler	Approved in part/Approved on condition
Isiah Taylor	Denied
Jose Figeroro Vasquez	Denied
Michelle Young	Approved in part
Roy McGary	Approved
Tnazja Scott	Approved in part
Sandrea Sanders	Approved in part/Approved on condition

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL 7-1

- WHEREAS,** British Petroleum ("BP") is one of the largest integrated energy companies in the world having earned an estimated gross profit of \$54.57 Billion in the year 2025, and
- WHEREAS** BP's largest refinery is located in Whiting, Lake County, Indiana, and
- WHEREAS** since March 19, 2026, BP has locked out more than 800 dedicated members of USW Local 7-1 at the Whiting, Indiana Refinery located in Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** BP's bargaining proposals demand the elimination of over 100 local union jobs, require pay cuts across nearly all positions, and attempt to strip away essential seniority and bargaining rights; and
- WHEREAS,** these workers are our neighbors, parents, coaches, volunteers, and a vital economic backbone of Northwest Indiana and the surrounding region; and
- WHEREAS,** utilizing replacement workers poses profound safety and operational risks to the local community and environment, threatening the stability of our neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS,** The Board of Commissioners wishes to express its sense on a matter of great public import, is consistent with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, Article 1, Sec. 9 of the Indiana Constitution.

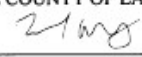
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS stands in unwavering solidarity with the members of USW Local 7-1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on British Petroleum (BP) to immediately end the lockout, cease efforts to break the union, and return to the bargaining table in good faith to negotiate a fair contract that protects wages, preserves local jobs, and ensures community safety; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to BP management, elected officials, and USW Local 7-1 leadership at their union hall in Whiting, IN.

This Resolution is enacted this 15th day of JULY, 2026.

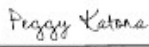
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE



MICHAEL REPAY

KYLE W. ALLEN, SR.


JERRY TIPPY

ATTEST:


PEGGY KATONA,
LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

Order #27 Agenda #10.1 – 10.8

In the Matter of Council Items: 10.1 – 10.8 Ordinance(s) – Listed below.

Tippy made a motion to approve items 10.1 – 10.8, Ordinances submitted and adopted by the County Council, as listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
10.1 **Ordinance** 1522A Establishing the LADOS Division 2 Court A & D Supplemental Grant CY26 Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund
10.2 **Ordinance** 1522B Establishing the 2026 SAFE Lake County Sheriff Department NARCAN and Essentials Bag Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund
10.3 **Ordinance** 1513E-7 Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, reorganizing positions in the Lake County Public Defender's Office (#9002)
10.4 **Ordinance** 1522C Establishing the Lake County Community Corrections Trust Fund (1241), A Non-Reverting Fund
10.5 **Ordinance** 1522D An Ordinance of the County Council of the County of Lake, Indiana, concerning the funding of Capital Improvement Projects and Land Acquisition by the Board of Park and Recreation of the County through the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, and other matter connected therewith
10.6 **Ordinance** 1522E Establishing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, A Non Reverting Fund
10.7 **Ordinance** 1522F of the Lake County Council approving the Lowell Public Library's Rainy Day Fund Additional Appropriation
10.8 **Ordinance** 1459C-19 Amending Ordinance No. 1459C, the Ordinance declaring funds dormant and repealing and rescinding the Ordinance establishing the funds

Order #28 Agenda #11.1-11.3

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 11.1 – 11.2 Auditor – Listed below; 11.3 Economic Development – Listed below.

Tippy made a motion to approve 11.1 – 11.3, as listed below, on behalf of Auditor and Economic Development, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
11.2 **Auditor:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 6/1/2026
11.2 **Auditor:** LC 265 6/18/26 TO 7/15/26 HAND CUTS 6/18/26 TO 7/15/26 LC 130 7/15/26
11.3 **Economic Development:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register

Order #29 Agenda #12.1-12.2

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 12.1 Commissioners: Certificate of Insurance and Bonds from Midwestern and Gariup; 12.2 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Updates 07-2026.

Tippy made a motion to approve 12.1 Certificate of Insurance and Bonds from Midwestern and Gariup on behalf of Commissioners and 12.2 Certificate of Insurance Updates 07-2026 on behalf of Highway, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #30 Agenda #13.1

In the Matter of Approve Responsible Bidder Applications – 13.1 Various: Listed below.

Tippy made a motion to approve Responsible Bidder Applications from Companies listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
AMG Services, Inc.
Austgen Equipment, Inc.
Berglund Construction
Budd Mechanical Systems
C. Lee Construction Services, Inc.
Credent Quality Electric
Dunnet Bay
Dyer Construction
E.C. Babilla, Inc.
Ellas Construction Co., Inc.
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.
Gary Material Supply
Gibson-Lewis
Gough, Inc.
Grimmer Construction, Inc.
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.
Johnson Controls
Korellis Roofing, Inc.
Mechanical Concepts, Inc.
Midwestern Electric, LLC
Northwest Indiana Environmental, Inc.
Sneed Construction
Superior Construction
Sweney Electric
The Pangere Corporation
Ziese & Sons

Order #31 Agenda #14

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 14.1 Treasurer's Monthly Report for April, 2026; 14.2 Treasurer's Monthly Report for May, 2026; 14.3 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 5/16/2026 – 6/15/2026 – Annual Report June 16, 2025 – June 15, 2026.

Tippy made a motion to approve 14.1 – 14.3 Staff Reports on behalf of Treasurer and Weights & Measures, as listed below, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.
14.1 Treasurer's Monthly Report for April, 2026;
14.2 Treasurer's Monthly Report for May, 2026;
14.3 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 5/16/2026 – 6/15/2026 – Annual Report June 16, 2025 – June 15, 2026

Order #32 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Renovations for the new Hobart Township Assessor’s Office.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Renovations for the new Hobart Township Assessor’s Office for Commissioners, the following bids received:

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| 1. | R J Anderson | \$334,850.00 |
| 2. | The Pangere Corp. | \$378,978.00 |
| 3. | Grimmer Construction Inc. | \$379,000.00 |
| 4. | Powers & Sons | \$436,800.00 |
| 5. | Gariup Construction | \$442,500.00 |

Tippy made a motion to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation, Repay seconded. Review by CSK Architects. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #33 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 New Shelter for the Purdue Extension.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for the New Shelter for the Purdue Extension Building for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

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| 1. | The Pangere Corporation | \$179,260.00 |
| 2. | Grimmer Construction | \$142,250.00 |
| 3. | Powers & Sons | \$248,880.00 |
| 4. | Gariup Construction | \$155,000.00 |

Tippy made a motion to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation, Repay seconded. Review by CSK Architects. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #34 Agenda #3.5

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.5 Access Control Upgrades at the Westwind Building.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Access Control Upgrades at the Westwind Building for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

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| 1. | Tri-Electronics | \$214,978.50 |
| 2. | ATN Technology, Inc. | \$396,147.00 |

Tippy made a motion to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation, Repay seconded. Review by CSK Architects. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #35 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.3 New Jail Video Upgrades-Phase 1.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for New Jail Video Upgrades-Phase 1 for Commissioners, the following bids/quotes were received:

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| 1. | Tri-Electronics | \$221,618.24 |
| 2. | ATN Technology, Inc. | \$435,549.00 |

Tippy made a motion to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation, Repay seconded. Review by CSK Architects. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #36 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, Amishi Sanghvi, commented “at last month’s meeting comments were made suggesting that the Lake County Health Department has not been fulfilling it’s statutory responsibilities, because monthly activity reports are not submitted to or approved by Board of Health, as the Health Department Attorney and for the benefit of the Public, I just want to clarify a few things about that”, comments continued, “the Lake County Health Department has consistently documented and recorded it’s activities, department updates are presented to the Health Officer, Dr. Vavilala, during monthly Staff Meetings and comprehensive written and verbal activity reports are provided to the Board of Health, during quarterly meetings, in addition, the Department prepares and presents an annual report summarizing the work accomplished throughout the year, the concerned raised relates to the Board of Health’s formal approval of activity reports, while the Board has historically received these reports and formal approval process has not been included in our meeting agenda, however to strengthen our governance practices we have already established a process to ensure formal approval is documented going forward, we remain committed to transparency and routinely provide information about our programs, services and accomplishment through our Board Meetings, Annual Reports, and other Public Communications, we believe it’s important to distinguish between an opportunity to improve our administrative process and any suggestion that the Health Department has failed to carry out, its public health responsibilities, our Staff continues to provide essential services everyday including disease prevention, environmental health, maternal and child health programs, immunizations, inspections, emergency preparedness, and many other services that protect the health of Lake County Residents, we appreciate the Public’s interest in our work and always welcome constructive feedback that helps us continue to strengthen our processees’ while remaining focused on our mission to servicing the Residents of Lake County, and speaking of servicing the Lake County Residents, I would like to convey that, under Dr. Vavilala’s leadership, the Lake County Health Department has partnered with over thirty community organizations, including IU School of Medicine, Purdue University Extension, Fransican Health, Methodist Hospital, as well as local Libraries, Police and Fire Departments, we have greatly expanded the Community outreach and our Mobile Health Clinic brings essential Public Health Services and education directly to Residents across the County, earlier this year we were honored to receive the Indiana Department of Health Public Health Transformation award in recognition of our commitment to improving Public Health services for Lake County Residents, thank you”, end comments.

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

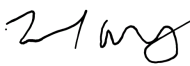
Commissioners Court/Public Virtual Conference

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

The following officials were Present:
Attorney Matthew Fech



MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT


absent

KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER



JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR