

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

The Pledge was given 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 at about 9:03 a.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner’s courtroom on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 at about 9:03 a.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WebEx      Meeting ID: 263 2283 8236      Password: commissioners

Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 2.1 (5.3) Sheriff: Request Approve Specifications of Bids for Upfitting Unmarked 2025 or newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles returnable to Lake County Auditor no later than April 16, 2025 by 9:00 a.m.

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

Order #2 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting; 4.2 March 5, 2025 Special Meeting.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 4.1 and 4.2, Minutes from prior meetings, February 19, 2025 and March 5, 2025. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #3 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Elections: Movers for Voting Machines.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the opening of proposals for agenda item 3.1. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners’ Items: 10.2Appreciation for the donation to The Friends of the Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Comes now, President Repay, allowed Friends of the Veterans Memorial Parkway the opportunity to come forward with a presentation to acknowledge the Board of Commissioners, Board Members present were President Mitch Barloga, Vice President Don Ensign, and FVMPC Commissioner Connie Karras, they each spoke, noted that the Parkway itself is a fifteen (15) mile section of US 231 and Lake and Porter County dedicated to remembering and honoring the services of those who have sacrificed for us in war and peace, the Korean Memorial is on US 231 and works with the Vietnam Memorial at the Lake County Parks, and working on a World War II Holocaust site in Crown Point, President Barloga continued speaking stating that they were present to talk about another memorial that is happening and the Commissioners recent donation to help that memorial get off the ground, comes now Don Ensign, stating that they started in 2019 with their first mile of the Village Memorial Parkway Trail, received one of the first next level trail grids in the State of Indiana and since that trail has went in, many many people from all around the area use that one mile trail just to get out and enjoy, along that trail they dedicated a site for that trail for the Veterans Memorial Middle East Memorial encompassing seven Counties of our fallen and they want to pay tribute to the Board of Commissioners today, in the fact that, they have donated as well as Porter County has donated, also Stark and LaPorte Counties, towards their goal to build this Middle East Memorial, and they thanked the Board very much, emphasizing this Memorial will be one of its kind, in the fact that, along with our fallen, in battle, we are honoring the fallen that have come home and that we’ve lost through suicides and so those names will be recognized on this memorial, comes now, Connie Karras, to speak adding to the presentation, thanked Commissioners (Repay, Allen and Tippy) for hosting them and all the guests present, Ms. Karras continued, stated that she was asked to be a Commissioner because for the past five years, she has done heart wrenching work with an organization called “22 Too Many”, twenty-two being the number that is assumed take their lives by suicide, veterans, not really quite sure how high or low that number is, probably under reported, post-pandemic that number to possible be higher, but one is too high, Ms. Karras, mentioned she could not be more grateful when they met with Commissioner Repay for immediately wanting to get on board with this and helping with this one of a kind memorial because it’s going to be the first one of the Friends of the Veterans Memorial Parkway Memorials to name those who have died by suicide and it’s a very painful topic, something that is needed to shatter the stigma and steps little by little are being made, Ms. Karras mentioned the intervention needed to be better as well as the postvention and it is getting better, making this memorial crucial to getting us to that place, also mentioned that for the past several years she carries, as part of “22 Too Many” efforts, photos of three United States, fellow United States Marine Corp heroes who died by suicide, they are Kyle Whisler, James Dexter Morris and Kris “Devildog” Setchfield, one of the heroes served in Iraq as a Combat Engineer, names will go on Memorial, Ms. Karras encouraged everyone to be involved, to keep the memories alive of those and everyone who has died in these awful Wars. End of Presentation Plaque was presented to the Board Members.

Order #5 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners’ Items: 10.1 Public Hearing for the C.D.B.G. Funding.

Comes now, Attorney Fech for agenda item 10.1 asked the Board if a motion could be made to open a Public Hearing, and that this Public Hearing has been properly advertised to be held 12<sup>th</sup> day March, 2025 at 10:00am, Allen made a motion to open the Public Hearing, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.  
Comes now, Tim Brown Director for Community Economic Development and Attorney Joe Irak, before the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of Public Hearing for the CDBG Funding Attorney Irak began with the Opening Remarks, President Repay, opened the floor for anyone present who wished to speak on the topic of C.D.B.G. Funding, whether for or against, to come forward now.....called once twice and a third time....hearing none, Allen made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5 Agenda #10.1 cont'd

Comes now, Attorney Irak, continued, discussed the Citizen Participation Plan, Affirmative Action, Lake County Indiana Section 3 Understanding and Resolution, Attorney Irak continued with details of amount available, specifics must be inline with HUD guidelines and Economic Development Director, expenditures and plan due by May 5, 2025, Allen made a motion to approve all items listed related to CDBG, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

The following is a detailed citizen participation plan which:

1. Provides for and encourages citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used, and provides participation of residents in low and moderate income neighborhoods as defined by the local jurisdiction;
2. Provides citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the grantee's proposed use of funds, as required by the regulations of the Secretary, and relation to the actual use of funds under the Act;
3. Provides for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance to be determined by the grantee;
4. Provides for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped;
5. Provides for a timely written answer to written complaints and grievances, within fifteen (15) working days where practicable; and
6. Identifies how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be in the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate.

  
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LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
Section 3 Understanding

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued regulations that provide the directive to creative job opportunities for low-income persons when HUD funds are expended on a construction project. These regulations are known as Section 3 policy. The purpose of the Section 3 policy is to ensure that the employment and other economic opportunities generated by Federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed toward low and very low-income persons.

Section 3 covered projects are construction, reconstruction, conversion, or rehabilitation of housing, including reduction and abatement of lead based paint hazards, or other public construction which includes building and improvements assisted with HUD housing and community development assistance. Section 3 covered contracts do not include contracts for purchase of supplies and materials. However, whenever a contract for materials includes the installation of the materials, the contract constitutes a Section 3 covered contract.

Fund recipients and contractors must show compliance with the numerical goals set forth by the regulations. The numerical goals for new hires apply only to the number of new hires generated because of the financial assistance of the HUD programs. The numerical goals are not absolute numerical requirements. They are goals that each recipient and contractor should try to reach. The goals, if not met, do not trigger sanctions against the recipient or contractor. However, if challenged on the issue of compliance with Section 3, the recipient or contractor should be ready to demonstrate that they tried to reach these goals. The goals are as follows:

- 30% of all covered new hires for the year FY 2025

In addition, recipients and contractors are required to show compliance with the goal that at least 10% of any building trade activity which is subcontracted, and 3% of non building trade activity (construction management, etc.), is awarded to eligible Section 3 business concerns.

Further information regarding these requirements may be found in the Federal Regulations at 24 CFR 135 and the Lake County Section 3 Plan.

*I certify that I have read the information above and understand the Section 3 requirements and numerical goals.*

**Name:** Michael Repay, Kyle W. Allen, Sr.; Jerry Tippy  
**Title:** Commissioner(s), Board of Lake County, Indiana  
**Date:** March 12, 2025

Michael Repay  
03/12/2025

Kyle W. Allen, Sr.  
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Jerry Tippy  
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Order #5 Agenda #10.1 cont'd

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM  
IMPLEMENTING SECTION 3 OF THE  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968

SPECIFIC AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STEPS

COUNTY OF LAKE agrees to implement the following specific affirmative action steps directed at increasing the utilization of lower income residents and project area businesses.

- A. To ascertain from the HUD Area Office Director the exact boundaries of the Section 3 covered project area and where advantageous, seek the assistance of local officials of the department in preparing and implementing the affirmative action plan.
- B. To attempt to recruit from the appropriate areas the necessary number of lower income residents through: local advertising media, signs placed at the proposed site for the project, and community organizations and public or private institutions operating within or serving the project area such as Service Employment and Redevelopment (SER), Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), Urban League, Concentrated Employment Program, Hometown Plan or the U.S. Employment Service.
- C. To maintain a list of all lower income area residents who have applied either on their own or on referral from any source and to employ such persons, if otherwise eligible and if a vacancy exists.
- D. To insert this affirmative action plan in all bid documents, and to require all bidders to submit a Section 3 affirmative action plan including utilization goals and the specific steps planned to accomplish the goals.
- E. To insure that contracts which are typically let on a negotiated rather than a bid basis in areas other than Section 3 covered project area, are also let on a negotiated basis, where ever feasible when let in a Section 3 covered project area.
- F. To formally contact unions, subcontractors and trade associations, to secure their cooperation for this program.
- G. To insure that all appropriate project area business concerns are notified of pending contractual opportunities.
- H. To maintain records including copies of correspondence, memoranda, etc., which document that all of the above affirmative action steps have been taken.
- I. To appoint or recruit an executive official of the company or agency as Equal Opportunity Officer to coordinate the implementation of this Section 3 Affirmative Action Plan.

Michael Repay

Signature

Board of Commissioners, County of Lake, Indiana

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Order #6 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Elections: Movers for Voting Equipment.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of quotes for Movers for Voting Machines for Elections, the following quotes were received:

	Infinity Machine	
1. Ferree Movers, Inc.	\$30/Per Unit	\$20/ADA \$10/Delivery & Pickup each way
2. Purcell Commercial Cleaning	\$40/Per Unit	\$40/ADA delivery & pickup ~ no cost for extra people
3. Bill's Movers & Storage	\$30/Per Unit	\$20/ADA per location

Comes now, Michelle Fajman, Director of Elections and Registration, present/spoke, stated both Ferree & Bill's Movers are the same, one was just worded differently with the \$10 each way, which still equals out to the twenty and the VVPAP's are now included in the actual infinity case and that was described in the original notice, so with both being equal, Ms. Fajman requested permission to divide the contract in half for two Special Elections, one Crown Point School Corporation and one in Hobart and they will divide them up and give one each to them.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to award both bidders equally, accepting the recommendation of the Board of Elections and Registration Director, for Moving of Voting Equipment for Special Election in Crown Point and Hobart to Ferree Movers, Inc. and Biller's Movers & Storage equally for \$30/Per Unit Infinity Machine and \$20/ADA per location delivery and pickup. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #7 Agenda #5.1-5.2 ADD #5.3

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1 – 5.3 Sheriff: Specifications: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the advertising of Specifications for bid, agenda items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 on behalf of the Sheriff for the return of bids by Wednesday, April 16, 2025 to the Lake County Auditor no later than 9:00a.m., listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 5.1 Sheriff: Request Approve Specifications of Bids for Paint for 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Patrol) returnable to Lake County Auditor no later than April 16, 2025 by 9:00a.m.
- 5.2 Sheriff: Request Approve Specifications of Bids for Upfitting Marked 2025 or newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles returnable to Lake County Auditor no later than April 16, 2025 by 9:00a.m.
- 5.3 Sheriff: Request Approve Specifications of Bids for Unmarked 2025 or newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles returnable to Lake County Auditor no later than April 16, 2025 by 9:00a.m.

## Order #8 Agenda #8.1-8.5

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 – 8.5 E-911: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve agenda items 8.1 – 8.5 on behalf of E-911, Contracts listed below, Tippy seconded with discussion, asked for explanation on agenda item 8.4, Mark Swiderski Executive Director for L C 911 present/spoke, stated, “we can not use 911 Funds to purchase chairs, but we can Lease them, we’ve done this program the last three years, what happens is every year they replace them and refurnish new chairs, 24/7 operations we have people sitting in them all the time, if they break, they come out they fix them, it’s just a more feasible solution for us, these chairs, on average, cost five thousand dollars a piece, so while this sounds like a lot of money, having them exchanged every year is actually a pretty good benefit to our organization”, Repay, commented, “so that’s what they do, they take the whole, and then rotate them ever year?” Mark, responded, “they take the Fleet, yes, and then we have our equal demo, several different types and we have different types, different sizes, and things of that nature”, end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

8.1 E-911: VEEAM Backup/Disaster Recovery software renewal through BucherTech in the amount of \$2,465.58

8.2 E-911: Eventide AIS integration upgrade in the amount of \$7,246.25 purchased from Nelson Systems

8.3 E-911: Palo Alto licensing and support renewal from Sayers for one year in the amount of \$2,436.97

8.4 E-911: Dispatch chair lease from Shelby for 3 years totaling \$56,760.00

8.5 E-911: Purchase of FreshService IT ticketing software directly from Salesforce for 1 year in the amount of \$1,260.00.

## Order #9 Agenda #8.6

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.6 Calumet Township Assessor: Rug Service with Unifirst @ \$107.30 Monthly not to exceed \$1,300 Annual.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with Unifirst for Rug Service at \$107.30 Monthly not to exceed \$1,300 Annually on behalf of Calumet Township Assessor. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #10 Agenda #8.7-8.9

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.7 – 8.9 Juvenile Court: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.7 – 8.9 on behalf of Juvenile Court, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.7 Juvenile Court: 2025-2026 Edmemtum, Inc. Contract to provide courseware programs for Core Library, Health and PE Library, HS Elective Library Licenses for residents at the Lake County Detention Center

8.8 Juvenile Court: Contract with Brenda M. Moore to provide Flower Farm Services at the Juvenile Center in the rate of \$25.00 per hour for up to 20 hours a week and not to exceed \$26,000 between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025

8.9 Juvenile Court: Contract with Pulse Technology to provide pay clock services for the year 2025

## Order #11 Agenda #8.10 - #8.17

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.10 – 8.17 Highway: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.10 – 8.17 agenda items on behalf of Highway, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.10 Highway: Recommendation and Award the Asphalt for 2025 to the following lowest and most responsive bidders: 1) Rieth-Riley for AE-90 Delivered, in the amount of \$42,750.00; 2) Milestone for Bituminous Materials & Surface Milling (Delivered and Applied) \$6,394,700; 3) Rieth-Riley for Bituminous Materials (Picked Up) \$52,200 including Alternate; 4) Milestone for Bituminous Materials for Roadway Patching and Bridge Decks (Delivered & Applied) \$515,000; 5) Milestone for Seal Coat Chip & Seal \$2,025,850.

8.11 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Work Order # 4000044787

8.12 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Work Order # 4000044788

8.13 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Work Order # 4000058526

8.14 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Work Order # 4000042121

8.15 Highway: Contract with DLZ, Task Order 6 for Capstone Subdivision: Stormwater Review in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00

8.16 Highway: Calumet Township STEP Force Main Construction, Agreement for Professional Services with RailPros Field Services Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$18,436.00

8.17 Highway: Lake County Small Structure Inventory; Structures 5’ – 20’; Agreement with USI Consultants in the amount not to exceed \$67,750.00.

## Order #12 Agenda #8.18-#8.24

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.18 – 8.20 Commissioners: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.18 – 8.24 agenda items on behalf of Commissioners, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.18 Commissioners: Contract with Tamm Capital Group, LLC in the amount of \$72,000 for the year 2025

8.19 Commissioners: Rescind February 19, 2025 Agenda Item 8.51 approving Service Agreement with Johnson Controls and APPROVE Service Agreement Between Johnson Controls and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for renewal Lake County Juvenile Center Fire Alarm System Service Agreement for 2025 in the amount of \$23,244.00.

8.20 Commissioners: Rescind February 19, 2025 Agenda item 8.55 approving Service Agreement with Johnson Controls and APPROVE Service Agreement between Johnson Controls and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for renewal Lake County Jail Fire Alarm System Service Agreement for 2025 in the amount of \$57,096.00.

8.21 Commissioners: Approve Change Order #1 for Gariup Construction in the amount of \$12,365.00 for Investigative Demolition Work Project

8.22 Commissioners: Approve proposal from Upright Interiors for increases in pricing from the manufacture for Judge Schiralli’s furniture in the amount of \$4,487.54

8.23 Commissioners: Approve and Contract for Legal Services with Dinsmore LLP for the Lake County Convention and Event Center

8.24 Commissioners: Approve and Contract for Professional Services with Johnson for the Lake County Convention and Event Center.

## Order #13 Agenda #8.25-8.26

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.25 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Alfredo Estrada-Burke Costanza & Carberry for the year 2025 in the amount of \$20,000.00; 8.26 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Cole Galloway for the year 2025 in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.25 and 8.26 agenda items on behalf of Public Defender, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.25 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Alfredo Estrada-Burke Costanza & Carberry for the year 2025 in the amount of \$20,000.00;

8.26 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Cole Galloway for the year 2025 in the amount of \$35,000.00.

## Order #14 Agenda #8.27- #8.34

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.27 – 8.34 Health Department: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.27 – 8.34 on behalf of Health Department, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.27 Health Dept.: Contract with AIDS Task Force of Lake and Porter Counties Aliveness Project in the amount of \$200,000.00.

This Contract is funded through the H.F.I. Grant fund and is 100% reimbursable to Lake County

8.28 Health Dept.: Contract with Safe Coalition for Human Rights A Better Way Program in the amount of \$200,000.00. This contract is funded through the H.F.I. Grant fund and is 100% reimbursable to Lake County.

8.29 Health Dept.: Contract with Families Anchored in Total Harmony in the amount of \$200,000.00. This contract is funded through the H.F.I. Grant fund and is 100% reimbursable to Lake County.

8.30 Health Dept.: Contract with Sounds of Sarah in the amount of \$163,950.00. This is funded through the H.F.I. Grant fund and is 100% reimbursable to Lake County.

8.31 Health Dept.: Contract with Love of Arts Shine Recovery Café Transportation Assistance Program in the amount of \$37,500.00. This contract is funded through the H.F.I. Grant Fund and is 100% reimbursable to Lake County

8.32 Health Dept.: Contract with Love of Arts Shine Youth Recovery Support Program in the amount of \$18,500.00. This contract is funded through the H.F.I. Grant fund and is 100% reimbursable to Lake County.

8.33 Health Dept.: Contract with Marshall Town Community Youth Programs d/b/a The Papa House in the amount of \$46,000.00. This contract is funded through the H.F.I. Grant fund and is 100% reimbursable to Lake County.

8.34 Health Dept.: Contract with Purdue University for their Nutrition Education Program in the amount of \$79,030.00 to be made in quarterly payments in the amount of \$19,757.50

## Order #15 Agenda #8.35-#8.37

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.35 – 8.37 Sheriff: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.35 – 8.37 on behalf of Sheriff for Service Agreements listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.35 Sheriff: County Form 19 Service Agreement with ATN for CCTV at Lake County Jail Repair of cameras and power supplies, labor and parts included

8.36 Sheriff: County Form 19 Service Agreement with Lake County Sheriff (SVU) and Par Mar Security for Monitored intrusion, fire, burglary in the amount of \$851.88 annually billed quarterly in the amount of \$70.99, with a one time fee of \$795.00 for installation.

8.37 Sheriff: County Form 19 Service Agreement between Lake County Sheriff (Evidence Room) (Warehouse) and Alert Alarm for Monitored intrusion, fire and environmental alarms installed at each locations in the amount of \$816.00 annually, payable \$204.00 quarterly.

## Order #16 Agenda #8.38-#8.41

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.38 – 8.41 HVAC: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.38 – 8.41 on behalf of HVAC Department, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.38 HVAC: Approve Quote from Kleen Air Service Corporation in the amount of \$32,435.00 for cleaning of air handling equipment located in the Lake County Jail

8.39 HVAC: Approval from James F. Giannini & Associates Contract for Mechanical Engineering Services for Hammond Courthouse in the amount of \$8,500.00 with an alternate bid in the amount of \$4,850.00 to add engineering work for flue pipe reconfiguration engineering work.

8.40 HVAC: Approval from James F. Giannini & Associates contract for Mechanical Engineering Services for Gary Courthouse in the amount of \$14,900.00 with an alternate bid in the amount of \$4,850.00 to add engineering work for flue pipe reconfiguration engineering work

8.41 HVAC: Approval of quote from Gatlin Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$78,500.00 for replacement of hot water heater in jail. Additional quote received from Air Comfort in the amount of \$94,798.00; Johnson Controls declined to quote; no response from Mechanical Concepts

## Order #17 Agenda #8.42

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.42 Community Corrections: Recommend and Award to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Sentinel for Electronic Monitoring Services for two years with renewal for 2 additional years and 1 year extension.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve recommendation and award the most responsive and responsible for Electronic Monitoring Services for Community Corrections to Sentinel for two years with renewal for two (2) additional years and one (1) year extension. Pricing Comparison Chart March 2025 – Sentinel Offenders Services – GPS Tracking \$4.47/day; Remote Breath Alcohol \$4.95/.day; Cam Equipment Ethernet \$8.00/day; Cam Wireless \$8.74/day. Letter of Recommendation and Pricing Comparison Chart submitted by Executive Director Kellie Bittorf dated March 3, 2025. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #18 Agenda #11.1 - #11.4

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 – 11.4 Council Items: Ordinance(s): Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 11.1 – 11.4 on behalf of Council Items, Ordinances listed below, submitted and adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025. Motion carried 3-0.

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## Order #18 Agenda #11.1 - #11.4 cont'd

11.1 Ordinance 1502C-2 Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2025, Ordinance No. 1502C  
11.2 Ordinance 1505A Establishing the Auditor's SRFWW BAN22 Fund  
11.3 Ordinance 1459C-15 Amending Ordinance No. 1459C, The Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds.  
11.4 Ordinance 1459-8 Amending Ordinance No. 1459B, The Ordinance Declaring Funds Not Created by Ordinance as Dormant and Inactive

## Order #19 Agenda #12.1-#12.3

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

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

12.1 Auditor: LC 265 2/20/25 TO 3/12/25 HAND CUT 02/20/25 TO 3/12/25 LC 130 3/12/25  
12.2 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 2-10-2025  
12.3 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register – For period 2/1/25-3/1/25

## Order #20 Agenda #13.1-13.3

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 Highway: Certificates of Insurance Updates; 13.2 Commissioners: Certificate of Liability Insurance for Steve's Towing for the year 2025; 13.3 Commissioners: Ridgeway Service Inc. Towing & Recovery's Certificate of Insurance Bond for 2025.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 13.1 – 13.3 Action on Bonds/Insurance on behalf of Highway and Commissioners, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

13.1 Highway: Certificates of Insurance Updates  
13.2 Commissioners: Certificate of Liability Insurance for Steve's Towing for the year 2025  
13.3 Commissioners: Ridgeway Service Inc. Towing & Recovery's Certificate of Insurance Bond for 2025.

## Order #21 Agenda #15.1-15.2

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report Period 1/16/2025-2/15/2025; 15.2 Commissioners: Title Page of Phase II and the 2022-2025 Lake County Bridge Inspection Report.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve section 15, agenda items 15.1 and 15.2 for Staff Reports submitted from Weights & Measures and Commissioners as listed below, Attorney Fech spoke on 15.2, stated Lake County Bridge Inspection Report, spoke with Mr. Alverson (Highway Engineer) prior to meeting, and apparently INDOT requires the Board of Commissioners to sign off on Report, a form included is relative to that, end comment, Mr. Alverson present/spoke, stated, it's Phase II of the current Contract we have with DLZ for 2022-2025, so this is the Phase II Report that needs to be signed, end comment, Allen made a motion to approve, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report Period 1/16/2025-2/15/2025;  
15.2 Commissioners: Title Page of Phase II and the 2022-2025 Lake County Bridge Inspection Report.



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## Order #22 Agenda #16.1

In the Matter of Other/ Matters Of Public Record: 16.1 Commissioners: Notice of the Lake County Board of Commissioners' Special Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Allen made a motion to make 16.1, Notice of the Lake County Board of Commissioners' Special Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, a matter of public record, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #22 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, with Public Comment, Dave R. of Westlong Estates, spoke about sewers going into his subdivision currently and stated he had asked two questions for the past two and a half years, one, what will it cost him, could he get it in writing and asked what are the ramifications if he chose not to get the sewer since he was told it was totally optional. Commissioner Tippy stated to Mr. Dave R., "that is something we are working on, we don't have any info right now, the Attorney's are talking to each other because there seems to be some bad information being passed and before we give you information, I want to make sure it's absolutely accurate".

Comes now, with Public Comment, Attorney Tracey Coleman of Gary, asked Commissioners support for the Convention Center coming to Gary, Indiana, Ms. Coleman continued comments stated she wanted to encourage the Commissioners to support the development in Northern Lake County Indiana, stated she noticed high unemployment rates in Gary(9%), East Chicago(7.5%) and Hammond(6%) and stated that there's an opportunity in Gary as the Northern County's Northern parts of the County starts to shift our economy there's a real opportunity in Gary to go from industrial to tourism and tourism is a big industry and stated that Gary Indiana has the number one tourist site in the State of Indiana and that's Indiana Dunes National Park, Ms. Coleman stated she's a former park ranger, continued stated it's an asset people can't just pickup and say "I have Lake Michigan, bald eagles, I have this natural landscape" and continued stated that Gary has the highest grossing casino in the State of Indiana, which is the Hard Rock, which is just a benefit for the Region, continued stating that Gary has world class performers coming to the Region to entertain and support our economy and in Gary there's so many good things to do, with the Airport and the Air Show that Gary has, the birthplace of the greatest entertainer Michael Jackson 2300 Jackson Street, people continue to gather there, Ms. Coleman finished comment stated this is a great opportunity when you talk about the Convention Center being put in Gary, we show that our Commissioners aren't just concerned about South County but they're also concerned about the Northern part of the County, they're also compassionate to know that eventually we do have to diversify, having more than just retail and industry and in Gary you have the perfect opportunity with tourism to help the Region and Gary, a great message to investors showing Commissioners believe in this part of our County and willing to put money and make sure this part of the County is invested in and supported. Attorney Coleman Thanked the Board of Commissioners and everybody who works in Government who is a Public Servant. End comments.

Comments from Elected Officials and Commissioners, there were none.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April16, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

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

The following officials were Present virtually:  
Attorney Matthew Fech

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MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

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KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

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JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR