

The Board met in due form with the following members present: Michael Repay and Kyle W. Allen, Sr. 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 1st day of October, 2024 at about 9:30 a.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 1st day of October, 2024 at about 9:30 a.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WebEx Meeting ID: 263 3313 5302 Password: commissioners

Order #1 Agenda #2.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 2.1 Opioid.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the opening of Vendor responses for agenda item 2.1 Opioid Settlement. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #2

In the Matter of Opening Of Meeting

Allen made a motion to approve the Agenda, Repay seconded. Motion carried 2-0, 1absent.

Order #3

Discussion: Comes now, Attorney Fech, to explain procedures related to Opioid Settlement, stated, "We are going to take the proposals under advisement, we've put together a committee to review the proposals, we are sending out letters of invitation, some of the people that are going to be included are Judges here from Lake County, Police, Law Enforcement, people in the Medical field, people that work at the Health Department, so we're making offers and then after we've had an opportunity to review the proposals we will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to award based upon our review and scoring of the proposals".

Comes now, President Repay, commented, asked, "We expect to that at our next regular meeting or in November?", Attorney Fech, replied that after the committee will meet with the Consultant and that they should make an award at the November meeting, Repay, continued, asked, "so if we expect to make an award at the November meeting then potentially checks could get cut before the end of November based on doing all the other work, vendor qualifications, etc.", Attorney Fech, confirmed, stated, yes and completion of Vendor 20 Form, etc., end discussion.

Comes now, President Repay, stated, "The Board, as a whole, looks forward to getting resources to folks that could use it and put it to good use in our Community and then doing it potentially again and again".

Order #4

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 2.1 Opioid.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of proposals for Opioid, for Commissioners, the following proposals were received:

	<u>Total Requested</u>
1. Tiffany's House Recovery	\$25,000
2. Sounds of Sarah, Inc.	\$25,000
3. Flourish Community Development Corp. dba Flourish Community Hub	\$25,000
4. L C Family Recovery Court	\$25,000
5. Regional Health Systems	\$25,000
6. Shine Recovery Café	\$25,000
7. Gary Harm Reduction	\$25,000

Comes now, Commissioner Allen, asked County Attorney, "has the money been appropriated yet?", Attorney Fech, replied, "yes" and commented, "so everybody is aware, program that we put together, they're for twelve month increments, for the time being, so the hope is is that the programs are successful in the Community and next year at this time we'll coming back for another set of awards", end comment, Commissioner Allen asked, "what's the total amount of the settlement", President Repay, replied, "there's over a million dollars", end discussion.

Allen made a motion to take the proposals under advisement for agenda item 2.1, Repay seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5

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

Comes now, Kristin, Director of Gary Harm Reduction, with public comment, stated she hoped the Board would consider folks with lived experience when it comes to allocating the money, she stated she feels they are a best fit to know what their community members need and they have buy-in already from the community members that are most effected and most of them are already doing the grass roots work, also stated that in the newspaper article it did not mention a proposal packet so she wrote out her own based off of previous grants written, hoping that wouldn't ding her, end comments.

Comes now, Tiffany Carson, Director of Tiffany's House Sober Living, with public comment, stated, she wanted to make note that she did not see the actual packet so she definitely made the propsoal out like she would normally do in her own words and things of that nature and asked for consideration, Tiffany contined, spoke about the lived experience piece and they are under development so she is in hope to get the funds in hope of operational purposes, supplies and make "this thing" come alive for the City of East Chicago, Tiffany thanked the Board members, end comments.

Comes now, President Repay, with Commissioners comments, stated, "Although I have no lived experience, I am a student of news and pay attention to different going ons throughout the Country and particularly with these settlement dollars, I had a very early concern that the funds that were allocated to Lake County may go to, I don't want to say the usual suspects, but all the usual suspects, the places that they'll always go and we'll just divide by ten and be done, I read an article about a County in Ohio, it

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escapes which County it was, but they were particularly noted for doing something that other Counties didn't do with their Opioid money and the Organization, which escapes my mind, was noted in the Article and that was the Organization I reached out to in order to get the Consultants that we have, in order to do something that was different than what is done everywhere else in the Country and trying to do as best we can to do best practices in terms of allocating resources and this represents maybe a small amount of the money but it's somewhat of a pilot for us here in Lake County and to hopefully do more things like this and hopefully that it's contemplated, thank you all for being here and thank you all for participating and hopefully we'll be back here in November and make it really easy for everybody to go on and do better work for the Community" end comment.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

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

The following officials were Present virtually:
Attorney Matthew Fech

MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

absent
JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR