

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:

There was a moment of silent prayer, those present were asked to include James Forsythe, Former Mayor of Crown Point, Indiana; the Pledge was given.

Roll Call of Commissioners – all three present.

A courtesy copy of the agenda and notice of this meeting was faxed by Matthew Cruz to the Times in Munster and Crown Point, the Post Tribune in Merrillville and Crown Point, WJOB Radio Station, the Star, WLTH Radio Station, Comcast Cable, the Calumet Press, Portage Journal News, Pilcher Publishing and the Gary Law, Channel 21 media on the 13th day of April, 2020 at about 12:18 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 13th day of April, 2020 at about 12:18 p.m.

PUBLIC VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake will be holding a regular session meeting on the virtual conference platform "Zoom" in accordance with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order 20-09.

This meeting will occur on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 at 10:00AM

The Agenda for the meeting will be posted on the website at: www.lakecountyin.org

Login information:

www.zoom.us/join

Order #1 Agenda #1.6

In the Matter of Opening of Meeting: 1.6: Finalization of Agenda: 1.1) Certificate of Service of Meeting Notice; 1.2) Additions, deletions and corrections; 1.3) Approval of final Agenda to be incorporated into official minutes.

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

Additions to the Agenda After its Publication

Item 6.9 Sheriff: Approve contract with DLZ for Indoor Simulator Remodel in the amount of \$35,240.00

Item 6.10 Highway: Contract with INDOT to approve Federal Funds for Right of Way Services and Lake Acquisition costs in the amount of \$59,904.00

Item 7.1 Approve Change Orders from Hasse Construction for duct wrapping in the amount of \$7,288.00 and for shoring masonry openings in the criminal court in the amount of \$7,315.00

Item 10.1 Ordinance Regarding Lake County Employee Pay During COVID-19 Pandemic Related Closure

Order #2 Agenda #2.1

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids and Quotes: 2.1: Elections: Moving of Voting Machines; 2.2: Sheriff: Lease to Own Financing for Police Sedans.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids and quotes for the Moving of the Voting Machines for the Elections Department, the following proposals were received:

Moving of the Voting Machines

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| 1. Ferree Movers & Storage, Inc. | \$20/hr 2men & 1moving Van | \$25/per machine | \$10/precinct delivery | ADA Voting Supplies |
| 2. On-Time Distribution | \$120/hr | \$20/per polling site | \$25/per machine | |

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

Order #3 Agenda #2.2

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids and Quotes: 2.1: Elections: Moving of Voting Machines; 2.2: Sheriff: Lease to Own Financing for Police Sedans.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids and quotes for Lease to Own Financing for Police Sedans for Lake County Sheriff, the following proposals were received:

Lease to Own Financing

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| 1. Topmark Funding, LLC | \$587,556.00 | {4, 5 & 6 year option} |
| | Options read aloud: Percentage based on quarterly & semi-annual payments | |

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

Order #4 Agenda #6.1

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.1: Sheriff: Jail Cleaning and Sanitizing Contract with Caravan 911 LLC in the amount of \$250.00 per hour until December 31, 2021.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Jail Cleaning and Sanitizing Contract with Caravan 911 LLC in the amount of \$250.00 per hour until December 31, 2021 on behalf of Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5 Agenda #6.2

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.2: Fairgrounds: Contract with DLZ for tuck-pointing at the industrial building in the amount of \$16,680.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with DLZ Indiana, LLC for Professional Services for Tuck-pointing project at the Industrial Building at Lake County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$16,680.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #6 Agenda #6.3

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.3: Commissioners: Letter of Recommendation from Giannini and Associates to award the Electrical Substation Upgrade project to Midwestern Electric in the amount of \$387,260.00. (Other bids from MJ Electric \$730,677.00 and Sweeny \$426,058.00 and H and G Services \$387,977.00).

The Board having previously taken the bids under advisement does hereby award **Midwestern Electric** the Contract for Electrical Substation Upgrade Project in the amount of \$387,260.00 being the lowest and most responsive bidder recommended by Giannini and Associates, upon a motion made by Allen, seconded by Tippy. Motion carried 3-0.

And it appearing to said Board of Commissioners that the above company's bid being the most responsive and responsible bid for Electrical Substation Upgrade Project for the L.C. Commissioners, having complied with the law as provided by statute and filed with their bid the proper affidavit as by law provided and their bond or certified check in the amount of:

MIDWESTERN ELECTRIC, INC. W/ *The Hanover Insurance Group* in the amount of 5% of the bid total is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners.

There being sufficient unobligated appropriated funds available, the contracting authority of Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the terms of the attached bid for classes or items numbered for ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION UPGRADE PROJECT FOR THE LAKE CO. COMMISSIONERS FOR \$387,260.00 and promises to pay the undersigned bidder upon delivery the price quoted for the materials stipulated in said bid.

Contracting Authority Members: Date: April 15, 2020

MICHAEL REPAY
KYLE ALLEN, Sr.
JERRY TIPPY

MIDWESTERN ELECTRIC, INC.

Order #7 Agenda #6.4

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.4: Commissioners: Approve Declaration of emergency at the Lowell Highway Garage and repair with Keough \$3,358.97 and Credent \$405.50.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve payment of invoice to Keough for \$3,358.97 and to Credent for \$405.50 for emergency repair at Lowell Highway Garage, letter of recommendation by Larry Blanchard emergency due to malfunction of two sewer pumps and sewer backup. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #8 Agenda #6.5

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.5: Calumet Township Assessor: Janitorial Services Contract with Brenda Baker in the amount of \$1,625 per month.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Janitorial Services Contract with Brenda Baker in the amount of \$1,625 per month on behalf of Calumet Township Assessor. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #9 Agenda #6.6

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.6: Juvenile: Contract with Edmentum Courseware program license: \$2,909 for 12 months.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract between Lake County Juvenile Center and Edmentum Inc. to provide Courseware Core Library Program Licenses in the total amount of \$2,909 for the license term of 12 months. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #10 Agenda #6.7

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.7: Highway: Award Clay St. over Little Jessie Ditch to JCI Bridge company in the amount of \$562,355.87 (Other bids from Dunnet Bay \$648,340.00, Ellas Construction Company \$674,359.51, Rieth-Riley \$748,476.85 and Gariup \$863,700.00).

The Board having previously taken the bids under advisement does hereby accept the recommendation to award **JCI Bridge Group** with \$562,355.87 for Clay St. over Little Jessie Ditch, being the lowest and most responsive bidder, upon a motion made by Allen, seconded by Tippy, with the recommendation of Highway Engineer. Motion carried 3-0.

And it appearing to said Board of Commissioners that the above company's bid being the most responsive and responsible bid for Replacement of Lake County #1147 - Clay Street over Little Jessie Ditch for the L.C. Highway Department, having complied with the law as provided by statute and filed with their bid the proper affidavit as by law provided and their bond or certified check in the amount of:

JCI BRIDGE GROUP W/ *Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland* in the amount of 5% of the bid total is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Order #10 Agenda #6.7 cont'd

There being sufficient unobligated appropriated funds available, the contracting authority of Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the terms of the attached bid for classes or items numbered for REPLACEMENT OF LAKE COUNTY BRIDGE #1147, CLAY STREET OVER LITTLE JESSIE DITCH FOR THE LAKE CO. HIGHWAY FOR \$562,355.87 and promises to pay the undersigned bidder upon delivery the price quoted for the materials stipulated in said bid.

Contracting Authority Members: Date: April 15, 2020

MICHAEL REPAY
KYLE ALLEN, Sr.
JERRY TIPPY

JCI BRIDGE GROUP

Order #11 Agenda #6.8

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.8: Highway: Select a Consulting Engineer for 125th Ave. over West Creek. Recommendation is Clark Dietz.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the selection of Clark Dietz as the Consulting Engineering Firm to provide Construction Engineering Services for the Replacement of Lake County Bridge #65, 125th Ave. over West Creek on behalf of Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #12 ADD Agenda #6.9

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.9: Sheriff: Approve contract with DLZ for Indoor Simulator Remodel in the amount of \$35,240.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with DLZ, Indiana LLC for Indoor Simulator Remodel in the amount of \$35,240.00 on behalf of the Sheriff. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 ADD Agenda #6.10

In the Matter of Action to Form Contracts: 6.10: Highway: Contract with INDOT to approve Federal Funds for Right of Way Services and Land Acquisition Costs in the amount of \$59,904.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with INDOT to approve Federal Funds for Right of Way Services and Land Acquisition Costs in the amount of \$59,904.00 on behalf of Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #14 ADD Agenda #7.1

In the Matter of Action to Modify Existing Contracts: 7.1: Commissioners: Approve Change Orders from Hasse Construction for duct wrapping in the amount of \$7,288.00 and for shoring masonry openings in the criminal court in the amount of \$7,315.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Change Orders from Hasse Construction for duct wrapping in the amount of \$7,288.00 and for shoring masonry openings in the Criminal Court in the amount of \$7,315.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #9.1-9.7

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners Items: 9.1-9.7: Various Departments.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 9.1-9.7, action on Commissioners Items for Various Departments as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 9.1 Commissioners: Adopt Directive from the SBOA on Deposits
- 9.2 Purchasing: Adopt Purchasing Code Key Changes
- 9.3 Sheriff: Grant Retired Officer Bertossi their Service Weapon (Honorably served citizens throughout twenty-five year career)
- 9.4 Sheriff: Grant Retired Office Ramirez their Service Weapon (Honorably served citizens throughout thirty-one year career)
- 9.5 Highway: Update Certificates of Insurance
- 9.6 Highway: Accept Appraisals for 4parcels on 109th Ave. and Colorado Street for Intersection Improvements
- 9.7 Highway: Approve County Utility Agreement with Comcast for 93rd and Sheffield Ave

Order #16 ADD Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action on Council Items: 10.1: Council: Ordinance Regarding Lake County Employee Pay During COVID-19 Pandemic Related Closure.

Allen made a motion to ratify approval of Lake County Council Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1445A, Regarding Lake County Employee Pay During COVID-19 Pandemic Related Closure, Tippy seconded by the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
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Order #16 ADD Agenda #10.1 cont'd

ORDINANCE NO. 1445A

ORDINANCE REGARDING LAKE COUNTY EMPLOYEE PAY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELATED CLOSURE

- WHEREAS,** on March 6, 2020, Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a public health disaster emergency set to expire thirty (30) days from the issuance of the of the Executive Order unless extended; and
- WHEREAS,** since that time, Governor Eric Holcomb issued subsequent Executive Orders, with the latest being Executive Order 20-18 being issued on April 6, 2020 further extended the Stay-at-Home Order and other restrictions/modifications through 10:59 p.m. on April 20, 2020 unless otherwise extended; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 18, 2020, Commissioner Michael C. Repay, as President of the Lake County Board of Commissioners issued Emergency Declaration limiting the hours of Lake County Government Offices to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the recommendation that every employee seek guidance from their direct supervisor as to their work hours; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2020, Commissioner Michael C. Repay, as President of the Lake County Board of Commissioners issued another Emergency Declaration with the closure of Lake County Government Offices to the public in its entirety and again recommending that employees seek guidance from their direct supervisor as to their work hours; and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the national, state and local economies have all been distressed with unemployment applications across the country being filed at the highest rate in American history; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 16, 2020, the State Board of Accounts recommended to local governmental units that it should adopt a policy related to pay of its employees during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic requiring the closure, modification and/or elimination of work hours for all employees, government offices and departments of the Lake County Government, the Lake County Council now desires to adopt Ordinance 1445A allowing all employees of the Lake County Government to be paid until the expiration of Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order 20-20, unless extended by the Governor by further Executive Order. Employees should consult with their immediate supervisor to determine if they are essential or non-essential for purposes of reporting to work or working remotely.

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NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Until the expiration or extension of Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order 20-20 at 10:59 CDT on April 20, 2020, all full-time and part-time employees of the Lake County Government, as well as all those employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement will be paid their ordinary salary and/or hourly wage without having to use accrued sick or vacation time. Nothing in this Ordinance should be construed to abdicate the additional paid sick time of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act which became law on April 1, 2020 which expanded paid Family Medical Leave directly related to COVID-19.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th day of April, 2020.



TED F. BILSKI, President

DAVID HAMM

CHRISTINE CID




CHRISTIAN J. JORGENSEN

ALFREDO MENCHACA


DANIEL E. DERNULC

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Order #17 Agenda #11.1-3

In the Matter of State Broad of Accounts Items: 11.1-3: Auditor: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 11.1-11.3, State Board of Accounts Items submitted by Lake County Auditor, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 11.1 Auditor: LC 265 March 18, 2020 to April 13, 2020
- 11.2 Auditor: Hand Cuts March 13, 2020 to April 09, 2020
- 11.3 Auditor: Payroll Voucher Register for March 3, 2020

Order #18 Agenda #12.1-12.3

In the Matter of Items to be Made a Matter of Public Record: 12.1: Highway: County Utility Permit with Base Line NXC LLC; 12.2-12.3: Commissioners: Emergency Declaration 2020-2 & Emergency Declaration 2020-3.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to make agenda items 12.1-12.3 a matter of public record for Highway Department and Commissioners, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 12.1: Highway: County Utility Permit with Base Line NXC LLC
- 12.2: Commissioners: Emergency Declaration 2020-2
- 12.3: Commissioners: Emergency Declaration 2020-3

Order #19 Agenda #13.1-13.7

In the Matter of Approve Vendor Qualification Affidavits And/Or Responsible Bidder Application: 13.1-13.7: Various Departments: listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 13.1 through 13.7 for Various Departments Vendor Qualification Affidavits and/or Responsible Bidder Applications, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 13.1 Sheriff: Caravan 911 LLC
- 13.2 Sheriff: Ms. Patricia Vowal
- 13.3 Parks: Knickerbocker Bathroom Partitions
- 13.4 Parks: Parts Town LLC
- 13.5 Parks: B&H Foto and Electronics Corp
- 13.6 Parks: Burke's and Brown
- 13.7 Juvenile Court: Sharon Curtis, MD

Order #20 Agenda #14.1

In the Matter of Grant Payments to Vendors: 14.1: Commissioners: Payment to Ameresco for \$15,633.46.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve payment for Agenda Item 14.1, payment to Ameresco for \$15,633.46 for Lake County Commissioners, memo submitted by Mr. Blanchard, stating all work has been completed and verified by Building and Jail Staff. Discussion between Commissioner Tippy and Mr. Blanchard for clarity and background information for payment of invoice. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #21 Agenda #16

In the Matter of Staff Reports

Comes now, John Dull present/virtually spoke, with Staff Reports, stated, we're proceeding with manual.

Order #22 Agenda #19

In the Matter of Comments: 19.1 Elected Officials; 19.2 Members of the Public; 19.3 Commissioners.

Comes now, Public Virtual Comment, from Citizen Scott, with commentary to the Commissioners regarding an email sent March 29th, Commissioner Repay replied in comment, Scott continued, mentioning release of inmates, suspension of rent/mortgage payments, etc., Allen mentioned there is COVID-19 Testing site in the City of Gary, at 25th Ave & Grant Street, St. Timothy Church and mentioned release of inmates and the release thereof would be up to the Judges, etc., Tippy commented mentioning that Hospitals have their own Group and PPE Equipment available for purchase has been sent, Repay continued, stating most components that fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners we are handling and supporting, and some of those are beyond our control, no authority over inmates nor release thereof, there has been outreach to the Department of Homeland Security, Repay continued briefly, Scott commented further, discussion ended, President Repay thanked Citizen Scott for public virtual comment.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

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

The following officials were Present:
Attorney Fech

MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN E. PETALAS, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR