

Commissioners Court/Public Virtual Conference

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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 13th day of January, 2026 at about 3:10 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 January, 2026 at about 3:11 p.m.

Public Virtual Conference: WWW.LAKECOUNTYIN.GOV

Order #1 Agenda #1

In the Matter of Opening of Meeting: Organization of the Board.

Comes now, Commissioner Tippy made a motion to keep the Board the same for 2026 as 2025 for the organization of the Board with Michael Repay as President and Kyle W. Allen, Sr. as Vice-President, Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #2 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections: 2.1 – 2.9 Listed below.

Allen made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented and amended, Tippy seconded the motion, additions, deletions and corrections, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

2.1 Addition: Highway: (Item#7.1): Request permission to solicit proposals for Lake County tree replacement for Heather Hills Phase 1 & 2, Sidewalk Replacement Project. Proposals to be submitted no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2026 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

2.2 Addition: Highway: (Item#8.48): Recommendation of Award for Tree Services in the Right of Way for Bridge #97, Colorado over Deep River; Recommend the lowest and most responsive bidder **Homer Tree Service** in an amount not to exceed **\$13,500.00**

2.3 Addition: Highway: (Item#16.8): Addendum #2 for the 2026-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant for Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street; Matter of Public Record

2.4 Addition: Highway: (Item#16.6): Addendum #3 for the 2026-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant for Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street; Matter of Public Record

2.5 Addition: Highway: (Item#16.7): Addendum #4 for the 2026-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant for Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street; Matter of Public Record

2.6 Addition: Highway: (Item#8.49): Utility Agreement with NIPSCO, WO#4000094297 – 141st Avenue and 137th Avenue

2.7 Addition: Highway: (Item#8.50): Utility Agreement with NIPSCO, WO#4000094297 – Clay Street

2.8 Addition: Commissioners (Item#8.51): Service Agreement with Cender/Dalton Municipal Advisors for the year 2026. Hourly fee schedule attached.

2.9 Addition: Commissioners (Item#8.52): Recommend approval of contract with McMahon Associates in the amount not to exceed \$9,500.00 for emergency structural engineering assistance for stabilization and repairs for the Fine Arts Building located at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Order #3 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids and Quotes: 3.1 – 3.5: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 3, opening of vendor responses to requests for bids and quotes, agenda items 3.1-3.5, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

3.1 Sanitary Sewer Collection and Conveyance Project for Oakwood Hills Subdivision

3.2 Building "B", Second Floor Toilet Upgrades

3.3 Electric Service Upgrades to the Jail Laundry Facility

3.4 ADA Site Improvements at the Lake County Government Center Complex

3.5 Community Crossing Matching Grant 2026-1; Rehabilitation for Ridge Road-Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street

Order #4 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting December 17, 2025; 4.2 Regular Meeting November 19, 2025.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 4.1 and 4.2, Minutes for Regular Meetings held Wednesday, November 19, 2025 and Wednesday, December 17, 2025. (Minutes posted to www.lakecountyin.gov > Board of Commissioners). Motion carried 3-0.

Order #5 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1 – 5.5 Specifications: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 5.1-5.5, listed below, Specifications to be advertised for the return of bids by Wednesday, February 18, 2026 prior to 9:30 a.m. to Lake County Auditor's Office. Motion carried 3-0.

5.1 Highway: Specification Seal Coat with Fog Seal (Chip and Seal) for the year 2026. Bids are due by February 18, 2026, Prior to 9:30 AM, in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.2 Highway: Specification Crack Seal (Sealing Cracks and Joints) for the year 2026. Bids are due by February 18, 2026, Prior to 9:30 AM, in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.3 Highway: Specification Bituminous Materials (Delivered and Applied) for the year 2026. Bids are due by February 18, 2026, Prior to 9:30 AM, in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.4 Highway: Specification Bituminous Materials (Picked Up) for the year 2026. Bids are due by February 18, 2026, Prior to 9:30 AM, in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

5.5 Highway: Specification Bituminous Materials – Bridge and Deck (Delivered and Applied) for the year 2026. Bids are due by February 18, 2026, Prior to 9:30 AM, in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Order #6 Agenda #5

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.6 – 5.9 Specifications: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 5.6-5.9, listed below, Specifications to be advertised for the return of bids by Wednesday, February 18, 2026 prior to 9:30 a.m. to Lake County Auditor's Office. Motion carried 3-0.
 5.6 Commissioners: Approve Plans and Specifications to be advertised for the HVAC Upgrades to the Lake County Highway Garage in Crown Point. Bids to be returned on February 18, 2026 no later than 9:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Office.
 5.7 Commissioners: Approve Specifications for Division 00 of the front end for the Lake County Fairground's Industrial Building Roofing Project to be advertised and returned on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 no later than 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.
 5.8 Commissioners: Approve Plans and Specifications to be advertised for the East Stair Replacement Project at the Lake County Government Center. Bids are due at 9:30 a.m. February 18, 2026 in the Lake County Auditor's Office.
 5.9 Commissioners: Approve Plans and Specifications to be advertised for the Masonry Maintenance Project at the Gary Courthouse. Bids are due at 9:30 a.m. February 18, 2026 in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Order #7 Agenda #6.1-6.4

In the Matter of Modification Of Specifications Prior To Public Opening Of Bids, Quotes, Or Other Proposals: 6.1 – 6.4: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 6.1 – 6.4, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.
 6.1 Commissioners: Addendum #1 for the Façade Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center. (11/26/2025)
 6.2 Commissioners: Addendum #2 for the Façade Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center. (12/05/2025)
 6.3 Commissioners: Addendum #1 for the Roof Deck Replacement Project-Phase 1 at the Lake County Government Center. (12/05/2025)
 6.4 Commissioners: Addendum #2 for the Roof Deck Replacement Project-Phase 1 at the Lake County Government Center. (12/11/2025)

Order #8 Agenda #7.1

In the Matter of Public Selection Of At Least Three Vendors From Whom To Seek Quotes: Approval Of Specification For Seeking Proposals, Select The Vendors, And Set The Return Date: 7.1 Addition: Highway: (Item #7.1): Request permission to solicit proposals for Lake County tree replacement for Heather Hills Phase 1 & 2, Sidewalk Replacement Project. Proposals to be submitted no later than **Wednesday, February 18, 2026** by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the seeking of proposals for Lake County tree replacement for Heather Hills Phase 1 & 2, Sidewalk Replacement Project on behalf of Highway for the return of proposals by Wednesday, February 18, 2026 no later than 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #9 Agenda #8.1

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 Emergency Management: Renew Memorandum of Understanding between Porter County Government and Lake County Government of \$4,000 per year for the maintenance and use of District 1 assets.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Porter County Government and Lake County Government of \$4,000 per year for the maintenance and use of District 1 assets, on behalf of Homeland Security/EMA, Equipment and Cost is shared and increase of one thousand, per question asked by Allen/Repay and answered by Robert Walker, present/spoke.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "Memorandum") is made on the 21st day of January, 2025, by and between Porter County Government, 155 Indiana Ave, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383 (hereinafter referred to as "PCG") and Lake County Government, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana 46307 hereinafter referred to as "LCG") for the purpose of achieving the various aims and objectives relating to the use and maintenance of District 1 assets.

WHEREAS: PCG is the fiduciary agent of the below listed assets and all related equipment:

Asset Name	Identification Number
Mobile Command Center (6405)	1FVACXBS69HAD9244
John Deer (Gator #1)	1MOHPXDSKCM100407
John Deer (Gator #2)	1MOHPXDSTBM090814
Rehab Trailer	5NHUHA27FW067885
Portable Communications Tower	1A9B12118CF729121
Generator (20 Kilowatt)	1W91A1022C1494243
Generator (20 Kilowatt)	1W91A1020C1494242
Generator (20 Kilowatt)	1W91A1027C1494240
Generator (20 Kilowatt)	1W91A1028C1494241
Generator (125 Kilowatt)	TR10400W06604
Trailer Light Plant (1000 Watt)	P1106280009
Zumro Quad Tent (24' by 16')	N/A
Trailer (Open, Single Haul)	4TCSU11289HW11544
Trailer (Open, Double Haul)	5M4LU2026BF009635
Enclosed Trailer (Crown Point Fire)	5NHUHA27FW067885
Strike Team Trailer	5NHUHA427FW067886
Large Animal Rescue Team Trailer	5NHUHA42X8W053645
Sheltering Trailer	5NHUCMB219N068481

WHEREAS: Porter County shall maintain a non-reverting fund (4020) relative to the preventative maintenance, repair, upgrade and replacement of the above listed assets as well as any components and related equipment.

WHEREAS: Porter County shall facilitate the issuance of all applicable insurance and license plating related to the use of the above listed assets.

WHEREAS: Porter County shall provide the framework for budgeting and preventative maintenance objectives for the above listed assets.

WHEREAS: Some of the above listed assets are housed at different locations outside of Porter County.

Order #9 Agenda #8.1

THEREFORE:

Lake County shall be afforded the below opportunities:

- Request the above listed assets to respond relative to emergency situations. Any requests shall be vetted through the District 1 Planning Council and approved relative to their level of emergency priority. Priority will be determined in the event other counties request the same asset(s) at the same time.
- Request the above listed assets for non-emergency operations. Any requests shall be formally submitted for consideration on the Non-Emergency Asset Request Form, provided by the District 1 Planning Council (DPC) and per the requirements defined in DPC standard operating procedure GN-003-SOP (Asset Requests, Non-Emergency). The requesting county shall be responsible for demonstrating a reasonable need relative to public safety. All non-emergency requests shall be considered on a first come, first serve basis. Porter County reserves the right to deny requests that are unreasonable or do not demonstrate a true need for public safety.

Lake County agrees to:

- Shall be responsible for refueling and replacing supplies used during any equipment assignment. (i.e.: paper, print cartridges, etc.)
- Shall contribute the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), payable to Porter County (Porter County Treasurer) in the month of January of each year. This amount shall be deposited by Porter County into the non-reverting fund (4020). Note: The money contributed by participating counties shall be used to fund preventative maintenance, repairs and equipment upgrades throughout the year. Any money not used shall roll over to the subsequent year and can be used for the same purposes and/or replacement of assets as deemed necessary.

Agreement Term

This agreement shall begin immediately upon signature by both parties. This agreement shall be in force until either party terminates the agreement by way of written notification, stating the date and situation surrounding the termination, with acknowledgement from both parties present.

Michael Repay

Michael C. Repay, Lake County, President of Commissioners

Jerry Tippy

Jerry Tippy, Commissioner

Kyle W. Allen, Sr.

Kyle W. Allen, Sr., Commissioner

Order #10 Agenda #8.2-8.15

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.2 – 8.15 Commissioners: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.2 – 8.15 on behalf of Commissioners, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.2 Commissioners: Service Provider Agreement between Cardiotech CPR Training, LLC and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake for the period of March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 payable at the rate of \$15,000.00 per quarter.

8.3 Commissioners: Recommend approval of proposal from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$6,074.63 for repairs and replacement of leaking fire line piping, expired guages and perform 5 year inspections on system

8.4 Commissioners: Recommendation, Award and Notice to Proceed to Powers & Sons, most responsive bidder, for the Façade Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center in the amount of \$387,900.00.

8.5 Commissioners: Recommendation, Award and Notice to Proceed to Powers & Sons for the Roof Deck Replacement Project-Phase 1 at the Lake County Government Center in the amount of \$198,800.00.

8.6 Commissioners: Recommend approval of award to Sneed Construction in the amount of \$38,980 for water damage repairs at the Gary Courthouse. On July 16, 2025 two bids were opened, upon the reading of the bid tabulations, Pangere was awarded the project as the low bidder, subject to review (Order #34 Agenda #3.1). However, Pangere withdrew their bid leaving Sneed Construction as the lowest, most responsible bidder

8.7 Commissioners: Contract with DLZ for the Civil Design Services for Drainage Improvements at the Lake County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$109,200.00.

8.8 Commissioners: Recommendation and Award by Committee for Opioid Funding

8.9 Commissioners: Renewal Contract with Origami Risk, LLC for three years in the amount of \$88,680.00

8.10 Commissioners: Recommend approval of Otis Service and Repair Order in the amount of \$39,423.52 for elevator repairs at the East Chicago courthouse

8.11 Commissioners: Recommend approval of Otis Service and Repair Order in the amount of \$6,481.35 for testing of hydraulic elevator system in Government Center Building

8.12 Commissioners: Recommend approval of annual contract with F.E. Moran Fire Protection in the amount of \$695.00 for fire sprinkler systems testing at the East Chicago Courthouse

8.13 Commissioners: Recommend approval of annual contract with F.E. Moran Fire Protection in the amount of \$9,985.00 for fire sprinkler systems testing at the Lake County Government Center, Jail, Westwind and Paramore locations.

8.14 Commissioners: Recommend approval of Addendum to Basic Agreement with PERMAR Security Services in the amount of \$2,520.00 (payable in quarterly installments) for monitoring and security services at Westwind location

8.15 Commissioners: Recommend approval of Addendum to Basic Agreement with PERMAR Security Services in the amount of \$1,788.00 (paid in quarterly installments) for monitoring and maintenance of fire alarm system at Paramore location

Order #11 Agenda #8.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.16 – Fairgrounds: Award and Contract with Service Sanitation for portable restroom services for the year 2026. Fee schedule attached.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Award and Contract with Service Sanitation for portable restroom services for the year 2026, Fee schedule attached, on behalf of Fairgrounds. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #12 Agenda #8.17-8.18

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.17 – 8.18 Calumet Township Assessor: Contracts: Listed below.

Order #12 Agenda #8.17-8.18 cont'd

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.17 and 8.17 on behalf of Calumet Township Assessor, approving Janitorial Contract for Darlene Daniels to Clean the offices, bathrooms and lunch area located at 501 East 5th Avenue Gary, IN 46402, in the amount of \$1,625.00/month not to exceed \$19,500.00/year and ordered same to approve Storage Rental for Assessors Office for Units R33 and R154 in the amount of \$280.00 monthly not to exceed \$3,360.00/year, Vendor Globe Real Estate 5184 Broadway, Gary Indiana. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #13 Agenda #8.19-8.20

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.19 – Circuit Court: Legal Services Contract with Courtney C. Smith in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the year 2026; 8.20 – Circuit Court: Legal Servies Contract with Russell W. Brown Jr. in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the year 2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.19 and 8.20, Legal Services Contract with Courtney C. Smith in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the year 2026, and Legal Servies Contract with Russell W. Brown Jr. in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the year 2026 on behalf of Circuit Court. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #14 Agenda #8.21

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.21 Community Corrections: Renew yearly contract with Center of Workforce Innovations, not to exceed \$44,000.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.21 on behalf of Community Corrections, renewal of yearly Contract with Center of Workforce Innovations in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #15 Agenda #8.22

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.22 E-911: Request for approval of ratified IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve ratified IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement on behalf of E911. Motion carried 3-0.



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Order #16 Agenda #8.23

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.23 Highway: 45th Avenue Reconstruction Project, Phase III, DES No. 9980080; R-31949, Colfax to Whitcomb, **Amendment #1**, Construction Inspection Contract with American Structurepoint, Inc.; **Amendment #1 Increase of \$45,000.00; Total Contract Amount: \$1,247,250.32, with American Structurepoint, Inc.**

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Amendment #1 Increase of **\$45,000.00** Total Contract Amount **\$1,247,250.32**, with American Structurepoint, Inc. for 45th Avenue Reconstruction Project, Phase III, DES No. 9980080; R-31949, Colfax to Whitcomb, **Amendment #1**, Construction Inspection Contract with American Structurepoint, Inc. on behalf of Highway. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #17 Agenda #8.24

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.24 Highway: Request to Advertise for Deck Replacement for Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.24, advertising of Specifications for Deck Replacement for Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek for the return of bids by Wednesday, February 18, 2026 prior to 9:30 a.m. to Lake County Auditor's Office. (Commissioner Tippy confirmed with Engineer Alverson, this is the Lake Dale Bridge) Motion carried 3-0.

Order #18 Agenda #8.25

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.25 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Location: Various locations near the Township of Eagle Creek; Request to replace eight (8) utility poles including the overhead equipment and transfer the conductors/wires to the new poles. Traffic closure will consist of single lane closure; WO #4000064732.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.25 on behalf of Highway, Utility Agreement with NIPSCO consisting of various locations near the Township of Eagle Creek for replacement of eight (8) utility poles including the overhead equipment and transfer the conductors/wires to the new poles, single lane closure for Traffic, WO #4000064732. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #19 Agenda #8.26

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.26 Highway: Request Selection of Consultant to provide professional services for Construction Inspection Rehabilitation Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek.

Comes now, Highway Engineer, recommended the Board select DLZ Indiana, LLC as the Consultant Engineer to provide Professional Construction Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation, Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek, having done excellent job with the design engineering phase.

Allen made a motion to accept the County Engineer's recommendation to select DLZ Indiana, LLC as the Consultant Engineer to provide Professional Construction Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation, Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek for agenda item 8.26, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #20 Agenda #8.27-8.29

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.27 – 8.29 Highway: Contracts (Agreements): Listed below.

Comes now, Attorney Fech stated to the Board he has reviewed and recommends approval, transferring into Crown Point's inventory, Allen made a motion to approve 8.27 – 8.29, Tippy seconded the motion, Agreements listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

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Order #20 Agenda #8.27-8.29 cont'd

8.27 Highway: Road Transfer Agreement – County Road Transfer to the City of Crown Point; Iowa Street – 113th Avenue South to 137th Avenue

8.28 Highway: Road Transfer Agreement – County Road Transfer to the City of Crown Point; Portion to 121st Avenue; Iowa Street East to Winfield Corporate Limits; Iowa Street West to Crown Point Corporate Limits

8.29 Highway: Road Transfer Agreement – County Road Transfer to the City of Crown Point; Portion of 133rd Avenue; Marshall Street East to Grant Street (Indiana State Road 55)

Order #21 Agenda #8.30-8.35

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.30 – 8.35 Highway: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.30 – 8.35 on behalf of Highway, Contracts/Agreements listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.30 Highway: Indiana Department of Transportation Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement; 2026-01 DES# 2501255; Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street

8.31 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Location: Various locations outside of Lowell town limits in Cedar Creek Township; WO# 4000091922

8.32 Highway: Stop Sign Ordinance Petition; east and west bound Jay Street to stop for Ruth Street

8.33 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Location: 14098 Delaware Street Crown Point, IN 46307; WO# 4000093611

8.34 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Location: Areas within Lake County associated with NIPSCO Project: Hager Line Extension; WO# 4000048022

8.35 Highway: Road Cut Agreement NIPSCO; Location: Areas within Lake County associated with NIPSCO Project: Hager Line Extension; WO# 4000048022/ 4000043765

Order #22 Agenda #8.36

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.36 Lake Superior Court, County Division Room One: Award and Contract with Upright Interiors, lowest and most responsive bidder for Furniture in the Crown Point, Gary and Lados Offices in the amount of \$73,884.08.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 8.36, being paid out of their budget per Attorney Fech, on behalf of Lake Superior Court, County Division Room One, award and Contract with Upright Interiors as the lowest and most responsive bidder in the amount of \$73,884.08 for Furniture in the Crown Point, Gary and Lados Offices. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #23 Agenda #8.37

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.37 Lake Superior Court, County Division Room One: Amended Legal Service Agreement with Nicholas Barnes, from Vouga Barnes & Denny Law Firm, from February 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$2,593.50/month not to exceed \$31,122.00 for the year.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Amended Legal Service Agreement with Nicholas Barnes, Public Defender, Agreement effective from February 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 between Vouga Barnes & Denny and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of the Lake Superior Court, County Division Room 1 in the amount of \$2,593.50/month not to exceed \$31,122.00 for the year. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #24 Agenda #8.38-8.39

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.38 Juvenile Court: Contract with Brenda M. Moore to provide Flower Farm Services and taking care of emotional support dog at the Juvenile Center in the rate of \$25.00 per hour for up to 30hours a week and not to exceed \$39,000 between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026; 8.39 Juvenile Court: 2026 Contract approval for the Case Specialist Raquel Basile to provide support to the Family Recovery Court (FRC) Coordinator.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.38 and 8.39 on behalf of Juvenile Court, Contract with Brenda M. Moore to provide Flower Farm Services and taking care of emotional support dog at the Juvenile Center in the rate of \$25.00 per hour for up to 30hours a week and not to exceed \$39,000 between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026 and 2026 Contract approval for the Case Specialist Raquel Basile to provide support to the Family Recovery Court (FRC) Coordinator, Compensation on Form 19 shows \$36.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #25 Agenda #8.40-8.44

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.40 – 8.44 Sheriff: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.40 – 8.44 on behalf of Sheriff, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.40 Sheriff: Renewal of Axon Enterprise Inc.'s Taser 10 Annual Subscription and associated equipment supporting the Department's Taser 10 conducted electrical weapon systems. The subscription includes required certifications, equipment, equipment support and evidence-ready infrastructure necessary for safe and effective deployment. This is a one year subscription with a one-time yearly fee of \$243,598.12

8.41 Sheriff: Bid Award Recommendation for Gas for the year 2026 to Petroleum Traders Corporation, lowest bid, in the amount of \$2.2606 per gallon. (AI Warren \$2.3333 per gallon)

8.42 Sheriff: Renewal of 2026 subscription with Crash Data Group Inc.'s Bosch CDR Software License. This software is a specialized forensic crash investigation tool used to retrieve and analyze data from vehicle event data recorders (EDR's) commonly referred to as "black boxes" This is for a single-user annual license covering the period of Feb 17, 2026 through Feb 16, 2027 for a 1-time fee of \$1,500.00

8.43 Sheriff: Renewal of 2026 subscription with Pace Systems Inc. Pace Scheduler is a modern, cloud-based solution for public safety organizations that need 24/7 scheduling, time management, and payroll integration. This is a 1-year renewal that will start 1/01/2026 and run through 12/31/2026. The 1-year cost will be a 1-time fee of \$39,240.00

8.44 Sheriff: Renewal of 2026 Software Lease with Lieberman Tech's Automated Tax Warrant System (ATWS). This software package is designed to streamline the handling and collection of Indiana Tax warrants for County Sheriff Offices and also manages Commissary operations. This software lease renewal is a 1-year renewal that will start on 01/01/2026 and run through 12/31/2026 with a 1-time fee of \$11,700.00.

Order #26 Agenda #8.45

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.45 Weights & Measures: Authorization to Sign Contract for Credit Card Payment Processing.

Comes now, Attorney Fech, stated to the Board he spoke with the Director of Weights & Measures as well as Mark Pearman from Data, stated any fees that would be associated with that will be paid by the Consumer and/or the Data Department as apart of their budget.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.45, on behalf of Weights & Measures, Authorization to Sign Contract for Credit Card Payment Processing, Tippy seconded the motion, Contract is with World Pay for the acceptance of credit card payments in office, letter of recommendation dated January 7, 2025 signed by Lacey Robinson, County Inspector Lake County Weights & Measures. Motion carried 3-0.

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LACEY A. ROBINSON, DIRECTOR

Date: January 7, 2025
To: *The Lake County Board of Commissioners:*
 Michael Repay, Jerry Tippy and Kyle Allen Sr.
Fr: Lacey A. Robinson
Re: Authorization to Sign Contract for Credit Card Payment Processing

This memorandum requests authorization to finalize a contract with World Pay for the acceptance of credit card payments in our office.

Currently, our department serves 909 businesses across Lake County. Implementing online payments and credit card transactions will streamline payment processing, enhance accessibility for businesses, and improve overall operational efficiency. These updates will create a more convenient and user-friendly experience for the businesses we serve while ensuring accurate and timely payment collection for the department.

Factor	WorldPay	CardConnect	Advantage
Annual Fees (@ \$50K vol)	\$1,250	\$1,425	WorldPay saves \$175
Online Integration	Already exists	Would require new development	WorldPay
POS Terminals	2 free terminals offered	2 free terminals	Tie
Cash Management Integration	Existing import process	New development required	WorldPay
Monthly Fees	Approximately \$100 (see .55 hosting fee as of now) \$35 minimum fee to consumer	\$0	CardConnect
Unified Reporting	Yes, consolidated system	Separate systems	WorldPay

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LACEY A. ROBINSON, DIRECTOR

Attached is detailed analysis and recommendation from Mark Orcluch of Next Generation, who is assisting with the implementation of new payment solutions for our department.

WorldPay offers integrated online and point-of-sale payment capabilities, aligns with existing county systems, and will provide cost savings and operational efficiencies.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to your approval. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

 Lacey Robinson,
 County Inspector
 Lake County Weights & Measures

- Attachments**
1. Statement of Service – Lake County (WorldPay Contract)
 2. Email of Amendment in contract from WorldPay with regards to the hosting fee, section 7.2 from the contract give exact verbiage on increase
 3. Email Correspondence – Mark C. Orcluch, Next Generation Solutions, Ltd (Lake County Payment Processor Comparison)

Order #27 Agenda #8.46

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.46 Health: HFI Contract with Indiana University School of Medicine for Chronic Disease Prevention for 2026 in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Contract with Indiana University School of Medicine for Chronic Disease Prevention for 2026 in the amount of \$75,000.00, HFI (Health First Indiana) Contract on behalf of Health Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #28 Agenda #8.48-8.50

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: ADDITION: 8.48 – 8.50 Highway: Contract/Agreements: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.48 – 8.50 on behalf of Highway, Contract/Agreements as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.48 ADDITION: Highway: Recommendation of Award for Tree Services in the Right of Way for Bridge #97, Colorado over Deep River; Recommend the lowest and most responsive bidder **Homer Tree Service** in an amount not to exceed **\$13,500.00**, estimated completion five (5) working days after Notice to Proceed is issued.

8.49 ADDITION: Highway: Utility Agreement with NIPSCO, WO#4000094297 – 141ST Avenue and 137th Avenue. *Letter of Recommendation* dated January 21, 2026 states five (5) utility poles including the overhead equipment and transfer of the conductors/wires to the new poles, Traffic Control will consist of single lane closure with flagging is requested.

8.50 ADDITION: Highway: Utility Agreement with NIPSCO, WO#4000094297 – Clay Street. *Letter of Recommendation* dated January 21, 2026 states one (1) utility pole including the overhead equipment and transfer of the conductors/wires to the new poles, Traffic Control will consist of single lane closure with flagging is requested.

Order #29 ADD Agenda #8.51 w/8.52

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: ADDITION: 8.51 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Cender/Dalton Municipal Advisors for the year 2026. Hourly fee schedule attached; ADDITION: 8.52 Commissioners: Recommend approval of contract with McMahon Associates in the amount not to exceed \$9,500.00 for emergency structural engineering assistance for stabilization and repairs for the Fine Arts Building located at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Allen made a motion to approve 8.51 and 8.52, Tippy seconded with discussion, asked “is there any indication as to where we’re going with this”(8.52), Ted responded, “they’ll start immediately, they’re going to do their evaluation and measure”, Tippy asked, “is there a timeframe for them to go out and finish their engineering?” Ted, “they know we need it done in thirty days”, end discussion, Repay asked to confirm that this is the Building that is currently fenced off until it’s stabilized, end discussion, motion carried to approve, as listed below, on behalf of Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITION: 8.51 Commissioners: Service Agreement with Cender/Dalton Municipal Advisors for the year 2026 Financial Consultant Annual Services Agreement. Hourly fee schedule attached.

ADDITION: 8.52 Commissioners: Approval of Contract with McMahon Associates in the amount not to exceed \$9,500.00 for emergency structural engineering assistance for stabilization and repairs for the Fine Arts Building located at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Order #30 Agenda #9.1 w/9.2

In the Matter of Action And/Or Reports On County Owned Property: 9.1 Commissioners: Request for Disposal Property; 9.2 E-911: Disposal of various equipment.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 9.1 and 9.2 Disposal of Property requests from Commissioners, AED unit(s) end of useful life and 911, desktop computer(s). Motion carried 3-0.

Order #31 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners’ Items: 10.1 2026 Appointments.

Comes now, President Repay, read aloud 2026 Appointments with the Board & Committee Appointments re-appointments as follows:

Title	Name
Alcoholic Beverage Board of Lake County	Nicholas J. Hardesty
Contractors Licensing Board	Jerry Tippy
Contractors Licensing Board	Scott Cooper
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee	Michael Repay
Data Board	Michael Repay
Economic Development Commission	Michael Repay
Economic Development Commission	Dan Spitale
Emergenct Management Advisory Council	Michael Repay
Equal Employment Opportunity Officer	Kyle W. Allen, Sr.

Allen made a motion to approve the names read into the record by President Repay for Board & Committee re-appointments for 2026, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #32 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners’ Items: 10.1 2026 Appointments.

Comes now, President Repay, read aloud 2026 Appointments with the Board & Committee Appointments for Health Board for 2026, Dorian Pitale of Schererville, to Lake County Health Board and Dean Button of Hammond, Allen made a motion to approve appointments, Tippy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #33 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners’ Items: 10.1 2026 Appointments.

Comes now, President Repay, read aloud 2026 Appointments with the Board & Committee Appointments for 2026, as follows:

Title	Name
Homeland Security	Michael Repay
Insurance Oversight	Michael Repay
Kankakee River Basin	Bill Emerson, Jr.
Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission	Kyle Allen, Sr.
Northwest Indiana Workforce Board	Kyle Allen re-appointment
Plan Commission	Paul Panczuk
Plan Commission	Frank Kalvaitis re-appointment
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals	Robin Salzeider

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Title	Name
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals	David Wickland
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals	Warren Reeder
Real Estate Disposal Committee	Kyle Allen Sr. re-appointment
Solid Waste Management Board	Jerry Tippy re-appointment
Veterans Affairs Study Commission	Michael Repay re-appointment
Zoning Appeals Board/Alternate	Jim Kazmarek

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve, approving the above-mentioned appointments read into the record by President Repay for 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #34 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 2026 Appointments.

Comes now, President Repay, with 2026 Appointment for the Lowell Public Library, to appoint new member Laura Judge from the Town of Lowell, Allen made a motion to approve, Tippy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #35 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.2 Commissioners: Recommendation to reject the sole bidder for the East Stair Replacement Project and to Re-Bid with a return date of February 18, 2026 by 9:30 a.m. in the Lake County Auditor's Office.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.2, rejecting previous bid for East Stair Replacement Project for Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #36 Agenda #10.3

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.3 Commissioners/Human Resource: Updated Lake County Government Insurance ENROLLMENT CHANGE FORM (2025/2026); reflecting the LocalPlus (Fransican Network) Option for Lake County Government employees, effective January 1, 2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Updated Lake County Government Insurance ENROLLMENT CHANGE FORM (2025/2026) reflecting the LocalPlus (Fransican Network) Option for Lake County Government employees, effective January 1, 2026 on behalf of Commissioners/Human Resource. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #37 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.4 Community Correctons: Seeking approval for a County Credit Card.

Tippy made a motion to defer this item and invite the Department head to an Admin Meeting for further discussion, Allen made a motion to defer 10.4 to February's Meeting, Tippy seconded. Community Corrections Director present/spoke. Motion to defer carried 3-0.

Order #38 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.5 Calumet Township: Poor Relief Decisions.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.5 on behalf of Calumet Township, Poor Relief Appeal Decisions from Hearing date January 8, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

Johnnie Houston	Approved in part
Samantha White	Approved in part
Virgil Cotton	Denied

Order #39 Agenda #10.6

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.6 Commissioners: Legal Notice for Public Hearing on February 18, 2026 on the Assignment of Commissioners Owned Tax Sale Certificates to Exempt Nonprofit Organizations.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.6 for Commissioners, Legal Notice for Public Hearing on February 18, 2026 on the Assignment of Commissioners Owned Tax Sale Certificates to Exempt Nonprofit Organizations. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #40 Agenda #11

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

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 11.1 – 11.4, Council Items, submitted and adopted Ordinances, listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 11.1 Ordinance 1513E-1 Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Hobart Township Assessor's Office (1001-2004)
- 11.2 Ordinance 1513E-2 Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Creating Five New Positions in the Lake County Juvenile CASA Department (1001-4006)
- 11.3 Ordinance 1513E-3 Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reducing the Salary for Five Positions in the Lake County Juvenile CASA Department (1706-4006)
- 11.4 Ordinance 1516C Lake County Mileage Rate Ordinance for 2026

Order #41 Agenda #12

In the Matter of State Board of Accounts Items: 12.1 – 12.4 Auditor: Listed below; 12.5 Economic Development: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 12.1 – 12.5 State Board of Accounts Items submitted by Auditor and Economic Development, Accounts Payable reports listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 12-1-2025

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- 12.2 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 12-15-2025
- 12.3 Auditor: LC 265 12/18/25 TO 1/21/26; Hand Cut 12/18/25 to 1/21/26 LC 130 1/21/26
- 12.4 Auditor: Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll – Pay Date 12-29-25
- 12.5 Economic Development: Accounts Payable Voucher Register

Order #42 Agenda #13

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 Sheriff: 2026 Public Official Bond for Oscar Martinez; 13.2 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Up-Date 01-2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 13.1 and 13.2, 2026 Public Official Bond for Oscar Martinez, Sheriff, Recorder Doc No. 2026-005220, and Certificates of Insurance Up-date 01-2026 submitted by Highway. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #43 Agenda #15

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Treasurer's Monthly Report; 15.2 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 11/16/25-12/15/25.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 15.1 and 15.2, Staff Reports submitted by Treasurer – Monthly Report for Month ending October 31, 2025 and ending November 30, 2025 and submitted by Weights & Measures – Monthly Report for the period of 11/16/25 through 12/15/2025. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #44 Agenda #16.1-16.5 w/ADD Agenda #16.6-16.8

In the Matter of Other/Matters Of Public Record: 16.1 – 16.8 Various Departments: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to make 16.1 – 16.8 a matter of public record as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 16.1 Highway: Addendum #1 for the 2026-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant, Ridge Road – Colfas Street to Whitcomb Street; Revised Itemized Proposal; Matter of Public Record
- 16.2 Health Dept: Presentation – Strengthening Public Health in Lake County
- 16.3 Sheriff: 2026 Contract with Donald Smith CPA for accounting services for the Drug Task force, Sheriff's Civil Office, Commissary, and Jail Inmates Trust Account
- 16.4 Cedar Creek Township Trustee: Township Assistance Standards and Guidelines adopted January 6, 2026
- 16.5 Highway: Indiana Department of Transportation Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement CCMG 2026-01 DES #2501255. To be made a matter of public record.
- 16.6 ADDITION: Highway: Addendum #3 for the 2026-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant for Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street; Matter of Public Record
- 16.7 ADDITION: Highway: Addendum #4 for the 2026-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant for Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street; Matter of Public Record.
- 16.8 ADDITION: Highway: Addendum #2 for the 2026-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant for Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street; Matter of Public Record.

Order #45 Agenda #3.1

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 Sanitary Sewer Collection and Conveyance Project for Oakwood Hills Subdivision.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Sanitary Sewer Collection and Conveyance Project for Oakwood Hills Subdivision for Highway, the following bids were received:

Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,101,750.00
Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$1,767,000.00
Grimmer Construction Inc.	\$1,944,939.00
H&G Underground Utilities, LLC	\$1,886,953.90

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the bids opened in agenda item 3.1 under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #46 Agenda #3.2

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.2 Building "B", Second Floor Toilet Upgrades.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Building "B", Second Floor Toilet Upgrades for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$133,000.00
Grimmer Construction Inc.	\$144,500.00
The Pangere Corporation	\$118,500.00
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$197,400.00
Powers & Sons Construction	\$164,000.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the bids opened in agenda item 3.2 under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #47 Agenda #3.3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.3 Electric Service Upgrades to the Jail Laundry Facility.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for Electric Service Upgrades to the Jail Laundry Facility for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

Sweney Electric Company, Inc.	\$248,200.00
Continental Electric Co., Inc.	\$253,900.00

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Sargent Electric Company	\$179,900.00
Midwestern Electric LLC	\$276,424.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the bids opened in agenda item 3.3 under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #48 Agenda #3.4

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.4 ADA Site Improvements at the Lake County Government Center Complex.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of quotes for ADA Site Improvements at the Lake County Government Center Complex for Commissioners, the following quotes were received:

	<u>Combination of Quotes 1-5</u>
The Pangere Corporation	\$ 88,204.00
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$179,500.00
Powers & Sons Construction	\$130,400.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the bids opened in agenda item 3.4 under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #49 Agenda #3.5

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.5 Community Crossing Matching Grant 2026-1; Rehabilitation for Ridge Road-Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for CCMG 2026-1; Rehabilitation for Ridge Road – Colfax Street to Whitcomb for Highway, the following bids were received:

Milestone Contractors, LP	\$1,567,691.70
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,635,475.80

Comes now, Highway Engineer, Duane Alverson, Before the Board of Commissioners, having heard the tabulations read aloud by Attorney Fech, recommended award to the low bidder, Milestone Contractors LP, pending review and formal award and contract at the next meeting having a March 1st deadline to meet.

Allen made a motion to approve the County Engineer's recommendation, Tippy seconded with a question, asked "does that reduce our matching amount from the State to this, 780,000.00?" Alverson replied, "yes, it would be split 50/50", Tippy continued, "do we have an opportunity to use the balance of the million dollars somewhere else", Repay asked "or add some accoutrements to the Ridge Road project, so that we can bump it up", Alverson replied, "you cannot expand the limits of the project, I'd have to check into that", Tippy commented "I don't want to waste more money, just thought that we could use it", Alverson responded "I think it's project specific", end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #50 Agenda #17

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

Comments from Elected Officials present – Congratulations IU (Indiana University 2026 National Champions in Football). No further comments.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 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

 MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

Kyle Allen Sr.

 KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

 JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Peggy Katona

 PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR