

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 14th day of May, 2025 at about 2:11 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 14th day of May, 2025 at about 2:11 p.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WebEx Meeting ID: 263 1677 7877 Password: commissioners

Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions and/or Corrections – 2.1 -2.11: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the amended Agenda as presented by the County Attorney, with the following additions, deletions, and corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

2.1 **DELETION:** (HIGHWAY) Item #3.1: Sanitary Sewer Collection and Conveyance Project for Greenhill Ranches Annex No. 2 Subdivision (Bids are due June 18, 2025)

2.2 **CORRECTION:** (HIGHWAY) Item #8.25: County Utility Agreement Town of Lowell (not the City of Crown Point) INDOT Concurrence for Temporary Use of City or County Roads; Indiana American Water Company; Location: Along 181st Avenue from the intersection of US 41 to approximately 240 feet to the West

2.3 **ADDITION:** (HIGHWAY): ITEM #8.29: Lake County Bridge No. 268 Addendum No. 2 with revision of Sheets 3 and 4 Construction Drawings, added pay items, guardrail revisions and proposal sheets

2.4 **ADDITION:** (HIGHWAY): ITEM #8.30: Addendum #3 for modifications to the original documents, sheets 3 & 4, sheet 17 and sheet 19 for the replacement of Lake County Bridge #268

2.5 **ADDITION:** (HIGHWAY) ITEM #8.31: Addendum #4 modification to the original documents, sheets 3 & 4, and sheet 11 for the replacement of Lake County Bridge #268

2.6 **ADDITION:** (HIGHWAY) ITEM #8.32: Addendum #5 for the Lake County Bridge No. 268 replacement. Item 18 quantity change and Item 21 unit change

2.7 **ADDITION:** (HIGHWAY) ITEM #8.33: Revised administrative settlement counter offer Parcel 2, Lake County Bridge 97 in the amount of \$40,470.00

2.8 **ADDITION:** (COMMISSIONERS): ITEM #8.38: Professional Services Agreement with DLZ in the amount of \$39,880.00 for window replacement and tuckpointing at the Lake County Fairgrounds Midway Buildings

2.9 **ADDITION:** (COMMISSIONERS): ITEM #8.40: Change Order #3 with The Pangere Corporation for the Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices project in the amount of \$3,465.00

2.10 **ADDITION:** (COMMISSIONERS): ITEM #9.2: Property Disposal Request from West Wind Manor

2.11 **ADDITION:** (COMMISSIONERS): ITEM #16.2: Sign-in sheet and Pre-bid meeting agenda for the Lake County Fairgrounds restroom replacement

Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Venfor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 – 3.3: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to allow the opening of bids, agenda items 3.2 – 3.3, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

3.2 Replacement of Lake County Bridge 268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch, St. John, IN

3.3 Fairgrounds Restroom

Order #3

-Motion to amend order of Agenda

Comes now Board Vice President, Commissioner Allen, made a motion to amend the Agenda order, Agenda items 10.8 and 10.9 for consideration now, Commissioner Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #4 Agenda #10.8

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.8 A Resolution Regarding the Approval of a Proposal For Lake County Convention and Event Center.

Comes now, Board President, Commissioner Repay, read aloud Resolution Regarding the Approval of a Proposal For Lake County Convention and Event Center in it's entirety, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution Regarding the Approval of a Proposal For Lake County Convention and Event Center, now numbered as Resolution No. 2025-03, upon a motion made by Allen, seconded by Tippy with discussion, Tippy commented, "first, I'd like to thank both bidders for submitting thorough and viable proposals, it was a difficult decision, took in a lot of information over the past several months, including hundreds of emails from concerned citizens, couple things I'd like to note, first, the successful proposal does not include the use of any State, County or Local income tax other than Gary, the City of Gary would have the option to use their Local Taxes to fulfill their liability, so I just wanted to make that, no other municipalities or the County are putting forth any income or property tax for this project, next I'd like to point out that the Statute requires that the Convention Center be operated and managed by an entity experienced in running similar projects, the successful bidder states that Hard Rock Northern Indiana would run the Convention Center, also, I think a primary concern in the process of, for me making this decision, was the financing and it was the successful bidder, Gary Hard Rock, provided two letters from major financial institutions stating that they would provide that financing on the assumption that the proposed matching funds are proven to be available, so this is the first step, so now we go through the next steps and process and I look forward to that and thanks again to both bidders for investing the time and thank you all for your interest", end comments from Commissioner Tippy, Commissioner Allen, commented, "Commissioner Tippy hit the key and important points, but I would say to Hard Rock and to the City of Gary and to the Administration, I will use one word, execution, we must speak truth to power, this is the first time in my lifetime that I have ever seen the State of Indiana set aside a hundred million dollars in this manor, the project will be transformational, it will make the location definitely competitive because, don't be deceived there is competition, and there's competition beyond the borders of Gary of Lake County and beyond the State of Indiana, we sit in the third largest market in the United States and no one wants to raise taxes, we have another casino immediately to the west of us on Halsted street, so be cognicent of that, this is a group effort, the State, the County and the City and we might be separate, but we are definitely

Order #4 Agenda #10.8 cont'd

interconnected and we must compete, support, remain viable and when a project like this comes along, maybe once in a lifetime and we were vested with that authority and responsibility and we only had two applicants, the Commissioners have made a choice, I wish my City, Hard Rock, godspeed and I cannot reiterate enough, execute, because if we can do this, I believe that there will be more opportunities like this down the road, because it was incumbent for us to execute for the vetting process, so thank you and I'd like to thank my fellow Commissioners, the applicants and the citizens of Lake County for allowing me and us to serve, thank you", end comments for Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Repay, spoke with comment, "I appreciate the attendance of everybody here, and appreciate the interest throughout the County, most importantly, I appreciate the interest of the two bidders and the proposals that they put forward, there was a lot of work, a lot of hard work involved, a lot of extra work that was not, perhaps not necessarily required, but the Legislation was the Legislation and the Legislation put us all in this room and all of us in this situation and I'll be brief because I do agree with almost everything my two colleagues have said and in the interest of moving things along, I'd just like to say one thing, I think often times citizens of Lake County feel like they're "less than" citizens of the State of Indiana and sometimes the State of Indiana and the people that are in Indianapolis and in power treat us that way and I don't think that, I think I've said it before where I feel like, citizens of Lake County are citizens of the State of Indiana and citizens of Gary are citizens of Lake County so this is not a project for or against any particular group, this is for Lake County and for the benefit of hopefully all of us and hopefully the future holds a very bright, ends up being quite bright, there is work to be done, this is a step in the right direction and a step towards eventually approving a development agreement, there's still negotiation to be done and we expect that Hard Rock/City of Gary to be tough negotiators as we will be as well to make sure all the components of the agreement are met and all the obligations are met and so with that, I would say, let the record show that the motion to adopt the Resolution carries 3-0.

Resolution No. 2025-03
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE
COUNTY, INDIANA REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION AND AN OWNERSHIP SHARE
IN A LAKE COUNTY CONVENTION AND EVENT CENTER**

WHEREAS, Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 434 (2023) authorized up to \$100 million in state matching funds to be provided in an annual amount of up to \$5 million over a period of twenty (20) years ending before July 1, 2045, to be used for a convention and event center ("**Convention Center**") in Lake County, Indiana ("**Lake County**"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7.5-7 ("**Act**"), the Board of Commissioners of Lake County ("**Board of Commissioners**") was authorized to begin accepting proposals on July 1, 2023 for the development, operation and an ownership share in a Convention Center from any entity qualified to fund and operate a Convention Center, including local political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2024, the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority released an updated financial feasibility study confirming the "continued viability of a convention center in Lake County"; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2024, the Board of Commissioners issued an "RFP/RFQ for the Development, Construction and Operations of Lake County Indiana Convention Center" due on October 16, 2024 ("**RFP/RFQ**"), which set forth, among other things, the minimum requirements under the Act to be included in the RFP/RFQ; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2024, the Board of Commissioners received submittals in response to the RFP/RFQ from (1) the City of Hobart, Indiana and Garfield Public/Private LLC ("**City of Hobart/Garfield Proposal**") and (2) the City of Gary, Indiana and Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana ("**City of Gary/Hard Rock Proposal**") (collectively, the "**Proposals**" and each a "**Proposal**"); and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2024, the Proposals were presented to the Board of Commissioners during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2025, the Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to select legal and financial advisers to assist with the review of the Proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Proposals and considered the information provided by its staff and advisers relating to the Proposals and now finds that it will be of public utility and benefit to Lake County and in the best interests of the citizens of Lake County to approve a Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the Board of Commissioners approve a Proposal by adoption of a resolution;

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Order #4 Agenda #10.8 cont'd

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Act, the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the City of Gary/Hard Rock Proposal.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, in accordance with Indiana law.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

[Signature]

Kyle W. Allen, County Commissioner 1st District

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Jerry Tippy, County Commissioner 2nd District

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Michael C. Repay, County Commissioner 3rd District

ATTEST:

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Peggy Holinga Katona, County Auditor



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Order #5 Agenda #10.9

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.9 Convention and Event Center Report.

Comes now, Commissioner Allen, before the public and the Board of Commissioners, spoke on agenda item 10.9, stated, "in addition to the actual approval of the Resolution, agenda item 10.9, it is the Convention and Event Center Report and it provides information for public dissemination to show how the Board of Commissioners arrived at their location based on professional advice from the Law Firm and Johnson Consulting that advised us to weigh the merits, the pros and the cons of each applicant, so Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion to make that Report a matter of public record, and I stress public", Commissioner Tippy seconded the motion made with discussion, commented that, "I think it is appropriate to thank Johnson Consulting and Dinsmore for their hardwork, detailed work, many meetings, we didn't arrive at this point easily, but I'd also to thank Matt Reardon (present), Matt was key in coordinating everything and putting out proposals or request for proposals and just want to thank you Matt", end discussion from Commissioner Tippy, Repay, commented, "basically the Report outlines some of the publicly known things about our timeline and questions, etc. and kind of puts more detail into it and which is like Commissioner Allen said, it's the substance of the conversations that were had, that report will be available online", end comment. Motion carried 3-0.



Convention and Event Center Report

Order #6 Agenda #4.1

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #7 Agenda #5.1

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1 Commissioners: Approve Specifications for bids for Meeker Hall Stabilization at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Bids to be returned to the Lake County Auditor's Office no later than June 18, 2025 by 9:30 a.m.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the advertising of Specifications for Meeker Hall Stabilization at the Lake County Fairgrounds for the return of bids to the Lake County Auditor's Office no later than June 18, 2025 by 9:30 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #8 Agenda #8.1-8.2

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 Community Corrections: Approval requested for subscription agreement with CaseBase Software for client tracking in the amount of \$34,600 from June 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. CaseBase agreement is for a period of 1 year, with an option to renew for another year; 8.2 Community Corrections: Request to renew Sentinel Contract for a 2 year period with 2 additional 1 year extensions.

Order #8 Agenda #8.1-8.2 cont'd

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.1 and defer agenda item 8.2 on behalf of Community Corrections, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.1 Community Corrections: Approval requested for subscription agreement with CaseBase Software for client tracking in the amount of \$34,600 from June 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. CaseBase agreement is for a period of 1 year, with an option to renew for another year;

DEFERRED: 8.2 Community Corrections: Request deferred to renew Sentinel Contract for a 2 year period with 2 additional 1 year extensions.

Order #9 Agenda #8.3-8.5

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.3 – 8.5 Juvenile Court: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 on behalf of Juvenile Court, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.3 Juvenile Court: Healthy Hearts Healthy Mind May 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 Contract to provide re-entry services to aid the youth in identifying barriers to their success in the amount of \$2,000.00

8.4 Juvenile Court: Males with a Plan May 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 Contract to provide support to youth in developing leadership skills, self-esteem and confidence at the Lake County Juvenile Center in the amount of \$4,000.00

8.5 Juvenile Court: Contract approval for Patricia Boyd from 5/1/2025-6/30/26 to provide entrepreneurial to femal youth detained at the Juvenile Detention Center in the amount of \$4,500.

Order #10 Agenda #8.6

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.6 Plan Commission: Agreement to provide additional professional services for amendments to the adopted Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) from Duncan Associates.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.6 Agreement to provide additional professional services for amendments to the adopted Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) from Duncan Associates on behalf of Plan Commission, Tippy seconded with comment, stated, "this is for the addition of a section in our Zoning Ordinance to cover Data Centers", end comment. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #11 Agenda #8.7-8.33

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.7 – 8.33 Highway: Contracts/Agreements: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.7 – 8.33 on behalf of Highway Department, Agreements listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.7 Highway: Utility Agreement with NIPSCO; WO# 4000043517

8.8 Highway: Road Cut Agreement with NIPSCO; WO# 4000043517; Location 7320 Ainsworth Road Hobart, IN; Request to reframe NIPSCO utility poles and install 80' bore conduit; lane restrictions and working off shoulder when required

8.9 Highway: Utility Agreement with Troyer Group on behalf of Surf Internet and Directlone Communications; Project # CDLKIN01.SA03

8.10 Highway: Road Cut Agreement with Surf Internet; Project #CDLKIN01.SA03; Location: Alexander Street, McCook Street, Kennedy Street, 123rd Court, and 124th Avenue (all North of 129th Avenue in Sherwood Park Subdivision); Requesting fiber build

8.11 Highway: Utility Agreement with Troyer Group on behalf of Surf Internet and Directline Communications; Project # CDLKIN01.SA05

8.12 Highway: Road Cut Agreement with Surf Internet; Project # CDLKIN01.SA05; Location: Parrish Avenue (from 125th Avenue north to 12132 Parrish Avenue); Requesting fiber build

8.13 Highway: Utility Agreement with AT&T; Project # A02VCER

8.14 Highway: Road Cut Agreement with AT&T; Project # A02VCER; Location: W 89th and Colfax, W 91st and Colfax Street, Hamlin Place, W 89th Avenue, King Place, Dallas Place, Calhoun Place, W 88th Place, W 88th Avenue; Request to bore 2,253 feet of innerduct at the listed locations

8.15 Highway: Utility Agreement with AT&T; Location: 13259 Cedar Lake Road; Northeast corner of W 133rd Avenue and Cedar Lake Road; Project # A05584R

8.16 Highway: Road Cut Agreement with NIPSCO; Location: Belshaw Road near Ralston Court, Stone Mill Subdivision Ph. 1, Lowell; Request to install minor mains

8.17 Highway: Utility Agreement with NITCO; Location: Colorado Street starting at SR2 going North and moving fiber to the east side of Colorado Street

8.18 Highway: Utility Agreement with Nipsco; Location: Belshaw Road near Ralston Court, Stone Mill Subdivision Ph. 1, Lowell

8.19 Highway: Utility Agreement Frontier Communications; Location: 7502 Randolph Street Hobart, IN 46342, north to railroad; Project # 2500958

8.20 Highway: Road Cut Agreement with Frontier Communications; Location: 7502 Randolph Street Hobart, IN 46342, north to railroad; Project # 2500958; Request to install 1179' buried fiber (boring) and six tap pits

8.21 Highway: Addendum # 1 for Lake County Bridge #268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch

8.22 Highway: Change Order #1 INDOT for Lake County Bridge 259, Construction Increase of \$11,170.80

8.23 Highway: Joint Local Cooperation Agreement Lake County Bridge 254, Wisconsin Street over Lake George. Estimated cost is \$6,312,609.24. Lake County's Estimated cost is \$3,368,104.87, to be Paid from Cum Bridge Fund or other attributable funds. City of Hobart will contribute \$2,940,873.27. Actual cost to be based on unit price bid quantities.

8.24 Highway: Service Agreement with DISA, formerly known as Midwest Toxicology Service, Inc., for drug and alcohol testing services for 2025

8.25 CORRECTION: Highway: County Utility Agreement Town of Lowell INDOT Concurrence for Temporary Use of City or County Roads; Indiana American Water Company; Location: Along 181st Avenue from the intersection of US 41 to approximately 240 feet to the West.

8.26 Highway: Replacement of Bridge #268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch; LPA Consulting Contract with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for Construction Inspection Services in the amount not to exceed \$91,000.00

8.27 Highway: Utility Agreement with AT&T; Location: Cedar Lake Road and West 133rd Avenue – Due East from Cedar Lake Road – Located on the North side of West 133rd ending at Copper Creek Drive on the South side of West 133rd Avenue; Project #A055883

8.28 Highway: Road Cut Agreement with AT&T; Project # A055883; Location: From new pedestal at 13259 Cedar Lake Road South to 133rd Avenue the East to Cooper Creek Drive on North side across to 133rd Avenue to South side; Request to bore fiber cable from aforementioned locations for the new Greensward Subdivision in Crown Point

8.29 ADDITION: Highway: Lake County Bridge No. 268 Addendum No. 2 with revision of Sheets 3 and 4 Construction Drawings, added pay items, guardrail revisions and proposal sheets.

Order #11 Agenda #8.7-8.33 cont'd

8.30 ADDITION: Highway: Addendum #3 for modifications to the original documents, sheets 3 & 4, sheet 17 and sheet 19 for the replacement of Lake County Bridge #268
8.31 ADDITION: Highway: Addendum #4 modification to the original documents, sheets # & 4, and sheet 11 for the replacement of Lake County Bridge #268
8.32 ADDITION: Highway: Addendum #5 for the Lake County Bridge No. 268 replacement. Item 18 quantity change and Item 21 unit change
8.33 ADDITION: Highway: Revised administrative settlement counter offer Parcel 2, Lake County Bridge 97 in the amount of \$40,470.00

Order #12 Agenda #8.34

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.34 Emergency Management – Request renewal of the Contract with Coastal Valley Water for cooler rental at \$6.50 per month and all water delivery from May 1, 2025 through May 1, 2027.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve request on behalf of Emergency Management to renew Contract with Coastal Valley Water for cooler rental at \$6.50 per month and all water delivery from May 1, 2025 through May 1, 2027. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 Agenda #8.35

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.35 Commissioners – Recommend and approve three (3) year Contract with Granicus at Carahsoft live stream subscription. For year one, the amount is \$43,712.87, for year two, the amount will be \$41,223.06, and for year three the amount will be \$44,108.66.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve on behalf of Commissioners three (3) year Contract with Granicus at Carahsoft, live stream subscription, Omnia Software Solutions and Services Contract, for year one, the amount is \$43,712.87, for year two, the amount will be \$41,223.06, and for year three the amount will be \$44,108.66. Attorney Fech commented that this is for the County to come into compliance with the Legislation that was passed for everything to be livestreamed and librated beginning July 1st of 2025. Granicus at Carahsoft Contract No. Omnia – Region 4: R240303 for PO. Motion carried 3-0.



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Order #14 Agenda #8.36-8.44

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.36 – 8.44 Commissioners – Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, without any objections, to approve agenda items 8.36 – 8.44 on behalf of Commissioners, Tippy seconded the motion, Contracts listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.36 Commissioners: Purchase of extrication equipment from sole source vendor Impact Rescue, LLC, in the amount of \$50,197.88
8.37 Commissioners: Letter Agreement for Professional Services Agreement; Task Order Asbestos Containing Material Report Lake County Sheriff Office Remodel not to exceed \$6,500.00 (to be paid from PO 2402036)
8.38 ADDITION: Commissioners: Professional Services Agreement with DLZ in the amount of \$39,880.00 for window replacement and tuckpointing at the Lake County Fairgrounds Midway Buildings
8.39 Commissioners: Approve invoice 4875 from Move Over Outfitters in the amount of \$1,001.97 for additional work necessary to complete installation of equipment on 2024 RAM 250 hazmat vehicle for Emergency Management
8.40 ADDITION: Commissioners: Change Order #3 with The Pangere Corporation for the Renovations to Judge Schiralli's Offices project in the amount of \$3,465.00
8.41 Commissioners: Recommend and approve agreement with Tri-Electronics for Verkada Camera Upgrade at Coroner's Office (quote no. 4060) in the amount of \$54,773.09.
8.42 Commissioners: Change Order Request from Midwestern Electric, LLC, in the amount of \$1,678.63, for the NIPSCO outage work. NIPSCO required additional hours to complete their work, which caused Midwestern Electric, LLC, to work longer than expected.
8.43 Commissioners: Engineering Services Agreement with DLZ Indiana LLC for the UST Removal and New Fueling Area in the amount of \$145,000.00
8.44 Commissioners: Addendum to Basic Agreement between Per Mar Security and Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for maintenance of the Westwind Manor Fire Control Panel in an amount not to exceed \$240.00 payable at the rate of \$20.00 per month for the period of June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.

Order #15 Agenda #8.45

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.45 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Sophia J. Arshad-Arshad, Pangere & Warring, LLP for the year 2025 in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Legal Services Contract with Sophia J. Arshad-Arshad, Pangere & Warring, LLP for the year 2025, from May 21, 2025 to December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 at the rate of \$110.00 per hour, on behalf of Public Defender Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #16 Agenda #8.46

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.46 E-911: Mindbase renewal for 2025 in the amount of \$14,400.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve renewal with Mindbase, LLC for 2025 for service period 03/01/2025 – 02/28/2026, on behalf of Lake County 911, in the amount of \$14,400.00. Description – Mindbase Peer Support Platform for Public Safety. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #17 Agenda #9.1-9.2

In the Matter of Acton And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 Prosecutor: Request for Property Disposal; 9.2 ADDITION: Commissioners: Property Disposal Request from West Wind Manor.

Order #17 Agenda #9.1-9.2 cont'd

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve property disposal request submitted from Prosecutor, itemized list of computer equipment and typewriter(s), and ordered same to approve property disposal submitted from Commissioners West Wind Manor, itemized list of property in not working condition. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #18 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 Highway: INDOT Scoring Tabulation Selection of a Consultant to provide Design Engineering Services for County Wide Sign Modernization Project.

Allen made a motion to accept the Highway Engineer's recommendation to confirm the scoring based on INDOT scoring guidelines and select DLZ Indiana as the highest-ranking Consulting Firm to provide the Design Engineering Services for County Wide Sign Modernization Project, Tippy seconded the motion. Highway Engineer present/spoke – two proposals were submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #19 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.2 Highway: INDOT Scoring Tabulation Selection of a Consultant to provide Construction Inspection Services for Lake County Bridge 97.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the recommendation from the Highway Engineer to confirm the scoring based on INDOT scoring guidelines and select EGIS (BLN-Beam, Longest & Neff) as the highest-ranking consulting firm to provide Construction Inspection Services for Lake County Bridge 97. Highway Engineer present/spoke – five proposals were submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #20 Agenda #10.3

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.3 Highway: Selection of a Consultant for the Design Engineering Services for Lake County Bridge #361, Binyon Avenue over Cedar Creek.

Allen made a recommendation motion on agenda item 10.3 for Lochmeuller Group as the appointed Consultant to provide the Design Engineering Services for Lake County Bridge #361, Binyon Avenue over Cedar Creek, Tippy seconded the motion. Highway Engineer present/spoke requested the Board appoint a Consultant. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #21 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.4 Highway: Selection of a Consultant for the Design Engineering Services for Lake County Bridge #261, 213th Avenue over Hart Ditch.

Allen made a recommendation motion for agenda item 10.4 for DLZ as the selected Consultant to provide the Design Engineering Services for Lake County Bridge #261, 213th Avenue over Hart Ditch, Tippy seconded the motion. Highway Engineer present/spoke requested the Board select a Consultant. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #22 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.5 Highway: Selection of a Consultant for the Design Engineering Services for Lake County Bridge #49, Parrish Avenue over Brach Cedar Creek.

Allen made a motion recommending United Engineering as the selected Consultant to provide the Design Engineering Services for Lake County Bridge #49, Parrish Avenue over Brach Cedar Creek, Tippy seconded the motion. Highway Engineer present/spoke requested the Board select a Consultant. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #23 Agenda #10.6

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.6 Commissioners: Poor Relief Appeal Decisions from Calumet Township Trustee.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the appeal decisions from Township of Calumet, Lake County Indiana, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

Nenette Gil	Approved in part
Jabna Gzell	Remanded to township for further consideration and review
James Taylor Jr.	Approved in part
Patricia Smith	Approved in part
Myrtis Teague	Rescheduled
Kenneth Glover	Approved in part
Latasha Johnson	Approved in part
Melissa Buchanan	Approved in part
Anthony Mosley	Approved in part
Justen Castellanos	Approved in part

Order #24 Agenda #10.7

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.7 Commissioners: Quit Claim Deed for property located at: 733-51 Washington St., Gary, IN 46402.

Comes now, Attorney Fech, for agenda item 10.7, Quit-Claim Deed for property located at 733-751 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana, from Lake County Board of Commissioners to the City of Gary, as and for their master plan.

Comes now, Commissioner Allen, in a motion to approve, spoke with context for public information, stated, "this is property that the Board of Commissioners actually own and the City of Gary wishes to have it deeded to them for the purposes of blight elimination and demolitions", Tippy seconded. Parcel No. 45-08-04-479-004.000.004. Doc No. 2025-014248. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #25 Agenda #11.1

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.1 Ordinance: Ordinance No. 1507A Creating the Lake County Juvenile Center Flower Farm Project Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 11.1, County Council Ordinance No. 1507A, Ordinance Creating the Lake County Juvenile Center Flower Farm Project Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #26 Agenda #11.2

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.2 Ordinance No. 1500F-3 Amending the Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1500F, Establishing Salary Increases for Seventeen (17) Full-Time Positions in the Lake County Prosecutor's IV-D Department (Department 9003).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 11.2, County Council Ordinance No. 1500F-3, Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1500F, Establishing Salary Increases for Seventeen (17) Full-Time Positions in the Lake County Prosecutor's IV-D Department (Department 9003). Motion carried 3-0.

Order #27 Agenda #11.3

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.3 Ordinance No. 1507B Establishing the 2024-2 Lake County Local Roads And Bridges Matching/INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 11.3, County Council Ordinance No. 1507B, Ordinance Establishing the 2024-2 Lake County Local Roads and Bridges Matching/INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #28 Agenda #12.1-12.3 w/12.4-12.5

In the Matter of State Board Of Accounts Items: 12.1 – 12.3 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher(s): Listed below; 12.4 Elections and Registration: Election Day Workers' Pay request; 12.5 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve State Board of Accounts Items, agenda items 12.1 – 12.5, on behalf of Auditor, Elections and Registration, and Economic Development, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 4-7-2025

12.2 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 4-21-2025

12.3 Auditor: LC 265 4/17/25 TO 5/21/25 Hand Cut 4/17/25 To 5/21/25 LC 130 5/21/25

12.4 Elections And Registration: Request for approval of payment for Election Day Workers' Pay and Property Rental relating to the May 6, 2025 Special Election

12.5 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register – Period 4/1/25-5/1/25

Order #29 Agenda #13

In the Matter of Actions On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Up-Date 5-2025.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 13.1, Certificate of Insurance Up-date submitted by Lake County Highway Department for a matter of public record. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #30 Agenda #15

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 3/16/2025 – 4/15/2025.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 15.1, Staff Report submitted by Weights & Measures for the period of 3/16/2025 – 4/15/2025, Monthly Activity Inspection Report. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #31 Agenda #16.1-16.2

In the Matter of Other/Matters Of Public Record: 16.1 Sheriff Dept.: Michael Stewart Retired Officer Service Weapon Request; 16.2 ADDITION: Commissioners: Sign-In Sheet and Pre-Bid Meeting Agenda for the Lake County Fairgrounds Restroom Replacement.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 16.1 – 16.2, Service Weapon Request submitted by the Sheriff for Retired Office Michael Stewart and Sign-In Sheet and Pre-Bid Meeting Agenda for the Lake County Fairgrounds Restroom Replacement project for Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #32 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 Replacement of Lake County Bridge 268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch, St. John, IN.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Replacement of Lake County Bridge 268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch, St. John, IN, for Highway Department, the following bids were received:

1. Ellas Construction Co., Inc. \$ 919,287.51
2. Milestone Contractors, L.P. \$1,159,345.07
3. Gariup Construction Co., Inc. \$1,357,500.00

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

Order #33 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.3 Fairgrounds Restroom Replacement.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Fairgrounds Restroom Replacement for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

1. Grimmer Construction, Inc. \$1,321,000.00

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- 2. Gariup Construction Co., Inc. \$1,487,500.00
- 3. Gough, Inc. \$1,435,000.00
- 4. The Pangere Corporation \$1,336,731.00

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

Order #34 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, the following Members of the Public spoke with Public Comment:

- Anthony Higgs, former Councilman, Precinct Committeeman, City of Hammond, thanked the Commissioners for making the final decision to locate the Convention Center in Gary, saying he thinks it is vital for economic development in the City of Gary, sorry the Mayor and Council Members were not present, however hoped this will be an effort to make Gary a better place for all the citizens of, not just Gary, but of Lake County in General, "I pray that Gary is developed and this is an anchor to make it better, and God Bless you all and have a blessed day"
- Lou Weeks, Serves as the Executive Vice President of Unite Here Local 1, which is Northwest Indiana's Hospitality Union, "I'm speaking on behalf of our members to share our concerns and to let you know that we disagree with your decision to move forward at the Hard Rock and Gary Convention Center Project, everyday our members work hard to provide great service to casino guests, our members are able to make their lives better for themselves and their families because they have the benefits of a Union Contract and they have a voice at work, the proposed, well now you're moving forward with it, the Lake County Convention Center is supposed to be an investment in the working people of Northwest Indiana, unfortunately the project that you've chosen has not committed to a fair process for Convention Center Hospitality Workers to choose whether to have Union representation and this is wrong, Indiana's facing a budget crisis, working people all over the place and over this region are already living on the edge and now their facing cuts to essential programs like Medicaid, any Convention Center that takes taxpayer money while leaving Hospitality Workers behind is a bad deal for Northwest Indiana, with all due respect, you've made the wrong decision, thank you for your time"
- Randy Palmiteer, Business Manager Northwestern Indiana Building Construcion Trades Council, Represent thirty thousand members in the Lake, Porter, Newton, Jasper County area, thirteen trades, twenty-nine affiliates, I rise in support of you guys decision for the Gary Casino, we have had preliminary contact with AECOM, the Construction Company, the Construction Mananager on the project for the Convention Center along with the Hard Rock Casino folks, we have a verbal commitment that a Project Labor Agreement is going to be utilized hiring local working trades men and women of my Council and Contractors that they work for, so I commend you guys, do want to add it was nice being down at the State House and Lobbying for a Bill instead of Lobbying against anti-worker Legislation that normally comes out of the State House, year in and year out, that he has to be down there fighting for the working men and women of the building trades, stated, "I speak for the Building Trades and Building Trades only, so with that, congratulations on your decision, I think it was the right, decision, thank you". End Public comments.

There were no comments from Elected Officials present.

Comments from Commissioners, Commissioner Allen, have a safe Memorial Day and always Honor & Respect our Veterans.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 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

MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR