

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

The Pledge was given followed by a Moment of Silence.

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 15th day of May, 2026 at about 2:58 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 15th day of May, 2026 at about 2:58 p.m.

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Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 2.1 – 2.2 Commissioners: Listed below; 2.3 Highway: Listed below.

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

2.1 ADDITION: **Commissioners:** (Item #8.33): Development Agreement with the City of Gary, Indiana for the Convention Center Project

2.2 ADDITION: **Commissioners:** (Item #8.34): Recommend approval of service agreement with Ace Exterminating Co. in the annual amount of \$1,680.00 paid in equal monthly payments for the Gary Courthouse.

2.3 ADDITION: **Highway:** (Item #10.6): Select a Consultant to provide Engineering Services for Bridge Structure WC 924 165th Avenue 0.3 Miles West of White Oak Avenue over West Creek Tributary.

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Electrical Infrastructure Project; 3.2 Reroofing of the Animal Control Building; 3.3 Roof Deck Replacement Electrical Infrastructure Project-Phase I.

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

Order #3 Agenda #4.1-#4.2

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting April 15, 2026; 4.2 Special Meeting April 23, 2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 4.1 and 4.2, Minutes from April 15, 2026 and April 23, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #6.1

In the Matter of Modification Of Specifications Prior To Public Opening Of Bids, Quotes, Or Other Proposals: 6.1 Commissioners: Addendum #1 for Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades Project-Phase I at the Lake County Government Center on April 29, 2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Addendum #1 for Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades Project-Phase I at the Lake County Government Center on April 29, 2026 on behalf of Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5 Agenda #8.1

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 LCEC: Adobe Acrobat Pro renewal through CDWG in the amount of \$905.58.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.1, on behalf of LCEC, Adobe Acrobat Pro renewal quote in the amount of \$905.58 from CDW-Government, 75 Remittance Drive Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-1515. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #6 Agenda #8.2 - #8.14

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.2 – 8.14 Highway: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve, in omnibus form, agenda items 8.2 – 8.14 on behalf of Highway, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.2 **Highway:** Request to transfer Parcel 45-10-01-333-007.000-034 PT Lot 1 Heritage Estates Unit 6 Wildflower Ln., Dyer, IN 46311; Quitclaim to Town of Dyer in the sum of \$0.00

8.3 **Highway:** Task Order No. 13: Agreement for Stony Run Phase 2; Storm Sewer Replacement Phase I with **DLZ** in an estimated amount of **\$4,900.00**; Task Order No. 13 is to provide a schematic plan, contract documents and specifications, and opinion of probable cost.

8.4 **Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; 18846 Grant Street Lowell, IN 46356; Gas Regular Station Pressure Monitoring Device Installation

8.5 **Highway:** LPA Consulting Contract for the Design and Right of Way Services for the Replacement of Bridge Structure 1018, 159th Avenue over Spring Run Ditch. Agreement is between the Board of Commissioners and Gonzalez Companies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$390,000.00.

8.6 **Highway:** Utility Comcast; Location: 8305 West 157th Avenue; Comcast# 121476

8.7 **Highway:** Road Cut Agreement; Comcast; Location: 8305 West 157th Avenue; Request to install 248 feet of underground CATV cable by method of directional bore from 15622 Roberts Street to 8305 West 157th Avenue at a minimum depth of 36" along the directional bore line; Comcast# 121476

8.8 **Highway:** Agreement with **DLZ** for Professional Engineering Services for Ridge Road and Burr Street Roundabout Study and Traffic Signal Warrant Analysis in an amount not to exceed **\$94,950.00**

8.9 **Highway:** Four-Way Stop Sign Traffic Control Parrish Avenue Northbound to Stop for 117th Avenue-Parrish Avenue Southbound to Stop for 117th Avenue

8.10 **Highway:** Final Contract Inspection and Recommendation of Acceptance Contract B-31949 DES 9980080 45th Avenue Phase III

8.11 **Highway:** Change Order No. 1, 45th Avenue Phase III Contract R-31949 DES 9980080 INDOT Construction and Time Adjustment.

Order #6 Agenda #8.2 - #8.14 cont'd

- 8.12 **Highway:** Change Order No. 2 in the amount of -350,087.03 for 45th Avenue Phase III INDOT Final Quantity Adjustment
- 8.13 **Highway:** Agreement with DISA Global (FKA) Midwest Toxicology Services for 2026-2027 Drug and Alcohol testing services.
- 8.14 **Highway:** Road Cut Huseman and Son Excavating for Sewer Hookup 5110 West 154th Avenue Lot 77 Dalecarlia Fairway Sub.

Order #7 Agenda #8.15

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.15 Surveyor: Agreement with Stanislaw and Harriet Rafalo, the property owners at 11624 Woodmar Place, Cedar Lake, IN 46303, Parcel number 45-15-08-453-011.000-013, will be responsible for the reimbursement of \$51,285.00 plus an additional \$5,000.00 fine in accordance with Ind. Code 32-23-2-5 to be paid to the Lake County Surveyor's Office at any time within 20 years from the date of this agreement April 13th, 2026. The total amount is secured by a lien on the said property.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.15, on behalf of Surveyor, Agreement with Stanislaw and Harriet Rafalo, the property owners at 11624 Woodmar Place, Cedar Lake, IN 46303, Parcel number 45-15-08-453-011.000-013, will be responsible for the reimbursement of \$51,285.00 plus an additional \$5,000.00 fine in accordance with Ind. Code 32-23-2-5 to be paid to the Lake County Surveyor's Office at any time within 20 years from the date of this agreement April 13th, 2026, total amount is secured by a lien on the said property. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT

Stanislaw A. and Harriet Rafalo (the Property Owners), the property owners of 11624 Woodmar Place, Cedar Lake , Indiana (the Property) and the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the Lake County Drainage Board, and the Lake County Surveyor (the County), all of whom hereinafter shall be referred to as "The Parties", hereby execute this Agreement, which contains the following provisions:

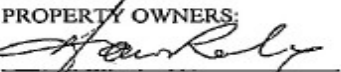
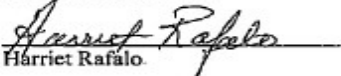
1. Based on Alternate Bid #1 of the revised Plans and Specifications incorporated in the Lake County Surveyor's Office Request for proposals/bid documents, attached herewith, the County will award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible proposer for the emergency relocation of the flow of the drainageway through the Property by the installation of a 36-inch concrete pipe.
2. In order for said emergency relocation to occur, the Property Owners shall execute an easement reflecting the relocation of flow described above, allowing for the installation of the pipe and delineating the responsibility for maintenance of said pipe after completion of the project. Said Easement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. The Parties stipulate to a fine imposed on the Property Owners for their initial and continued non-compliance with the Lake County Stormwater and Clean Water Act Ordinance (the County Stormwater Ordinance) in the amount of \$5,000 (as provided in the Stormwater Ordinance, Chapter 8, which provides for the imposition of a fine of \$250/day for each day of the violation of the Stormwater Ordinance, beginning 72 hours after written notification of the violation and failure of the owner to remedy the violation.)
4. The Property Owners agree to the reimbursement of the costs of the above-described project to the County in the amount of \$51,285.00, as well as payment of the fine of \$5,000.00, which cost and fine shall be secured with a lien on the real estate. Said lien is non-dischargeable in a bankruptcy proceeding, and shall bear no interest. The Property Owners may make said payment at any time within 20 years from the date of this Agreement. Said lien shall be foreclosed and paid upon any transfer of ownership or interest in the property, or after a period of 20 years from the date of this agreement, whichever is sooner.
5. The placement of the fill is also in violation of the Lake County Uniform Development Ordinance, which requires that a property owner petition and receive a special exception for the placement of fill on his property. The property owner must still file that petition and successfully proceed through that process.
6. The property owner shall not place or have placed any additional fill on his property unless the property owner complies with the applicable Ordinances related to that activity, including but not

Order #7 Agenda #8.15 cont'd

limited to the above-cited Ordinances and any other applicable federal, state, or local laws, statutes, ordinances or regulations.

7. The parties have reviewed this Agreement, understand the Agreement, and have signed the Agreement of their own free will. No other promises have been made.

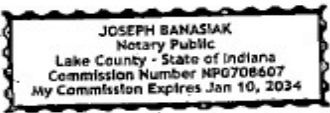
ALL OF WHICH IS AGREED THIS 13th DAY OF April, 2026.

PROPERTY OWNERS:

Stanislaw A. Rafalo

Harriet Rafalo

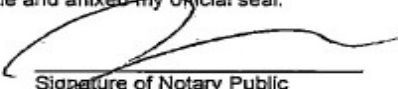
STATE OF INDIANA)
)SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this 13 day of April, 2026, personally appeared Stanislaw A Rafalo and Harriet Rafalo, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Agreement for Easement as their voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed my official seal.



My Commission Expires 1/10/34
Resident of Lake County, IN

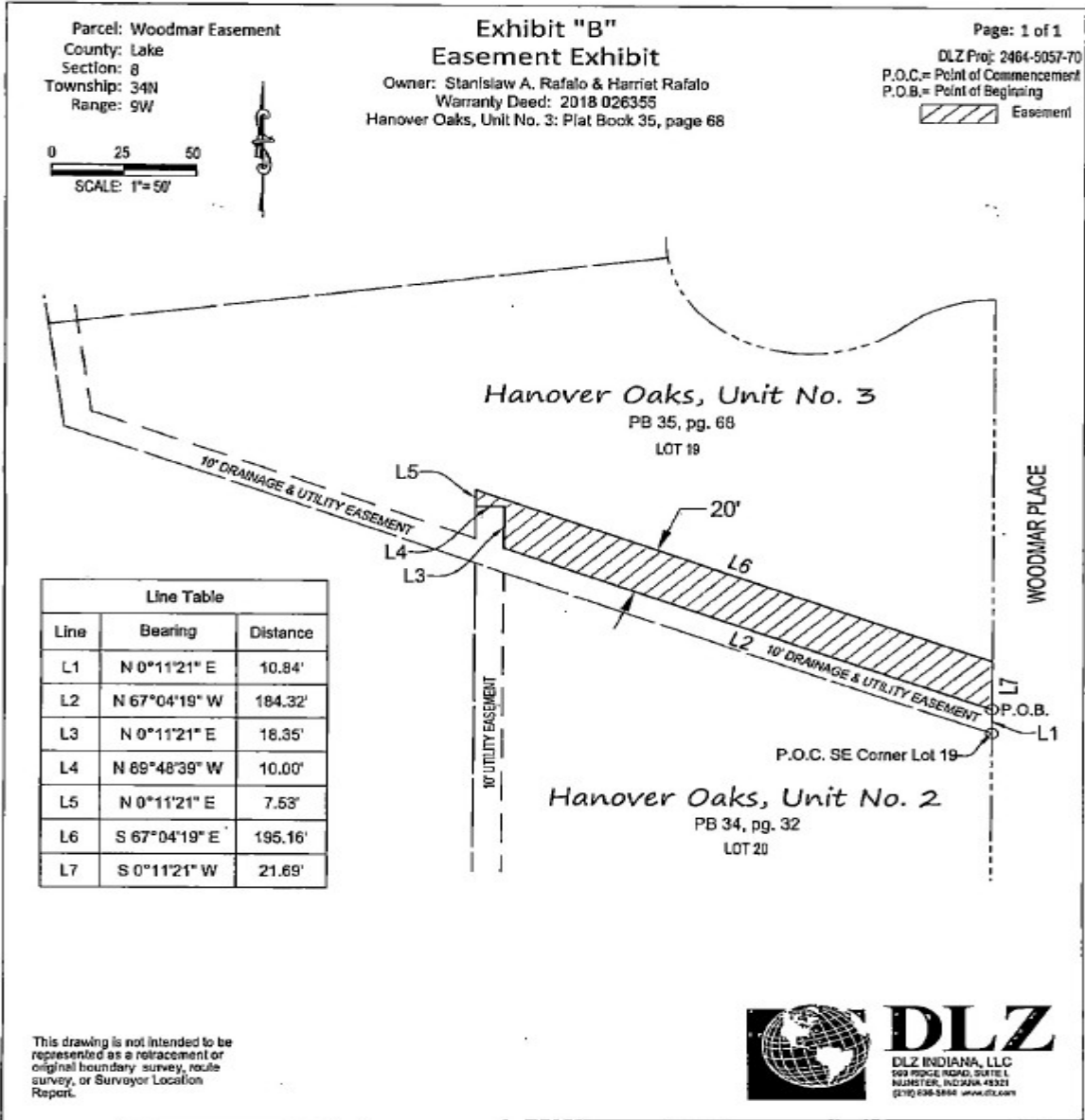

Signature of Notary Public
Printed Name Joseph Banasiak
Notary Public

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

LAKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

LAKE COUNTY SURVEYOR:

Bill Emerson, Jr, PE



Order #7 Agenda #8.15 cont'd

CROSS-REFERENCE. In accordance with Ind. Code § 32-23-2-5(a), the easement described herein burdens real estate acquired by the GRANTOR by Warranty Deed dated _____, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana, as Instrument No. 1505 on April 20, 2018..

AGREEMENT FOR EASEMENT

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that Stanislaw A. and Harriet Rafalo, husband and wife, "GRANTORS", being over eighteen years of age, of Lake County, Indiana, Conveys and Warrants to the LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, COUNTY OF LAKE, INDIANA, "GRANTEE", for and in consideration of the payment of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, a Temporary Construction Easement as described hereinafter in the attached Exhibit A and a 20' wide Perpetual Drainage Easement as described hereinafter in the attached Exhibit A with the right, privilege, and duty consistent with its obligations under the law and authority in "GRANTEE", at its own expense, to enter upon the easement area of the Temporary Construction Easement and the 20' wide easement area of the Perpetual Drainage Easement as defined hereinafter and in the attached description and drawing in the attached Exhibit A and any amendment to this document, and to dig, lay, erect, construct, install, reconstruct, operate, maintain, patrol, continue, repair, keep in repair, deepen, replace and renew, a storm sewer, or any type or manner of storm drainage control system, appurtenances or devices, as a part of the GRANTEE'S system for the collection, carriage, disbursement, distribution, transmission and provision of storm water of Lake County, Indiana, for all areas serviced by the GRANTEE, with all necessary and convenient equipment, facilities, service pipes, lines and connections therefore, and to operate by means thereof a system for such collection, carriage, transmission, disbursement, distribution and provision as shall be hereafter located and constructed in, on, upon, along, under, over, and across the 20' wide easement area of the Perpetual Drainage Easement, which is located on the real estate owned by GRANTOR and situated in Lake County, Indiana, and which real estate and easements are more particularly described as follows:

20' PERMANENT STORM SEWER EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A.

20' PERMANENT STORM SEWER EASEMENT PROVISIONS:

A NONEXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR SERVING THIS SUBDIVISION AND OTHER PROPERTY IS HEREBY RESERVED FOR AND GRANTED TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR RESPECTVIE SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, OVER THOSE AREAS DESIGNATED AS "PERMANENT 20' STORM SEWER EASEMENT", TO INSTALL, LAY, CONSTRUCT, RENEW, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND REMOVE FROM TIME TO TIME FACILITIES USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERGROUND STORMWATER IN, UNDER, ACROSS, ALONG, AND UPON THE SURFACE OF SAID EASEMENT AREAS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, THE RIGHT TO CUT, TRIM, OR REMOVE TREES, BUSHES, AND ROOTS AS MAY BE REASONABLY REQUIRED INCIDENTAL TO THE RIGHTS HEREIN GIVEN AND THE RIGHT TO ENTER UPON THE SUBDIVIDED PROPERTY FOR ALL OF THESE PURPOSES. THE LOCATION OF ALL SUCH FACILITIES IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY OR THE RESPECTIVE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION, WHICH APPROVAL SHALL NOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD, AND ALL SUCH INSTALLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWN POINT. NO OBSTRUCTIONS OF ANY TYPE SHALL BE PLACED OVER GRANTEE'S FACILITIES OR IN, UPON, OR OVER SUCH EASEMENTS WITH PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GRANTEE. SUCH FACILITIES SHALL BE LOCATED UNDERGROUND OR ON THE SURFACE AND, AFTER INSTALLATION OF ANY SUCH FACILITIES, THE GRADE OF THE SUBDIVIDED PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ALTERED IN A MANNER SO AS TO INTERFERE WITH THE PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT PROVISION:

THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORM SEWER SYSTEM. THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT SHALL BE USED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SAID STORM SEWER PIPE, INGRESS/EGRESS, THE STORAGE OF THE MATERIAL, AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS PROJECT ONLY.

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THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT SHALL CEASE TO EXIST UPON COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND APPROVAL OF SAID STORM SEWER SYSTEM.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL ESTATE:

HANOVER OAKS UNIT NO.3 LOT 19

Common Address: 11624 Woodmar Place, Cedar Lake , Indiana
Parcel Number: 45-15-08-453-011.000-013

Said real estate and the improvements thereon are hereinafter referred to as the "Real Estate". The Exhibits define the approximate location of the easements and the exact location of the easements will be based on the centerline of the installed storm sewer. The Lake County Surveyor will make all efforts to install the storm sewer as near the location depicted in the Exhibit as possible and will pay the cost of preparing and recording the Easement.

The GRANTEE shall have the right, at its expense, to enter along, over, and upon the easement area of the 20' wide Perpetual Drainage Easement for the purposes permitted herein, at will, and to make such alterations and improvements therein as may be necessary or useful for such purposes; further, the GRANTEE shall have the right of Ingress and egress over adjoining premises and lands when necessary and without doing damage to the adjoining lands, and only for temporary periods, and shall not otherwise enter upon lands adjoining said Easement.

The GRANTORS covenant for GRANTORS, GRANTORS' heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, that GRANTORS shall not erect or maintain any building or other structure or obstruction on or over the easement area of the 20' wide Perpetual Drainage Easement granted herein, and gives the GRANTEE the right to remove any such obstruction, unless GRANTORS receive express written permission from the GRANTEE, in accordance with the terms thereof, which permission, when in writing, shall run with the Real Estate.

Full right and authority is hereby granted unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, to assign or convey to another or others, the GRANTEE'S rights under this Easement.

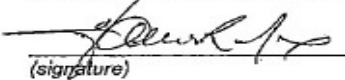
The GRANTORS herby covenant that GRANTORS are the owners in fee simple of the Real Estate, are lawfully seized thereof, and have good right to grant and convey the foregoing Easement herein. The GRANTORS further guarantee the quiet possession hereof, except for easements, restrictions, conditions, and covenants of record and shall warrant and defend GRANTEES' title to the permanent Easement against all lawful claims, except for easements, restrictions, conditions, and covenants of record.

This Agreement for Easement shall run with the Real Estate and be binding upon GRANTORS, GRANTORS' heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and upon all other parties claiming by, through or under GRANTORS, and the same shall inure to the benefit of the GRANTEE herein and its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors hereto have duly executed this Agreement for Easement this 13th day of April, 2026.

GRANTORS, Stanislaw A Rafalo

Harriet Rafalo


(signature)


(signature)

STATE OF INDIANA)
)SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this 13th day of April, 2026, personally appeared Stanislaw A Rafalo and Harriet Rafalo, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Agreement for Easement as their voluntary act and deed.

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EXHIBIT "A"

Project: 11624 Woodmar Easement
Encumbers Key # 45-15-08-453-011.000-013

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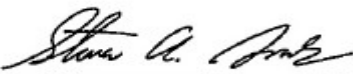
Part of Lot 19 in the subdivision of Hanover Oaks, Unit No. 3, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 35, page 68, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Lot 19, thence North 00°11'21" East (this and all subsequent bearings based on the Indiana Coordinate System of 1983, West zone), 10.84 feet along the east line of said Lot 19 to the northerly line of the 10' Drainage and Utility Easement shown on said plat and the Point of Beginning;

thence North 67°04'19" West, 184.32 feet along said northerly line; thence North 00°11'21" East, 18.35 feet along said northerly line; thence North 89°48'39" West, 10.00 feet along said northerly line; thence North 00°11'21" East, 7.53 feet; thence South 67°04'19" East, 195.16 feet to said east line of Lot 19; thence South 00°11'21" West, 21.69 feet along said east line to the Point of Beginning, containing 3,741 square feet or 0.086 acres, more or less.

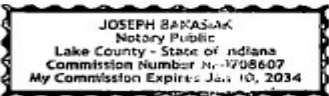
This description was prepared for Lake County, by DLZ Indiana, LLC and certified by Steven A. Jones, Indiana Professional Surveyor, License No. 20200010, on August 1, 2025.



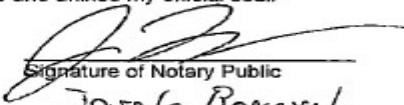


Steven A. Jones, PS CFedS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed my official seal.



My Commission Expires 1/10/24



Signature of Notary Public

Joseph Banasiak

Printed Name

Notary Public

Resident of Lake County, IN



8.15 Surveyor -
Agreement _ Stanslc

Order #8 Agenda #8.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.16 Surveyor: Award and Contract with the Lake County Surveyor and the DVG Team, Inc. for general consulting services for the Surveyor's Office. The contract was originally awarded to Turningpoint Surveying who since April 1, 2026 was acquired by DVG Team, Inc. The Contract will be paid hourly not to exceed \$35,328.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to defer 8.16. Motion to defer carried 3-0.

Order #9 Agenda #8.17

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.17 Emergency Management: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for RAVE Mobile Safety with the City of Gary, IN.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.17, on behalf of Emergency Management, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for RAVE Mobile Safety with the City of Gary, IN. Motion carried 3-0.

Rave Mobile Safety Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

City of Gary, Indiana (The Municipality)

and

The Lake County, Indiana Board of Commissioners (LCBOC)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between The Municipality and LCBOC for The Municipality to utilize portions of the Rave Mobile Safety platform purchased by Lake County.

Purpose

The purpose of the Rave Mobile Safety solution is to provide public information and warning to the citizens of Lake County, visitors, and those traveling through the County during an event or incident. The public safety officials of The Municipality will be able to notify residents via the Rave Mobile Safety platform when managing incidents or events that require public notification. The Rave Mobile Safety platform provides an organized, efficient method of communication.

Upon execution of this memorandum, Lake County Homeland Security / Emergency Management (LCHSEMA) and Lake County Emergency Communications (LCEC) will facilitate training for the Municipality on the setup and use of the Rave Mobile Safety platform. It will be the responsibility of the Municipality to provide and maintain the database(s) of contacts necessary to utilize the system effectively.

Reporting

Representatives from the Municipality and Lake County will meet, as needed, during this MOU to discuss any issues or training needs that may arise.

Funding

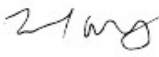
The LCBOC agrees to make portions of the Lake County Rave Mobile Safety platform available to the Municipality without remuneration for the duration of this MOU.

Duration

This MOU is at will and may be modified in writing by mutual consent of authorized officials from LCBOC and the Municipality. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials of the LCBOC and the Municipality, and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any of the partners, provided that the terminating partner must give 30 days' written notice to terminate in the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials of the LCBOC and the Municipality.

Signatures and Contact Information

Signature



Date

05/20/2026

Michael C. Repay, President

Signature



Date

05/20/2026

Kyle W. Allen, Sr.

Signature



Date

05/20/2026

Jerry Tippy

Lake County Board of Commissioners
2293 N. Main St.
Crown Point, IN 46307
Telephone: 219-755-3200
Fax: 219-755-3064
Email: repaymc@lakecountyin.org

Signature

Date

The Municipality

Printed Name

Title

Address

Telephone:

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E-mail:

Order #10 Agenda #8.18 - #8.24

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.18 – 8.24 Sheriff: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, in omnibus form, to approve agenda items 8.18 – 8.24, on behalf of Sheriff, Contracts listed below, Tippy seconded with discussion on 8.22 8.23 8.24, asked “was that run by the Council, was that necessary to go pass the Council?” Sheriff Bookkeeper spoke in reply stated this is more for Purchasing. Tippy continued, “so a transfer was not required from one line item to the other”, Repay spoke, stated “I think this the alternative to a transfer, the other way would be to transfer funds from some other line item to or from dues & subscriptions to this but this is a work-around that has to be done here”, end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

8.18 **Sheriff:** 2026 Renewal of Flock Safety’s License Plate Reader Subscription (LPR). The Flock LPR system enables officers to identify stolen vehicles, locate wanted persons, track suspect vehicles, and develop investigative leads in real time. The total amount for this subscription is \$30,000.00

8.19 **Sheriff:** Purchasing 100 additional radios for the Correctional Officers from Tri Electronics for a total cost of \$175,450.00.

This additional purchase will ensure that all Correctional Officers receive new operational radios. Noted in the quote from Tri-Electronics is a trade-in credit for up to 30 of our old radios. This trade-in credit is not something that Motorola is willing to provide to us.

8.20 **Sheriff:** Approval of Architectural Services Proposal from FGM Architects Inc. for the renovation and repair of the Lake County Sheriff’s Department indoor firing range. FGM Architects will provide a full architectural and engineering services, including design construction documents, bidding support, and construction administration for the project. The scope of work includes removal of outdated HVAC Systems, installation of a new ventilation system, modifications to the firing range layout, and associated mechanical, electrical and structural coordination necessary to bring the facility up to current standards. The proposed fee for these professional services is \$151,500.

8.21 **Sheriff:** Approval to pay Comcast Quarterly Invoice in the amount of \$13,329.80 out of Dues and Subscriptions. Payment is for Department’s Comcast Business10G Internet Network line, which provides secure and dedicated fiber infrastructure necessary for countywide law enforcement data operations.

8.22 **Sheriff:** Approval to pay Comcast Quarterly Invoice in the amount of \$13,329.80 out of Dues and Subscriptions. Payment is for Department’s Comcast Business 10G Internet Network line, which provides secure and dedicated fiber infrastructure necessary for countywide law enforcement data operations

8.23 **Sheriff:** Approval to pay 2026 Lexipol Invoice in the amount of \$21,077.10 out of Dues and Subscriptions. This subscription provides the Sheriff’s Police Division with Lexipol’s Law Enforcement Policy Manual system and Daily Training Bulletins. The platform also delivers regularly updated policies and regulations regarding law enforcement operations.

8.24 **Sheriff:** Recommend approval of 36 month contract with Unifirst in the amount of \$1,813.24 per year for uniform, shop towel and floor mat services.

Order #11 Agenda #8.25 - #8.27

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.25 – 8.27 Health: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.25 – 8.27, on behalf of Health Department, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.25 **Health Dept:** Contract with Lamar for the advertisement of Public Health and Education and Awareness campaign in the amount of \$2950.00

8.26 **Health:** Trans Audio Service Agreement with Trans Audio, Inc. for the Lake County Health & Safety Fair in the amount of \$895.00.

8.27 **Health Dept:** Contract with Alexandra Smar, for Youth Program Coordinator Services, in the amount of \$65,000 annually.

Order #12 Agenda #8.28 - #8.34

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.28 – 8.34 Commissioners: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.28 – 8.34, on behalf of Commissioners, Contracts as listed below, 8.28 approved as not to exceed five hundred thousand. Motion carried 3-0.

8.28 **Commissioners:** Contract with Berglund Construction for the Gary Courthouse Masonry Maintenance Project in the amount of \$(LUMP SUM FEE of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000.00))

8.29 **Commissioners:** Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,299.78 to Gariup Construction for the East Stair Replacement Project

8.30 **Commissioners:** Change Order #1 for a credit of \$3,270.00 for the Façade Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center.

8.31 **Commissioners:** Recommend approval of Artic Engineering Company quote in the amount of \$21,300.00 for cafeteria freezer repair.

8.32 **Commissioners:** Recommend approval of Johnson Controls quote in the amount of \$5,821.33 for sprinkler repairs and gauge replacement at the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center.

8.33 **Commissioners:** ADDITION: Development Agreement with the City of Gary, Indiana for the Convention Project.

8.34 **Commissioners:** ADDITION: Recommend approval of Service Agreement with Ace Exterminating Co. in the annual amount of \$1,680.00 paid in equal monthly payments for the Gary Courthouse.

Order #13 Agenda #9.1

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

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 9.1, request for property disposal on behalf of Data, un-repairable equipment with little or no value. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #14 Agenda #10.1 - #10.5

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners’ Items: 10.1 – 10.5 Commissioners’ Items: Various Departments: Listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 10.1 – 10.5, listed below on behalf of Various Departments/Offices, Tippy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

10.1 Commissioners/HR: Lake County, Indiana Title VI Plan for 2026

10.2 Lake County Indiana Board of Commissioners Uniform Township Assistance Appeal Procedures

10.3 Calumet Township: Poor Relief Appeal Decisions

10.4 North Township: Appeal Decisions on May 7, 2026

10.5 Emergency Management: Resolution of Lake County Government Adopting the Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, February, 2026

Order #15 Agenda #10.6

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.6 ADDITION: Highway: Select a Consultant to provide Engineering Services for Bridge Structure WC 924 165th Avenue 0.3 Miles West of White Oak Avenue over West Creek Tributary.

Allen made a motion with recommendation to approve 10.6 by selecting USI as the Consultant to provide Engineering Services for Bridge Structure WC 924 165th Avenue 0.3 Miles West of White Oak Avenue over West Creek Tributary on behalf of Highway, Tippy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #16 Agenda #11.1 – 11.2

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 – 11.2 Ordinances: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 11.1 and 11.2, Ordinances submitted and adopted by the Council. Motion carried 3-0.
11.1 Ordinance 1459B-9 Amending Ordinance No. 1459B, the Ordinance Declaring Funds Not Created by Ordinance as Dormant and Inactive
11.2 Ordinance 1459C-17 Amending Ordinance No. 1459C, the Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds.

Order #17 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 12.1 – 12.5, Hand Cuts, Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll, on behalf of Auditor and Economic Development, SBOA Items for the dates listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
12.1 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 3-23-26
12.2 Auditor: LC 265 4/17/26 TO 5/20/26 Hand Cuts 4/17/26 to 5/20/26 LC 130 5/20/26
12.3 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 4/6/26
12.4 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 4/20/26
12.5 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register – For Period 4/1/26 – 5/1/26

Order #18 Agenda #13.1-13.3

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 – 13.3 Bonds/Insurance: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 13.1 – 13.3, Bonds/Insurance, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
13.1 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Updates 05-2026
13.2 Commissioners: Certificate of Insurance from Mechanical Concepts, Inc. for Highway Garage Ventilation Upgrades Project and Berglund Construction for the Masonry Maintenance at the Gary Courthouse.
13.3 Public Official Bond: Lake County Economic Development Commissioner – Daniel P. Spitale for 2026.(Doc No. 2026-012440)

Order #19 Agenda #15.1

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 15.1, Staff Reports, Treasurer's Monthly Report for Month ending March 31, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #20 Agenda #16.1 – 16.4

In the Matter of Other/Matter Of Public Record – 16.1 Commissioners: 16.2 – 16.3 Sheriff: 16.4 Highway: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to make 16.1 – 16.4 a matter of public record, on behalf of Commissioners, Sheriff and Highway, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
16.1 Commissioners: Notice of Special Meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2026
16.2 Sheriff: 2027 4th Extension Agreement with InTouch Pharmacy Services for Inmates Medical Care. In Touch is extending the existing Pharmacy Service Agreement dated September 19, 2018.
16.3 Sheriff: 2026 Renewal of Lexipol's Corrections Policy Manual and Training Subscription. This subscription provides the Corrections Division with Lexipol's Corrections Policy manual system and Daily Training Bulletins, along with Supplemental policy content. The platform delivers regularly updated policies that reflect current laws, regulations and the best practices for Correctional operations. This agreement runs from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 for a total cost of \$44,999.99
16.4 Highway: Lake County Highway Department 2025 Annual Report

Order #21 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Electrical Infrastructure Project.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Electrical Infrastructure Project for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
1. Midwestern Electric LLC	\$1,778,195.00	\$133,000.00

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

Order #22 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 Reroofing of the Animal Control Building.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Reroofing of the Animal Control for Commissioners, the following bids were received:
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	Base Bid	Unit Price
1. Gluth Brothers Roofing Co., Inc.	\$210,342.00	\$18.50/sq ft
2. Korellis	\$361,036.00	\$22.00/sq ft
3. E. C. Babilla, Inc.	\$220,205.00	\$12.00/sq ft

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

Order #23 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.3 Roof Deck Replacement Electrical Infrastructure Project-Phase 1.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Roof Deck Replacement Electrical Infrastructure Project-Phase 1, the following bids were received:

1. Berglund Construction	\$2,650,000.00
2. Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,567,500.00
3. Powers & Sons Construction	\$1,016,200.00
4. The Pangere Corporation	\$3,167,441.00

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

Order #24 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, with Public Comment, Attorney Naomi Frisch, spoke before the Board of Commissioners to represent Lake County Correction Officers Union IUPA Local 11, members of which were present in the courtroom, Attorney Frisch stated that the Union represents the Correctional Officers, Sergeants and Lieutenants who work inside the Lake County Jail and is a “party” to a Collective Bargaining Agreement or CBA with Lake County as the “employer”, Attorney Frisch continued comments stated “we are currently negotiating a successor agreement to the most recent CBA which expired on December 31st 2025, though that CBA was signed by Members of the Lake County Council, those Members have made it clear that they no longer have authority to bargain that Contract and such authority rests in you, the Lake County Commissioners”, Attorney Frisch continued her comments, stated that, “you may be aware we spoke to the Council last week, asked them to take action to ensure the County bargain in good faith with the Union on a successor Contract and also to address the dire working conditions in the Jail, since that meeting, we acknowledge some movement has been made, Chief met with Members of the Union yesterday to discuss some of the safety issues and a Plan for moving forward, nevertheless we are here today for two reasons, one the Council asks us to bring our concerns to you, and two, the fact remains, that the County has failed to send bargaining representatives with any authority to the table, the County has delayed meeting with us and has failed to respond to our information requests, all in bad faith and in violation of Lake County Ordinance section 32.029” (Attorney Frisch did not state the Ordinance Number for said section), Attorney Frisch continued, “for the terms of the CBA the Unions’ requested to begin successor bargaining in February of 2025, more that a year ago, since that time the County through the representatives it sent to the bargaining table and the chosen leadership of the Sheriff’s Department has engaged in a series of actions which have caused delay and frustration and severely eroded the relationship between the Correctional Officers and their Employer, we demand that the Commissioners acknowledge their obligation to bargain fairly with the Union and said representatives, with authority, to the table at the earliest possible opportunity”, comments continued, “the Lake County Code of Ordinances section 32.025 – 32.038 set forth the County’s rules for collective bargaining with it’s unionized employees, specifically that section incorporates the preamble of Ordinance No. 1199B, which was passed in 2000, that preamble states quote “the Citizens of Lake County have a fundamental interest in the development of our harmonious and cooperative relationship between the County and it’s employees and the preamble further acknowledges that to accomplish that goal, the County will accept quote “the principal and procedure of collective bargaining between the County and it’s employees” end quote, in order to promote such a harmonious collective bargaining the Ordinance also sets forth the definition of an unfair labor practice, something the party’s should not engage in, the Ordinance clearly says that it shall be an unfair labor practice for a County employer to interfere with or restrain employees from participating in collective bargaining to refuse to bargain in good faith with the Union and to discipline employees for filing complaints, if indeed this Commission has responsibility for bargaining the CBA with the Union and for enforcing the terms of that CBA the Commission has committed these unfair labor practices and we are asking that you remedy that immediately, right now the relationship between the Sheriff’s Department and it’s Correctional Employees is far from harmonious and we are here today because we believe that is, at least in part, a direct result of the Sheriff’s unfair labor practices in violation of the Lake County Code of Ordinances, unfortunately, the Ordinances do not include any instructions on enforcement, so we are here today, demanding that the Commissioners follow the directives set forth in the Ordinance and prioritize bargaining with the Correctional Officers, on a daily basis Correctional Officers sacrifice time with their families and their own health & safety in order to meet the bare minimum standards to keep the Jail running, Lake County should and must demand accountability from the Sheriff by sending representatives to the bargaining table who have the power and the authority to modify wages terms and conditions of employment which will reduce strife and increase safety for Correctional Officers and Inmates, the Lake County Jail is currently under staffed by approximately seventy officers, Officers normally work twelve hour shifts which means that....and they work two three two schedule, this means that in a twenty-eight cycle they are scheduled to work one hundred and sixty eight hours but because of the drastic under staffing, Officers are regularly held over an extra four hours beyond their twelve hour shifts and they must work their days off, the average Officer works at least an additional forty hours of overtime every twenty eight days, over two hundred hours a month, this overtime is utilized, not to maintain optimal conditions but to attempt to meet minimum safety standards, as a result Officers have been assaulted and even stabbed with alarming frequency, detainees having felt embolden to attempt to escape and the Jail has been forced to go on lockdown more often than it should, and on top of all this, the Correctional Officer, Sergeants and Lieutenants are overworked and burned out, the Jail has been without a permanent Warden for seven months now, the Sheriff does not enter the Jail or get involved with it, any of the day to day operational needs, the Administrative Staff that works in the Jail are trying, but without clear policies and strong leadership, emotions are high and the stakes are being made, the Members of the union, the Correctional Officers, Sergeants and Lieutenants who work in the Jail every day, many of whom who have decades of experience, have clear ideas about how to fix these problems, hrough the collective bargaining process, including by utilizing the contractual grievance procedure, the union has raised concerns and made suggestions about how to improve, staff utilization safety and moral, those suggestions have largely been ignored and Members have been punished for raising them, I’m happy to walk the Commissioners through specific timeline of the bargaining history between the parties if time allows but for now, what we are here to highlight is that, in response to the Union’s request to modify wages, terms and conditions of employment, as allowed by the Ordinance and County Policy, the Jail administration has denied all requests, failed to come to the bargaining table and retaliated against members for speaking out, all in violation of the Ordinances, for the good and welfare of it’s citizens and employees, the Commissioners must not continue to sit back and allow

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these violations of the Ordinances to continue, the County last came to the table December 2, 2025, six months ago, with only the Human Resources Director, Joe Travis and the County's Attorney, there was no one on the County's side of the table with any knowledge or expertise regarding the Jail and no one at the table with authority to bind the County, we have been continually told different stories of who is responsible for representing the County at the bargaining table, and the Union is tired of the County pointing fingers and is ready for the Commissioners to send a representative with knowledge and authority to bargaining, the Union has requested to meet numerous times, with such a representative with authority and we have been ignored, and today we are here to demand that the Commissioners stop ignoring us, tell the Sheriff and his Administration to stop committing unfair labor practices and set a date for bargaining at the earliest possible opportunity, we welcome further questions or an opportunity to continue this discussion at any time, thank you".

Comes now, with Public Comment, Christopher Rock, a Corrections Officer with the Lake County Jail, stated he has been "here for a little over nine years and also the Vice President of the Lake County Correctional Association Local 11, commented, "we are here because there's a lot of growing concerns amongst the Officers over the work and the Lake County Jail, these are good Officers, behind me and also in the Jail, that work and they go unnoticed from the Public and they do their Job and they perform their duties with honor and respect in extremely unsafe work conditions, these Officers are, we work twelve hour shifts and generally we are froze almost every single day working sixteen hour days for the most part and the only way that most Officers can avoid is either to come in early at three and make it a sixteen day themselves or they get froze over and they have to work sixteen, there are a few Officers, behind me, actually that worked last night and worked either twelve or sixteen hours and yet they're still here, they're burnt out from the amount of work they have to do, on top of the fact that the shifts are completely under staffed, we have general staffing of Officers, at the maximum shift has twenty-three Officers with the minimum having seventeen, it takes twenty five Officers to Staff the Jail at a minimum standard, this does not include some of the specially Officers positions, this is just general positions in the Jail to which we generally run less than that, and every turn starts off short, every single day, I worked the other night, on a freeze where I had to stay sixteen hours and there were only eleven officers from the turn that were working with about fourteen Officers working overtime to try and cover the positions and make it about a minimal staff as we can, these work conditions, with the Officers working and having these minimal numbers does not account for the Officers having vacations, comp days, call offs or any other subjects that could come up, like hospital duty or Officers being offered training or anything like that, so those numbers of twenty three and seventeen go down from the start even more, which is why, again, only eleven Officers working, this makes it very unsafe for Officers, when we are short and there's not enough Officers to work in the Jail we run with minimum staffing even with well below the minimum, which can result in instances of, for instance, a few weekends ago there were two Officers working in the Jail on the third floor with nearly three hundred inmates, that they had to monitor by themselves, this is extremely unsafe because those Officers are working in high volatile situation with a lot of inmates, there's overcrowding in the Jail which raises the tensions inside the sections that makes them more difficult for Officers to maintain the safety and security of the Facility and during these times, when these Officers are by themselves they have no reasonable expectation of support if something were to go wrong, the overcrowding in the Jail is getting, it fluctuates, it goes up and down, but it's staying at a position where it making it extremely unsafe for Officers, there are sections on the third floor that house, that have thirty-two beds for inmates to sleep but there are roughly around forty to forty-two inmates in those sections, more inmates than there are beds, this causes a lot of frustration amongst the inmate population which puts a lot of strain on the Officers behind be to maintain the security and safety inside the Jail as well as try to conduct day to day operations in a reasonable manner, this creates, what I think, is a powder keg at this point inside the Jail to where some little event could set off a major issue with either Officers or the Inmates or both in most cases, they're doing their job while also being froze every single day working sixteen hours, two days three days in a row, some Officers are coming in on their off days in an attempt to try not to get froze for sixteen hours but it's not helping, there are Officers that work nearly every single day of the week and they still are getting froze and being forced to work sixteen hours even on their work days, they do all of this work, where they go completely and generally unnoticed by the Public and it is a position that, I feel, even my own opinion, that it is very difficult to maintain a home life and support their families while they're being forced to work so much overtime in the Jail and perform so many duties by themselves, some Officers working, in my opinion, they work as one Officer doing the job of two or three or four Officers and then some, some days, those two Officers on third floor should be around five, so they're performing duties that are well beyond what they're supposed to do just by themselves, some of these examples of the instability of what's going on is that there are a lot of mentally unstable Inmates because of population so high they can not be housed in our mental side of the Jail and they're being placed in normal population sections, this can create instances, for example we had an incident where an Inmate who is mentally unstable lashed out and ended up attempting to stab an Officer in the chest with a broken broom stick, there's also a lot of other safety concerns that I believe need to be made aware of is that there was an incident where a shake down was conducted, searching of the facility, which does not happen as often as it should, I believe it is once a month the entire Jail is supposed to be shut down and this does not happen because we don't have the Staff for it, one of the instances where we were fortunate enough to have the ability to do so an inmate was discovered with a shank on him, a metal weapon that in retrospect of that finding every instance that that inmate had where they had contact with an Officer could have been potential life threatening or fatal incident where if he were to have lashed out he could've used that weapon to stab one of these Officers, and this is the point that I want to make as far as the understanding that because of how short we are it makes it very unsafe for the Officers because these type of instances could potentially happen at any moment, given these instances and these examples is why we are here to ask for the support and help, a lot of what we are dealing with, with the shortage of Staff, we feel may be able to be assisted with, with your help as well as why we went to the Council and asked for their help, we're just looking for somebody to assist us so we maybe bring the staffing members up by negotiating a new contract or coming to the table and trying to discuss this so we can attempt to make this better and safer for the Officers, thank you for your time".

Comes now, Chris Akey, President (on the Police side) for the Fraternal Order of Police, with Public Comment, noted that his counterpart, Nick Fisher could not be present due to a personal matter, stated they have tried to reach out to start negotiations, stated "we have what we think is a fair Contract and we have not heard anything back and I see we're heading down the same path, we do not want to do, obviously it's not a good path to head down and not a good look for anyone, we want to come to the table at the earliest convenience and these men and women behind me is where I got my start, in the Jail, and the Jail has gone down hill in the past ten years, as you just heard the Executive Vice President said, many of those guys come in early or stay late, one incident that is a critical incident that happened and should not have happened is when one Officer was on his way to work, he was struck by a drunk driver who then fled and he ultimately passed, that should not have happened, had he been coming to work at his normal time and not coming in early which was a routine for him, he would still be here today and his family would still have their Dad and Grandpa, so I would like to come to the table to an early convenience on both sides to get this solved and get everyone the fair pay they deserve, thank you"

Comes now, Officer Brooks, Lake County Jail, with Public Comment, stated he has been at the Lake County Jail since April 3rd 2017, currently in the Classification Department of the Jail, stated it is his duty to distribute the inmates throughout the Facility after their processing and booking is complete and their distributed based upon what they're their for, what they've done in the past, their conduct in our Jail previously and conduct in other Correctional Institutions previously and I'd like to point out the direct threat to Public Safety that the severe dilapidation of the Jail presents to Lake County, the severe short staffing presents to Lake County and as an example of this, I would like to point out that on May 16, 2025 in the Orleans Parrish Jail New Orleans Louisiana ten inmates, several of which were incarcerated for murder and other high level felonies, successfully escaped the Jail, ten inmates at one time, several of them were captured/recaptured beyond State lines outside the State of Louisiana, weeks after their escape, I ask you, do you want Lake County to be that headline, do you want that to be the face of this County, Lake County's population is ever increasing, it is openly advertised, inviting people living out of State and in Illinois to move to Lake County Indiana, the population will not be going down, our Jail population is increasing, our numbers are usually higher in the Summer, but

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throughout this past Winter, we experienced numbers higher than the average Summer, there are Inmates laying on top of Inmates, they have no choice but to be, they are incarcerated, they're not released, the Courts require them to be there to face the repercussions of whatever allegation, that causes a general unrest within the Facility, without Officers to manage that unrest, it will lead to an incident and a major direct threat to Public Safety, major, are we going to sit back and let it happen, ladies and gentlemen, a fair negotiation and a fair Contract with fair pay and benefits for the men and women behind me will help prevent that from happening, it will encourage others to work in the Jail, ladies and gentlemen please prevent Lake County from becoming a horror story, thank you.

Comes now, David Krane, spoke with Public Comment, stated he has been involved with the Sheriff’s Department since High School as a Cadet in the Jail, continued stated “this Jail problem has gotten worse since '81, but it’s a history that continues happening, I’m asking you Commissioner’s to please negotiate this Contract and help these Officers bring their manning up, public safety, infrastructure in this whole County is broken, your part of that is Corrections, the Police and E-911, all are suffering under your watch, I’m asking you to negotiate with these Officers to give them a fair Contract as our Laws here in the County have been wrote and please negotiate with them, we don’t need to have another federal mandate where the Federal Government is running our Jail, instead of our County Elected Officials, thank you.

Comes now, President Repay, closed Public Comment, asked if any Elected Officials present wished to speak, there were none.

Comes now, President Repay, asked if were any Commissioners wishing to speak, Commissioner Tippy, spoke, commented, “First of all, I'd like to thank you for coming here today, and I'm not really sure who's responsible for what, but one thing we can do as Commissioners' is get to the bottom of it and we'll ask our Attorneys to research the Ordinances and determine who's supposed to be signing what, it's kind of crazy they signed it last time and now they're saying they don't sign it this time, it's not right, but what I want to tell you is, the Commissioners have always had a concern for the Jail and have always had a concern for the Officers that work in the Jail, when we settled with the Department of Justice, several years ago, part of our Agreement with them was that we would hire an Auditing Company to come in every year and review the practices within the Jail to be certain that we were following the guidelines that the Department of Justice had put on us, we went out for proposals, we had several Consultants submit proposals, we chose a Consultant, we signed a Contract with a Consultant and the Sheriff refused to allow the Consultant in the Jail to monitor the activities that were taking place, we continued to question Contracts that were being put forward to us, ultimately we ended up being sued by the Sheriff and we lost our lawsuit, the State Legislature then changed the Law to allow the Sheriff a considerable amount of liberties, in terms of contracting within the Jail, they determined that it's his responsibility to provide care for the Prisoners or the Inmates and we've basically been shut out of this program, the harder we have tried to help, the more we have been shut out, so I don't want you to think that we don't care, we're doing our best based on the cards we've been handed, so all I can do right now is ask our Attorney's to go through the latest Legislation to determine what authority the Commissioner's actually have over the Jail as it relates to what you're talking about, talking about safety and the conditions of the Jail and safety in general for the Public, and then as far as the Collective Bargaining process, it sounds to me like it's really falling apart, we need to somehow put that back together and determine who's responsible for what, so this is the most information that I've received on this subject, so thank you for coming out”, end comments.

Comes now, President Repay, with Comments, stated, “I would just say, you know, Commissioner Tippy, as you all were speaking quite pointedly about the issues, asked me, am I going to say anything, I said I don't know, but thankfully for Jerry for articulating all the points that basically, a hundred percent accurate, we care very deeply about, not only about the condition, physical condition of the place, the care and concern you all for you all's health and safety as well as the safety and health of the Inmates, I can go back to the very first time, when I was elected in my very first meeting or some of my very first meetings on the County Council, where we were settling the famous or infamous flood case and we settled it, I recall, the dollar amount was 7.5 million dollars and I thought that was a lot of money at the time until I was advised by the Attorney's how much it could have been and the reality is, absolute with what Jerry said, we, the Board of Commissioners saw this as a possible outcome at some point, which is why we asked for, not just a consultant, but it was an association of correctional officers and correctional administrators to come in and provide oversight, we were forwarded by the Justice system of the State of Indiana, ironically and by the powers of the State Legislature and so here we are, I would concur with Commissioner Tippy, also, in regards to investigating what roles we can play, in order to alleviate the issue with regard to the Collective Bargaining, that's all I have”, end comment.

President Repay, thanked everyone for their attendance today.

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

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

