

Commissioners Court/Public Virtual Conference

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 at about 2:45 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 at about 2:45 p.m.

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#### Order #1 Agenda #2

In the Matter of Additions, Deletions, Corrections.

Comes now, Attorney Fech, before the Board, asked that the Agenda be approved with additional deletions, item 2.8 delete, item 3.9 delete per request from Highway for those proposals to be submitted at the March 11, 2026 Meeting, therefore item 3.9 will not be opened, and Mr. Kirk advised that item 3.7 can also be deleted as it duplicative of item 3.12, lastly asked the Board to make a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

**2.1 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: (ITEM #3.12):** Industrial Building Roof Replacement at the Lake County Fairgrounds

**2.2 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: (ITEM #6.5):** Addendum #1 dated February 6, 2026, and Addendum #2 dated February 12, 2026, for Industrial Building Roof Replacement at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

**2.3 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: (ITEM #10.7):** Commissioners' Final Order and Findings Resolution with Respect to the Issuance of 2026 Judgment Funding Bonds

**2.4 ADDITION: HIGHWAY: (ITEM #8.82):** Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 for the Bridge Replacement of Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek

**2.5 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS (ITEM # 8.83):** Recommend approval of Second Amendment to Interconnection Agreement with NIPSCO for the Solar Array Installation Project.

**2.6 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS (ITEM # 8.84):** Recommend approval of two repair orders with Otis Elevator for the repair and replacement of failed parts on the two elevators located at the Gary Courthouse. Repair costs equal \$58,946.26 per elevator.

**2.7 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: (ITEM #10.8):** Amended Joint Interlocal Corporation Agreement between City of Gary and Lake County, Indiana for Howe Park and Gleason Club House Improvements Located in City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana.

#### Order #2 Agenda #3

In the Matter of Public Opening Of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.1 – 3.12: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to open all Vendor responses and requests for bids and quotes, listed below all bids in item #3 allowed to be opened at this time, President Repay. Motion carried 3-0.

3.1 Seal Coat with Fog Seal (Chip and seal) for 2026

3.2 Crack Seal (sealing cracks and joints) for 2026

3.3 Bituminous Materials (delivered and applied) for 2026

3.4 Bituminous Materials (picked up) for 2026

3.5 Bituminous Materials - Bridge and Deck (delivered and applied) for 2026

3.6 HVAC Upgrades to the Lake County Highway Garage in Crown Point

~~3.7 Division 00 of the front end for the Lake County Fairgrounds Industrial Building Roofing Project (deleted)~~

3.8 East Stair Replacement Project at the Lake County Government Center

~~3.9 Lake County tree replacement for Heather Hills Phase 1 & 2, Sidewalk Replacement Project (deleted)~~

3.10 Masonry Maintenance Project at the Gary Courthouse

3.11 **HIGHWAY:** Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek, Deck Replacement;

**3.12 ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: (ITEM #3.12):** Industrial Building Roof Replacement at the Lake County Fairgrounds

#### Order #3 Agenda #4

In the Matter of Approval Of Minutes From Prior Meetings: 4.1 Regular Meeting January 21, 2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 4.1, Minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #4 Agenda #5.1

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.1 Highway: Request to Advertise for Bid, Sanitary Sewer Collection System Project for Sleepy Hollow Subdivision. Request for Bids to be received by Lake County Auditor's Office no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2026 by 9:30 a.m.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 5.1, the advertising of Specifications for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Project for Sleepy Hollow Subdivision on behalf of Highway for the return of bids no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2026 by 9:30 a.m. to Lake County Auditor's Office. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #5 Agenda #5.2-5.8

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.2 – 5.8 Sheriff: Specifications: Listed below.

Allen made a motion to approve Specifications for Bids for agenda items 5.2 – 5.8 with a return date no later than March 10, 2026 9:30 a.m. to the Lake County Auditor, Tippy seconded with discussion, asked Chief Balbo, "do we have these vehicles already?", Balbo responded "a lot of it is, if you look at the specific narrative, it talks about upfitting vehicles (partial inaudible), so this would be in anticipation of the vehicles that we're having that are going to be coming in, be able to put radios, mark them and put them out on the street", Tippy continued, asked, "so you haven't purchased the vehicles yet?", Balbo, "no", Sheriff's Representative spoke, "it's in Section 8 of today's meeting in reference to purchasing the vehicles", Tippy concluded, end discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

5.2 **SHERIFF**: Request Approve Specifications of Bids for Upfitting **Marked 2026** Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles returnable to the Lake County Auditor no later than March 10, 2026, by 9:30 A.M.

5.3 **SHERIFF**: Approve and advertise the specifications for the upfitting (emergency lights, sirens, and equipment) of **Unmarked** 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles. Bids are due by March 10, 2026 prior to 9:30 am in the Auditor's office.

5.4 **SHERIFF**: Approve and advertise the specifications for the upfitting (emergency lights, sirens, and equipment) of 2026 F-150 (CSI Vehicle) . Bids are due by March 10, 2026 prior to 9:30 am in the Auditor's office.

5.5 **SHERIFF**: Approve and advertise the specifications for the paint of Marked 2026 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Patrol) . Bids are due by March 10, 2026 prior to 9:30 am in the Auditor's office.

5.6 **SHERIFF**: Approve and advertise the specifications for the upfitting (emergency lights, sirens, and equipment) of Marked 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles (HCU) . Bids are due by March 10, 2026 prior to 9:30 am in the Auditor's office.

5.7 **SHERIFF**: Approve and advertise the specifications for the upfitting (emergency lights, sirens, and equipment) of 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Drug Interdiction Vehicles) . Bids are due by March 10, 2026 prior to 9:30 am in the Auditor's office.

5.8 **SHERIFF**: Request Approve Specifications of Bids for Vinyl Decals on Marked 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles, returnable to the Lake County Auditor no later than March 10, 2026, by 9:00 AM.

## Order #6 Agenda #5.9-5.10

In the Matter of Approve Specifications For Bids: 5.9 – 5.10 Commissioners: Advertisement for Bids: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 5.9 and 5.10, on behalf of Commissioners, requests for bids as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

5.9 **COMMISSIONERS**: Approve Legal Notice for bid invitation to accept written offers for disposal of real property to abutting property owners for property commonly known as 5266-72 Maryland Ct., Gary, IN (45-08-34-381-017.000-004 to be advertised. Sealed bids are to be submitted to the Lake County Auditor's office no later than Monday, April 6, 2026 by 9:30 a.m. and will be opened on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

5.10 **COMMISSIONERS**: Approve plans and specifications to publicly bid the electric infrastructure upgrades Phase I at the Lake County Government Center. Bids are due no later than March 11, 2026 by 9:30a.m.

## Order #7 Agenda #6.1

In the Matter of Modification Of Specifications Prior To Public Opening Of Bids, Quotes, Or Other Proposals: 6.1 Highway: Addendum #1 for Bituminous Materials Delivered and Applied 2026 Annual Bid; See Attached Documents and Attachment "A" for Revisions.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 6.1 on behalf of Highway, Addendum #1 for Bituminous Materials Delivered and Applied 2026 Annual Bid; See Attached Documents and Attachment "A" for Revisions. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #8 Agenda #6.2 - #6.5

In the Matter of Modification Of Specifications Prior To Public Opening Of Bids, Quotes, Or Other Proposals: 6.2 – 6.5 Commissioners: Addendum(s): Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Addendum(s), as listed below, on behalf of Commissioners, modification of specifications. Motion carried 3-0.

6.2 **COMMISSIONERS**: Addendum #1 for the renovations to Building B 2nd Floor Toilet Rooms project

6.3 **COMMISSIONERS**: Addendum #1 for the ADA Site Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center on January 9, 2026.

6.4 **COMMISSIONERS**: Addendum #2 for the ADA Site Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center that was issued on January 20, 2026.

6.5 **ADDITION: COMMISSIONERS: (ITEM #6.5)**: Addendum #1 dated February 6, 2026, and Addendum #2 dated February 12, 2026, for Industrial Building Roof Replacement at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

## Order #9 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 Elections: The Lake County Board of Elections and Registration request to seek proposals.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the seeking of proposals on behalf of Elections for the Moving of the Voting Machines for the return of proposals to Lake County Auditor's Office by Wednesday, March 11, 2026 prior to 9:30 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #10 Agenda #7.2 – 7.3

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: 7.2 Highway: Listed below; 7.3 Highway: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve the seeking of proposals for Highway, agenda item 7.2 and 7.3 as listed below with the indicated return date and time. Motion carried 3-0.

**7.2 HIGHWAY:** Lake County Highway is requesting to Solicit Proposals for Tree Removal Services within Lake County Jurisdiction. Please set the Date of Wednesday March 11, 2026 by 9:30a.m. for the return date of the Proposals to the Lake County Auditor's Office.

**7.3 HIGHWAY:** Solicit Proposal for Tree Planting Services – Heather Hills 1 & 2, Sidewalk Replacement; Requesting a **return date extension** to **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 by 9:30a.m.**

## Order #11 Agenda #8.1 - #8.14

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.1 – 8.14 Juvenile Court: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.1 – 8.14 on behalf of Juvenile Court, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

**8.1 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Kathleen Tomko, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.2 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Helen Galanos, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.3 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Lisa Klotz, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.4 JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Vasila Bessie Pangere in an amount not to exceed \$39,000/year at the rate of \$90/hour for the year 2026.

**8.5 JUVENILE COURT:** Contract with Pulse Technology to provide pay clock services for the year 2026.

**8.6 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Bridgette Ward, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.7 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Jacquelyn Matthews, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.8 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Susan Pudlo, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.9 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Ruth Ann Krause, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.10 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Laura Blackford, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.11 JUVENILE COURT:** Consulting Contract for the year 2026, with the Court Reporter Karen Fajman-Nauracy, for the purpose of preparing transcripts for hearings in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 per page \$ and \$2.00 per electronic and/or photocopied page payable monthly.

**8.12 JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Aimbrell Holmes in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per appeal at the rate of \$90 per hour for 2026.

**8.13 JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Nathan Psimos in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per appeal at the rate of \$90 per hour for 2026.

**8.14 JUVENILE COURT:** Legal Services Agreement with Attorney Renee Ortega in the amount not to exceed \$2,500 per appeal at the rate of \$90 per hour for 2026.

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## Order #12 Agenda #8.15

In the Matter of Data Processing: Legal Services Agreement between William Longer and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of Lake County Data Processing for the Lake County Data Board Legal Services for the year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 payable at the rate of \$90.00 per hour.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.15, Legal Services Agreement between William Longer and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake on behalf of Lake County Data Processing for the Lake County Data Board Legal Services for the year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 payable at the rate of \$90.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #13 Agenda #8.16

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.16 Surveyor: Award and Contract with GRW Arial Surveys, Inc. for updated aerial parcel views of Lake County for the public and the Government Offices to view on our website. The Contract funds will be taken from Corner Perpetuation 1167-1006-63190 in the amount of \$64,600.00 (Sixty-four thousand and six hundred dollars).

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve on behalf of Surveyor award and Contract with GRW Arial Surveys, Inc. for updated aerial parcel views of Lake County for the public and the Government Offices to view on our website, contract in the amount of \$64,600.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #14 Agenda #8.17

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.17 Assessor: Renewal Amendment to Incomeworks Software License Agreement Income Works Assessment Advisors, LLC License – January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 will pay Assessment Advisors Annual \$53,865. Will be divided between the County Office \$37,905 and \$3,990 for each Township Office. (Calumet, Center, Ross and St. John) Hobart office was removed from Contract.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve on behalf of Assessor, Renewal Amendment to Incomeworks Software License Agreement Income Works Assessment Advisors, LLC License – January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 will pay Assessment Advisors an annual rate of \$53,865, divided between the County Office \$37,905 and \$3,990 for each Township Office. (Calumet, Center, Ross and St. John) Hobart office was removed from Contract. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #15 Agenda #8.18 – #8.23

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.18 – 8.23 Highway: Contracts/Agreements: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.18 – 8.23 on behalf of Highway, Contracts/Agreements as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.18 **HIGHWAY:** Utility AT&T; Location: W 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sherman Street Lowell, Indiana in Cedar Creek Township; Project – A05ATQW

8.19 **HIGHWAY:** Road Cut Agreement AT&T; Location: W 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sherman Street Lowell, IN in Cedar Creek Township

8.20 **HIGHWAY:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: Along W 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue between White Oak Avenue and Olcott Avenue in St John; WO#4000044830

8.21 **HIGHWAY:** Road Cut Agreement NIPSCO; Location: Along W 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue between White Oak Avenue and Olcott Avenue in St John; WO#4000044830

8.22 **HIGHWAY:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: 23812 Harrison Street Lowell, IN 46356 and various locations within Shelby, IN; WO# 4000051182

8.23 **HIGHWAY:** Sanitary Sewer Collection System Project for Oakwood Hills Sanitary Sewer; **Recommendation of Award and Contract Execution** for the lowest and most responsive bid from **Gatlin Plumbing and Heating, Inc.**, in an amount not to exceed **\$1,767,000.00**

## Order #16 Agenda #8.24

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.24 Public Defender: Legal Services Contract with Victoria G. Bain for February 18, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Legal Services Contract with Victoria G. Bain for February 18, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$40,000.00 on behalf of Public Defender. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #17 Agenda #25

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.25 Auditor: Consulting Contract with Policy Analytics, LLC in an amount of \$127,200.00 for the year 2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.25 on behalf of Auditor, Consulting Contract with Policy Analytics, LLC for the year 2026 in an amount of \$127,200.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #18 Agenda #8.26 - #8.34

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.26 – 8.34 E-911: Agreements/Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.26 – 8.34, on behalf of E-911, Contract and/or Agreements as listed below, President Repay requested name change for the Department. Motion carried 3-0.

8.26 E-911: Renewal of 50 Slack Business Plus licenses for 2026 in the amount of \$7,002.50 purchased through Bucher Tech.

8.27 E-911: VEEAM Support renewal for 2026 through Bucher Tech in the amount of \$2,693.19 purchased through Bucher Tech.

8.28 E-911: Palo Alto firewall support and licensing for 2026 purchased from Sayers. Firewall 1 is \$2,546.77 and firewall 2 is \$2,467.94 for a total of \$5,014.71

8.29 E-911: Replacement of UPS batteries and modules at all Lake County radio tower sites in the amount of \$159,157.80 through Qubit Networks

## Order #18 Agenda #8.26 - #8.34 cont'd

8.30 E-911: Purchase of 37 43" Samsung TVs from Trust Tech in the amount of \$10,879.00. Other quotes were received from Bucher Tech in the amount of \$11,098.52 and CDWG in the amount of \$12,210.00

8.31 E-911: Purchase of 25 ASUS 27" monitors from Trust Tech in the amount of \$5,926.00. Other quotes were received from Bucher Tech in the amount of \$6,095.00, CDWG in the amount of \$6,125.00, and ProvenIT in the amount of \$6,984.25.

8.32 E-911: Frontline Policy Tracker renewal for 2026 in the amount of \$6,615.00 purchased directly through Frontline.

8.33 E-911: Purchase of Evans Care console cleaning and preventative maintenance for 35 dispatch consoles in the amount of \$15,750.00 directly from Evans Consoles Inc.

8.34 E-911: Purchase of 4 ASUS laptops from Bucher Tech in the amount of \$7,144.20. Other quotes were received from CDWG in the amount of \$7,196.00 and ProvenIT in the amount of \$7,153.76

## Order #19 Agenda #8.35

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.35 Lake Superior Court, County Division Room One: 2026 Legal Service Agreement with Haley McCleary, from Region Lawyers, Inc., from February 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$2,593.50/month not to exceed \$31,122.00.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.35 on behalf of Lake Superior Court, County Division Room One, 2026 Legal Service Agreement with Haley McCleary, from Region Lawyers, Inc., from February 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$2,593.50/month not to exceed \$31,122.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #20 Agenda #8.36

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.36 Sheriff: 2026 Agreement with Cintas as for Rental of Floor Mats for Animal Control, Drug Task Force, Sheriff, and High Crime. These are all 60 month Agreements.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to defer. Motion to defer, carried 3-0.

## Order #21 Agenda #8.37 - #8.54

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.37 – 8.54 Sheriff: Contracts/Agreements: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.37 – 8.54 on behalf of Sheriff, Repay asked a question on 8.54, What is it? And Why Necessary? And is it for the brand new Boat? Sheriff's representative spoke in response, stated, "I know this is not for the brand new Boat, this is for the secondary Boat that's in the Marine Unit", brief discussion continued, President Repay confirmed the motion and second. Motion carried 3-0.

8.37 **Sheriff:** Midwestern Electric's extension letter of 2025 pricing into 2026

8.38 **Sheriff:** John R. Cantrell, Legal Services Contract, \$25,000.00 payable at the rate of \$2,083 per month

8.39 **Sheriff:** 2026 Renewal Agreement with OVC. OVC Develops Branded Apps for iPhone and Android that helps Agencies communicate, share information, submit tips and offer wellness resources with the Community. This is a one-time fee of \$8,742.92 and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

8.40 **Sheriff:** Renewal of 2026 Agreement with Police App. Com. Police App is a Job Portal for Law Enforcement Hiring. This is a one-time fee of \$3000.00 and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

8.41 **Sheriff:** Renewal of 2026 NEC's SmartScan maintenance. NEC's SmartScan is a multimodal biometric capture solution designed for law enforcement and civil agencies to securely scan and verify fingerprints, palm prints, and facial images, and irises. It streamlines booking, applicant background checks, and offender registration, integrating with NEC's advanced algorithms for high-accuracy identification. This is a one-time fee of \$3,213.94 and runs from 3/13/2026 through 12/31/2026

8.42 **Sheriff:** 2026 Maintenance Agreement with Thomson Reuters Clear Proflex. Thomson Reuters CLEAR Proflex is a comprehensive, cloud-based investigative platform designed for law enforcement, Sheriff's Offices, and corrections departments to quickly locate, identify, and analyze information on individuals, businesses and assets. It streamlines investigations by providing instant access to billions of public and proprietary records, including real-time incarceration data, through a single, customizable dashboard. This agreement is a monthly fee of \$2,748.24 for an annual amount of \$32,979.00 and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

8.43 **Sheriff:** Jail 2026 Agreement with Stericycle. Stericycle is a biohazardous regulated medical waste disposal. This is a bi-weekly pick-up with a cost of \$85.05 per month. This Agreement runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

8.44 **Sheriff:** 2026 Opportunity Enterprise, DBA Secure Shred Agreement. Secure Shreds Agreement includes Shredding of 5 – 96 gallon container's every 2 weeks for a bi-monthly cost of \$185.00 per pick-up with an annual amount of \$4,440.00. This agreement runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

8.45 **Sheriff:** DroneSense 2026 renewal of the Public Safety UAS Software Subscription. This subscription supports the Drone Unit with live streaming, remote flight operations, and centralized flight data management. This is a one-time fee of \$27,700.00 and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

8.46 **Sheriff:** 2026 Renewal of Monolith Forensics. Monolith Pro platform is a digital forensics case management system used to securely organize, track and manage digital evidence and investigative workflows. This is a one-time payment of \$4,200.00 and runs 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

8.47 **Sheriff:** Franciscan EAP 2026 Agreement renewal. EAP makes certain counseling and referral services that may be of assistance to employees and their family members. This is a monthly cost of \$1,084.50 with an annual amount of \$13,014.00. This agreement runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

8.48 **Sheriff:** 2026 Seiler Geospatial's Trimble Forensics hardware, firmware and software maintenance. Trimble forensic technology is used in advanced crash reconstruction and investigative surveying. These are used by trained personnel to precise scene measurements, evidence documentation and data capture for serious traffic crashes and criminal investigations. This is a one-time payment of \$2,180.00 and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

8.49 **Sheriff:** 2026 Renewal of Electronic Strategies' Cisco SmartNet maintenance. This renewal provides 8x5xNext Business Day technical support and hardware replacement coverage, ensuring timely resolution of network issues. This is a one time cost of \$8,649.82 and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

8.50 **Sheriff:** 2026 Renewal Agreement with Metropolitan Industries Inc. (MII). MII is a cell to cloud which takes pictures of unwanted items that may have been flush down an inmates' toilet. This Agreement is a monthly fee of \$50.00 with an annual amount of \$600.00 and runs from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

8.51 **Sheriff:** Approval to pay Comcast Quarterly Invoice in the amount of \$13,326.85 out of Dues and Subscriptions. Payment is for Department's Comcast Business 10G Internet Network line, which provides secure and dedicated fiber infrastructure necessary for countywide law enforcement data operations.

8.52 **Sheriff:** Request to purchase twenty-three (23) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Police Vehicles (16 Marked Patrol, 3 Unmarked Drug Interdiction, 1 Marked HCU, and 3 Unmarked Detectives) at \$47,365.25 per vehicle, for a total of \$1,089,400.75. Purchase is made through State of Indiana QPA #90901. The QPA provides a savings of \$6,149.75 per vehicle, for a total savings of \$141,444.25.

## Order #21 Agenda #8.37 - #8.54 cont'd

8.53 **Sheriff:** Request to purchase Two (2) 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 police vehicles for CSI (Marked). Quotes were obtained from three dealers, Graff Ford of Chesterton \$47,193.00 per vehicle, Community Ford of Bloomington \$51,487.25 per vehicle, and Michigan City Ford \$50,981.55 per vehicle. We recommend Graff Ford of Chesterton which is the lowest bid. Total for both vehicles is \$94,386.00.

8.54 **Sheriff:** Request to purchase and replace Hybrid Air/Foam Collar on M3 (Hull #VS180260F313). The Hybrid Air/Foam Collar can only be purchased from Silver Ships, Inc. Total cost to purchase and replace is \$20,266.46. Company Sole Source Justification Letter is attached.

## Order #22 Agenda #8.55 w/8.56

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.55 Criminal Court: Contract with TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, LLC d/b/a CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS for DRUG TESTING to be performed by the CRIMINAL PROBATION DEPARTMENT for the period of JANUARY 1, 2026 through DECEMBER 31, 2026, to be paid monthly; 8.56 Criminal Court: Contract with WADDELL, INC. d/b/a PURITAN SPRINGS WATER. This service will be for water to be delivered for JURORS in the four (4) CRIMINAL COURTS and MAGISTRATES COURTROOM.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.55 and 8.56 on behalf of Criminal Court, Contracts as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.55 **Criminal Court:** Contract with TECHNICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, LLC d/b/a CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS for DRUG TESTING to be performed by the CRIMINAL PROBATION DEPARTMENT for the period of JANUARY 1, 2026 through DECEMBER 31, 2026, to be paid monthly.

8.56 **Criminal Court:** Contract with WADDELL, INC. d/b/a PURITAN SPRINGS WATER. This service will be for water to be delivered for JURORS in the four (4) CRIMINAL COURTS and MAGISTRATES COURTROOM.

## Order #23 Agenda #8.57

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.57 Health Dept.: Contract with Franciscan Health Epic Connect Software in the amount of \$22,601.00.

Comes now, President Repay, asked questions about this contract, Health Department representative present/spoke, "this is not anything like Health First Indiana related as far as Contracts, we typically bring in this regard, this is actual for Epic, like our electronic medical", Repay continued, asked, "why do we have to get it through Franciscan?", response, "they're one of the providers that extends that, so when we reach out to Epic, themselves, they connect you with someone who routes you to, many different organizations that offer it, to where it rams up a connect piece, we chose Franciscan because there are some requirements, so you have to be a Franciscan provider or have a Contract already existing with them, which we do through Health First Indiana, and also our Health Officer is a Franciscan Network Provider, FNPW, we were eligible", President Repay responded, "thank you"

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.57, Contract with Franciscan Health Epic Connect Software on behalf of Health Department in the amount of \$22,601.00. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #24 Agenda #8.58-#8.59

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.58 Highway: Utility NIPSCO; Location: 4665 W. Main Street Lowell, IN and various locations within Lake County as per attached documents; WO #4000093470; 8.59 Highway: Task Order #8: General Service Agreement between Board of Commissioners and Lochmueller Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; Project Description: Project consists of providing assistance applying for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Project Grant for design engineering services to remove Lake County Bridge No. 239, Old Cline Avenue over Grand Calumet River.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.58 and 8.59, Contracts on behalf of Highway, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

8.58 **Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: 4665 W. Main Street Lowell, IN and various locations within Lake County as per attached documents; WO #4000093470

8.59 **Highway:** Task Order #8: General Service Agreement between Board of Commissioners and Lochmueller Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; Project Description: Project consists of providing assistance applying for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Project Grant for design engineering services to remove Lake County Bridge No. 239, Old Cline Avenue over Grand Calumet River.

## Order #25 Agenda #8.60

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.60 Highway: Request to Select a Consultant to provide Design Engineering Services for Bridge Structure 1018 -159<sup>th</sup> Avenue over Spring Run Ditch.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to select Gonzalez for 8.60, Selection of Consultant to provide Design Engineering Services for Bridge Structure 1018 -159<sup>th</sup> Avenue over Spring Run Ditch, on behalf of Highway. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #26 Agenda #8.61- #8.74

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.61 – 8.74 Highway: Contracts/Agreements – Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 8.61 – 8.74, Contracts as listed below, on behalf of Highway, President Repay spoke, asked, Is it right, we aren't allowed to charge utilities for cut permits?, Highway Engineer replied, stated, "we would have to setup an Ordinance or a Resolution to do so, it would have to be, I think, in line with the cost, you'll have to established those costs, we probably could, we just never..", Repay continued discussion among Board Members and Highway Engineer. Motion carried 3-0.

8.61 **Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: Various locations in Lake County per attached documents; WO#4000092874

8.62 **Highway:** CCMG-2026-1 Confirmation of Award and Contract Execution for the Rehabilitation of Ridge Road Colfax Street to Whitcomb Street. Contract award to Milestone Contractors, L.P. in an amount not to exceed \$1,567,691.79 the lowest and most responsive bid.

8.63 **Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; Location 619 S. Lakeview Drive Lowell, IN; Request to install 65' of 1" PLS pipe from main under S Lakeview Drive to 619 S Lakeview Drive for gas service to residence

8.64 **Highway:** Road Cut Agreement; NIPSCO; Location: 619 S Lakeview Drive Lowell, IN; Request to install 65' of 1" PLS pipe from main under S Lakeview Drive to residence at 619 S Lakeview Drive

## Order #26 Agenda #8.61- #8.74 cont'd

**8.65 Highway:** Agreement for Construction Engineering Services for Lake County Bridge 51, 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue (Lakeview Drive) over Cedar Creek. At the Commissioners meeting of January 21, 2026, DLZ was selected for the Construction Engineering Services for L C Bridge 51. This Agreement is not to exceed the contract amount of \$83,920.00.

**8.66 Highway:** Recommendation for Acceptance Final Contract Balance Order for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Project for West Long Subdivision. The Project Adjustments made from the Original Contract amount is a reduction of the contract amount of (\$61,339.03).

**8.67 Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: W 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Mount Street, Cedar Creek Township, IN 46356 and various locations near Lowell, Indiana; WO# 4000065545

**8.68 Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: 15100 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Moraine Street, 15728 W 92<sup>nd</sup> Place in St. John Township; WO# 4000086895

**8.69 Highway:** Clearing and Grubbing of Right of Way for Bridge #97, Colorado over Deep River – Contract Execution for Homer Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00

**8.70 Highway:** Change Order No. 2, Bridge 268, Joliet Street over St. John Ditch – Bridge Replacement; Decrease in the amount of \$58,515.96; New Contract amount is \$863,571.55 with Ellas Construction

**8.71 Highway:** Utility – Community Utilities of Indiana; Location: 9201 E 123<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Crown Point, IN 46307; request to bore within existing conduit to place utility

**8.72 Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: Various locations in Lake County as per attached documents; WO# 4000089204

**8.73 Highway:** Utility NIPSCO; Location: Clay Street over Deep River Project

**8.74 Highway:** Road Cut Agreement; NIPSCO and Orbital Engineering; Location: Clay Street over Deep River Project; Request to install proposed gas main for Clay Street over Deep River for Indiana Department of Transportation Bridge Improvement Project

## Order #27 Agenda #8.75-#8.79

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.75 – 8.79 Commissioners: Contracts: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.75 – 8.79, on behalf of Commissioners, recommendation of approval and contract as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

**8.75 Commissioners:** Recommendation and Contract with Sweney Electric for the Electric Service Upgrades to the Jail Laundry Facility Project in the amount of \$248,200.00

**8.76 Commissioners:** Recommendation and Contract with The Pangere Corporation for the renovations to Building B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Toilet Rooms project in the amount of \$118,500.00

**8.77 Commissioners:** Recommend approval of lowest quote for floor mat service to UniFirst Corporation at an annual cost of \$1,217.32 for the Lake County Government Center.

**8.78 Commissioners:** Recommend approval of lowest quote for floor mat service to Unifirst Corporation at an annual cost of \$1,217.32 for the Lake County Government Center.

**8.79 Commissioners:** Recommendation letter to award the CDBG Contract to The Pangere Corporation for the ADA Site Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center. Letter of Recommendation to award contract and notice to proceed for Combination Quotes #1, #2, #3 & #4 to Pangere Corporation at the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder for ADA Site Improvements Project at the Lake County Government Center in the amount of \$72,499.00.

## Order #28 Agenda #8.80

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.80 Elections: Requesting Approval on Recommendation for Calumet Lift Truck.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.80 on behalf of Elections, approval of recommendation for Calumet Lift Truck, lowest of three quotes received for a lift truck, per letter of recommendation dated January 21, 2026 from Director of Board of Elections & Registration, quote amount \$12,400.00. (Crown Lift Trucks \$17,220.00; Toyota Forklift n/a no response). Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #29 Agenda #8.81

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.81 Lake Superior Court Div Rm 2: Legal Service Agreement with John Cantrell from January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026 in the amount of \$2,593.50.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Legal Service Agreement with John Cantrell from January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026 in the amount of \$2,593.50, on behalf of Lake Superior Court Div Rm 2. (Original Contract was submitted for the period of February 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, per Attorney Fech in response to question by Commissioner Tippy). Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #30 ADD Agenda #8.82

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.82 ADDITION: Highway: Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 for the Bridge Replacement of Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.82, Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 for the Bridge Replacement of Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek on behalf of Highway. Motion carried 3-0.

## Order #31 ADD Agenda #8.83 w/#8.84

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 8.83 ADDITION: Commissioners: Recommend approval of Second Amendment to Interconnection Agreement with NIPSCO for the Solar Array Installation Project; 8.84 ADDITION: Commissioners: Recommend approval of two repair orders with Otis Elevator for the repair and replacement of failed parts on the two elevators located at the Gary Courthouse. Repair costs equal \$58,946.26 per elevator.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 8.83 and 8.84 on behalf of Commissioners, approving Second Amendment to Interconnection Agreement with NIPSCO for the Solar Array Installation Project, increase from \$120,000 to \$134,271.00, and ordered same to approve two repair orders with Otis Elevator for the repair and replacement of failed parts on the two elevators located at the Gary Courthouse repair costs equal \$58,946.26 per elevator. Motion carried 3-0.



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Order #32 Agenda #9.1 w/9.2

In the Matter of Action To Form Contracts: 9.1 Auditor: Request approval for property disposal; 9.2 Clerk: Request for Property Disposal.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 9.1 and 9.2, requests for property disposal submitted and approved for Auditor, broken small equipment and Clerk, office furniture. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #33 Agenda #10.1

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.1 Health Dept.: Presentation – Strengthening Public Health in Lake County.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to defer agenda item 10.1. Motion to defer carried 3-0.

Order #34 Agenda #10.2

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.2 West Creek Township: 2026 Township Assistance Guidelines.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 10.2, 2026 Township Assistance Guidelines submitted by West Creek Township Trustee and adopted by Township Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #35 Agenda #10.3

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.3 Commissioners' Quit Claim Deed – Andy Young Property.

Comes now, Attorney Fech, spoke before the Board, stated, "this is at the request of the Trustee in the Andy Young bankruptcy, that the County now owns", Repay spoke, "County owns a parcel", Kyle spoke, "how many", Fech responded, "it was just one", end discussion.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Commissioners' Quit Claim Deed, property formerly owned by Andy Young, commonly known as: Rear 1900 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Gary, IN 46404, property number 45-08-08-229-006.000-004, Lake County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, convey and quit-claim to Surplus Management Systems LLC. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #36 Agenda #10.4

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.4 Calumet Township: Appeal Decisions.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve Appeal Decisions from Poor Relief submitted by Calumet Township Trustee Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Elizabeth Roseman      Approved in part  
Torenthia Irvin            Approved in part

Order #37 Agenda #10.5

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.5 Notice of Public Hearing for 2026 C.D.B.G. monies to be advertised once in the newspapers.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.5, Notice of Public Hearing for 2026 C.D.B.G. monies to be advertised once in the newspapers. Motion carried 3-0. (Note: Attorney Fech stated March 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 as the date of the Public Hearing, Notice scheduled Hearing for April 15, 2026 10 AM)

Order #38 Agenda #10.6

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: 10.6 Hanover Township: 2026 Assistance Guidelines.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 10.6, 2026 Township Assistance Guidelines submitted by Hanover Township Trustee and adopted by Township Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #39 Agenda #11.5

In the Matter of Council Items: 11.5 General Ordinance 1517B of Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, for the purpose of funding certain judgments and settlements entered against the County, together with expenses in connection with the issuance of bonds on account thereof, and appropriating the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds for such purpose.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 11.5, submitted and adopted by the Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, General Ordinance 1517B of Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, for the purpose of funding certain judgments and settlements entered against the County, together with expenses in connection with the issuance of bonds on account thereof, and appropriating the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds for such purpose. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #40 ADD Agenda #10.7

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: ADDITION: 10.7 Commissioners: Commissioners' Final Order and Findings Resolution with Respect to the Issuance of 2026 Judgment Funding Bonds.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda item 10.7, Commissioners' Final Order and Findings Resolution with Respect to the Issuance of 2026 Judgment Funding Bonds. Motion carried 3-0.  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ISSUANCE OF JUDGMENT FUNDING BONDS FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS ENTERED AGAINST LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

COMMISSIONERS' FINAL FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF JUDGMENT FUNDING BONDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS OBLIGATIONS AGAINST THE COUNTY

The Board of Commissioners (the "Commissioners") of Lake County, Indiana (the "County"), having examined certified judgments and settlements of the County (collectively, the "Judgments"); having established the aggregate principal amount of such judgments and settlements; having approved and requested, and having been presented with evidence that the County has no funds available or provided for in the existing budgets or tax levies that may be applied to satisfy the Judgments, as hereinafter defined, and having determined that an extraordinary emergency and necessity requiring additional appropriations exists; having requested that the Lake County Council, upon due notice as required by Indiana law, authorize as soon as practicable the issuance and sale of taxable and/or tax-exempt judgment funding bonds of the County in one or more series (the "Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Seven Million and No/100 Dollars (\$7,000,000.00)(with such amount to be conclusively established prior to the closing of the Bond issue in accordance with Indiana law and, pursuant to the bond ordinance described below) and appropriate the proceeds of the Bonds for satisfaction of the Judgments, including expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds on account thereof, NOW FINDS:

1. Pursuant to Indiana law, the expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of bonds for the payment of judgment obligations of the County may be paid from bond proceeds, and collectively with the Judgments, the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed Seven Million and No/100 Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) with such final amount to be conclusively established prior to the closing of the Bond issue pursuant to the bond ordinance and in accordance with Indiana law.

2. That for the purpose of satisfying the Judgments and permitted related costs, the Lake County Council on February 10, 2026 adopted the Bond and Additional Appropriation Ordinance (the "Ordinance") authorizing the issuance and sale of the taxable and tax-exempt Bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Seven Million and No/100 Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) and appropriating the proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds for such purpose, which Ordinance was duly presented to and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on the date of these Final Findings.

3. That acting in accordance with the Ordinance, County Council and Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to appoint the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds which may be the County Auditor or the County Treasurer or a qualified banking institution (the "Registrar and Paying Agent").


4. That acting in accordance with the Ordinance, the Auditor of Lake County has been authorized to approve (a) a Preliminary Official Statement, as the same may be appropriately confirmed, modified and amended for distribution as the Preliminary Official Statement of the County; (b) on behalf of the County, to designate the Preliminary Official Statement a "final" Official Statement of the County with respect to the Bonds, subject to completion as permitted by and otherwise pursuant to the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"); and (c) to authorize and approve the Preliminary Official Statement to be placed into final form and to enter into such agreements or arrangements as may be necessary or advisable in order to provide for the distribution of a sufficient number of copies of the final Official Statement under the Rule.


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ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, on this 2/18/2026 day of February 18, 2026.

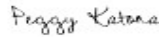
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

  
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Kyle W. Allen, Sr.

  
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Jerry Tippy

  
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Michael C. Repay

ATTEST:

  
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Peggy Katona, Lake County Auditor

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Order #41 Agenda #10.8

In the Matter of Action On Commissioners' Items: ADDITION: Commissioners: Amended Joint Interlocal Corporation Agreement between City of Gary and Lake County, Indiana for Howe Park and Gleason Club House Improvements Located in City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana.

Comes now, Commissioner Allen, spoke before the Board, stated, "this particular Interlocal was already previously approved by the Board of Commissioners, County Council and Park Department and of Gary Public Works, there is not an increase or a request for more funding, but to add an additional purpose", end comment and motion to approve by Allen, approving Amended Joint Interlocal Corporation Agreement between City of Gary and Lake County, Indiana for Howe Park and Gleason Club House Improvements Located in City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana, Tippy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**AMENDED JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF GARY AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR HOWE PARK AND GLEASON CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

THIS JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF GARY AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR HOWE PARK AND GLEASON CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GARY (hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement") is made and entered into in accordance with Indiana Code §36-1-7, *et seq.*, as amended from time to time, by and between CITY OF GARY, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation, by its executive and fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "GARY"), and LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, a unit of local government, by its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as its executive and its COUNTY COUNCIL as its fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY").

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, GARY is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana, with jurisdiction over real property located within the Municipal Corporate Boundaries of The City of Gary; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana, with jurisdiction over certain real property located within the corporate boundaries of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, GARY and COUNTY have each been advised that the provisions of Indiana Code §36-1-7-1, *et seq.* (Interlocal Cooperation Act and referred to hereinafter as the "Act"), as amended from time to time, permit local governmental units and entities to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling governmental units to mutually contract and utilize services for the mutual benefit of the participating governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, GARY and COUNTY are political subdivisions empowered by the Act with authority to contract on behalf of each other on a basis of mutual advantage so as to better provide public services and facilities at a lesser cost; and

WHEREAS, GARY and COUNTY each seek to enter into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement based upon the terms and provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time, together, for costs which will be incurred by GARY for HOWE PARK and GLEASON CLUB HOUSE improvements, hereafter referred to as IMPROVEMENTS; and

WHEREAS, HOWE PARK is located at 3901 Vermont, Gary, IN 46409 and GLEASON CLUB HOUSE is located at 3400 Jefferson, Gary, IN 46408, both within the city limits of GARY; and

WHEREAS, GARY and COUNTY have determined that entry into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement for the IMPROVEMENTS is a public improvement in the best interests

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of the residents of GARY and COUNTY, and therefore, have determined that it is advisable to enter into and become a participating unit under such a joint interlocal cooperation agreement pursuant to the applicable provisions of State Law, as amended from time to time.

**COVENANTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, GARY and COUNTY, in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, all of which are hereby acknowledged, do hereby agree as follows:

**SECTION 1: DURATION.**

The duration of this Agreement shall be from its effective date to completion and delivery of the IMPROVEMENTS as defined herein.

**SECTION 2: PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of GARY and COUNTY concerning the IMPROVEMENTS.

**SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of this act shall be after the agreement has been signed by a majority of the elected officials of each party necessary to constitute an official act and a copy of the executed agreement is placed on record and filed with the Lake County Recorder.

**SECTION 4: IMPROVEMENTS DEFINED.**

This IMPROVEMENTS are for costs which will be incurred by GARY for HOWE PARK and GLEASON CLUB HOUSE improvements that will improve public health and economic conditions which will benefit the citizens of Lake County, Indiana.

**SECTION 5: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING.**

COUNTY agrees to pay to GARY within thirty (30) days of GARY commencing the purchase(s)/services for the IMPROVEMENTS. The funds to pay for the HOWE PARK improvements were previously approved by the Lake County Board of Commissioners, Lake County Council and the Gary Park Department and/or Gary Board of Public Works on or about October 19, 2016. The funds in the amount of \$149,298.85 have continued to sit unused since that time. This contribution of COUNTY is solely for costs GARY will incur for the IMPROVEMENTS of HOWE PARK AND GLEASON CLUB HOUSE and will not exceed \$149,298.85.

**SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.**

A. This Agreement shall be administered as follows:

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- 1) GARY shall use the funds for HOWE PARK and GLEASON CLUB HOUSE improvements will be incurred by GARY.
  - 2) With the funds received from LAKE COUNTY, GARY shall use the funds for HOWE PARK and GLEASON CLUB HOUSE improvements.
- B. GARY is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. GARY shall use the funds in accordance with all state and local rules and laws.
- D. Because the COUNTY will have no supervisory responsibility for the purchases made by GARY, the COUNTY will not be in privity of contract with any person or company contacted by GARY to provide the improvement projects, and COUNTY'S only involvement is to provide funding. the County of Lake and any and all of its elected officials, appointed officials, offices, departments, divisions, employees, to include those of the Lake County Highway Department shall not be liable for and GARY shall hold the aforementioned unit, bodies, and persons harmless from any loss or damage to any party that may occur during these purchases.
- E. The purchases will be deemed completed when GARY certifies to COUNTY the purchases has been made and the products delivered and provides COUNTY with a detailed list of how the funds were used for the IMPROVEMENTS.

**SECTION 7: ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS.**

No Party shall assign, delegate, or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations as set forth in this Agreement to any other entity.

**SECTION 8: AMENDMENTS.**

The terms of this Agreement may not be amended, supplemented, waived or modified without the prior written approval of all Parties.

**SECTION 9: FORCE MAJEURE.**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, GARY and COUNTY, shall not be deemed in default or in breach of this Agreement to the extent it is unable to perform due to an event of Force Majeure. For the purpose of this Agreement, Force Majeure shall mean and include any act of God, accident, fire, lockout, strike or other labor dispute, riot or civil commotion, act of public enemy, failure of transportation facilities, enactment, rule, order, or act of government or governmental instrumentality (whether domestic or international and whether federal, state or local, or the international equivalent thereof), failure of technical difficulties, or any other cause of any nature whatsoever beyond the control of GARY. and COUNTY, which was not avoidable in the exercise of reasonable care and foresight.

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**SECTION 10: NOTICES.**

All notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing, and deemed sufficient to each Party when sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, to the following:

Mayor Eddie Melton City of Gary 401 Broadway Gary, In 46402	Commissioner Mike Repay 2293 North Main Street Crown Pt., In 46307	Councilwoman Christine Cid 2293 North Main Street Crown Pt., In 46307
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**SECTION 11: CAPTIONS.**

The captions and section designations herein set forth are for convenience only, and shall have no substantive meaning.

**SECTION 12: SEVERABILITY.**

In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision hereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement, and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 13: ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all other negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or verbal, relating to this Agreement. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the Parties, and their respective assigns and successors in interest.

**SECTION 14: MATERIAL DISPUTE.**

The parties agree that GARY and COUNTY shall meet for resolution purposes. Thereafter, if the dispute is unable to be resolved, the Parties agree that the dispute will be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana in a court of competent jurisdiction. The Parties agree that each Party shall be responsible for its own attorney fees, absent any applicable provision of law to the contrary.

**SECTION 15: COUNTERPARTS.**

This Agreement shall be signed in counterparts and each of said counterparts shall be considered an original.

**SECTION 16: RECORDING AND FILING.**


- A. Before this Agreement takes effect, it must be recorded with the Office of the Lake County Recorder.
- B. No later than sixty (60) days after it takes effect and is recorded, the Agreement must be filed with the Office of the State Board of Accounts for audit purposes all pursuant to I.C. §36-1-7-6.


**SECTION 17: PUBLIC ACTION AND RATIFICATION.**


- A. Because there exists a situation where time is of the essence, the parties will have their respective elected officials sign the agreement to make it effective and then ratify it at a subsequent public meeting.
- B. To be effective with a retroactive ratification, the following must occur at a public meeting:
  - 1) The City of Gary Mayor as the executive body of City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation.
  - 2) The Lake County Council has the fiscal body of the County of Lake, Indiana.
  - 3) The Board of Commissioners as the county executive of the County of Lake, Indiana.

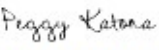
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 2/18/2026 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Kyle Allen, Sr., 1<sup>st</sup> District

  
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Jerry Tippy, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

  
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Michael C. Repay, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

ATTEST:  
  
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Peggy Katona, Auditor

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
COUNTY COUNCIL:

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David Hamm, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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Ronald G. Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Charlie Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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Pete Lindemulder, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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Christine Cid, 5<sup>th</sup> District

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Ted Bilski, 6<sup>th</sup> District

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Randy Niemeyer, 7<sup>th</sup> District

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

MAYOR, CITY OF GARY

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EDDIE D. MELTON, Mayor

Order #42 Agenda #11.1-#11.4 w/#11.6

In the Matter of Council Items: Ordinance(s): 11.1 – 11.4 w/11.6: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.6, Council Items, Ordinances submitted and adopted the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

11.1 **Council:** Ordinance 1334C-1 Amending the Ordinance to Establish Copy/Map/Electronic Map Generation Fees for the Lake County Surveyor's Office, County of Lake, State of Indiana, Ordinance No. 1334C

11.2 **Council:** Ordinance 1513E-4 Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1105)

11.3 **Council:** Ordinance 1513E-5 Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1161)

11.4 **Council:** Ordinance 1513E-6 Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9311-1296)

11.6 **Council:** Ordinance 1517C requiring project labor agreements for Lake County Government construction projects & all projects receiving an economic incentive and rescinding and repealing Ordinance No 1135F, 1342A, 1468B and 1468C

Order #43 Agenda #12.1 - #12.4

In the Matter of State Board Of Accounts Items: 12.1 – 12.3 Auditor: Listed below; 12.4 Economic Development: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 12.1 – 12.4, State Board of Accounts Items submitted by Auditor and Economic Development. Motion carried 3-0.

12.1 **AUDITOR:** LC 265 01/22/26 TO 2/18/26; Hand-cuts 01/22/26 TO 2/18/26 LC 130 2/18/26

12.2 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll - Pay Date 1-12-26

12.3 **AUDITOR:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register for County Payroll - Pay Date 1-26-2026

12.4 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Accounts Payable Voucher Register – For Period 1/1/26-1/1/26

Order #44 Agenda #13.1-13.2

In the Matter of Action On Bonds/Insurance: 13.1 2026 Public Official Bonds: Board Member-Redevelopment Commission-John Brezik, Christine Cid, Richard H. Niemeyer, and Don Jones. Board Member-Economic Development Commission-Nicholas Triana; 13.2 Highway: Certificate of Insurance Updates 02-2026.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve 13.1 and 13.2, 2026 Public Official Bonds, listed below, and Certificate(s) of Insurance Updates submitted from Highway for 02-2026. Motion carried 3-0.

13.1 **2026 Public Official Bonds:** Board Member-Redevelopment Commission-*John Brezik* (Recorded Doc No. 2026-005210), *Christine Cid*(Recorded Doc No. 2026-005211), *Richard H. Niemeyer*(Recorded Doc No. 2026-005212), and *Don Jones*(Recorded Doc No. 2026-005213).

13.1 **2026 Public Official Bonds:** Board Member-Economic Development Commission-*Nicholas Triana*(Recorded Doc No. 2026-005214)

Order #45 Agenda #15.1-15.2

In the Matter of Staff Reports: 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 12/16/25-1/15/26; 15.2 Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 15.1 and 15.2, Weights & Measures and Treasurer's Staff Reports, as listed below. Motion carried 3-0.

- 15.1 Weights & Measures: Monthly Report 12/16/25-1/15/26;
- 15.2 Treasurer's Monthly Report – Month ending December 31, 2025

Order #46 Agenda #16.1-16.4

In the Matter of Other/Matters Of Public Record: 16.1 – 16.4 Commissioners: Certificate(s) of Insurance: Listed below.

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to approve agenda items 16.1 – 16.4, Certificate(s) of Insurance listed below for Various Projects. Motion carried 3-0.

- 16.1 **COMMISSIONERS:** Certificate of Insurance from Powers & Sons Construction Company, Inc., for the Roof Replacement Project Phase I.
- 16.2 **COMMISSIONERS:** Certificate of Insurance from Powers & Sons Construction Company, Inc., for the Facade Improvements Project
- 16.3 **COMMISSIONERS:** Certificate of Insurance from The Pangere Corporation for the renovations to the Building B 2nd Floor toilet rooms project
- 16.4 **COMMISSIONERS:** Certificate of Insurance from The Pangere Corporation for the ADA Site Improvements Project

Order #47 Agenda #3.1 – #3.5

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

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.1 Seal Coat with Fog Seal (Chip and Seal) for 2026 for Highway, the following bids were received:

- 1. Rieth-Riley \$2,199,350.00
- 2. Milestone Contractors, L.P. \$2,153,850.00

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.2 Crack Seal (Sealing Cracks and Joints) for 2026 for Highway, the following bids were received:

- 1. Day's Construction, Inc. \$240,000.00

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.3 Bituminous Materials (Delivered and Applied) for 2026 for Highway, the following bids were received:

- 1. Rieth-Riley \$4,108,500.00
- 2. Milestone Contractors, L.P. \$4,184,150.00

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.4 Bituminous Materials (Picked Up) for 2026 for Highway, the following bids were received:

- 1. Rieth-Riley \$39,400.00
- 2. Milestone Contractors, L.P. \$37,200.00

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.5 Bituminous Materials -Bridge and Deck (Delivered and Applied) for 2026 for Highway, the following bids were received:

- 1. Rieth-Riley \$361,000.00
- 2. Milestone Contractors, L.P. \$377,900.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation from Highway for agenda items 3.1 – 3.5. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #48 Agenda #3.6

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.6: Bids: HVAC Upgrades to the Lake County Highway Garage in Crown Point.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.6 HVAC Upgrades to the Lake County Highway Garage in Crown Point for 2026 for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

- 1. Arctic Engineering Co., LLC \$267,798.00
- 2. Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. \$260,739.00
- 3. Mechanical Concepts, Inc. \$210,000.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation from CSK Architects for agenda item 3.6. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #49 Agenda #3.12

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.12: Industrial Building Roof Replacement at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of quotes for 3.12 Industrial Building Roof Replacement at the Lake County Fairgrounds for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

- |                               | Base Ext. Roof/Paint | Base Bid Int. Paint | Deduct Alternate |
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| 1. E.C. Babilla, Inc.         | \$694,651.00         | \$161,962.00        | \$79,975.00      |
| 2. Seal Tight Exteriors, Inc. | \$834,550.00         | \$196,800.00        | \$56,250.00      |

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation from DLZ Indiana for agenda item 3.12. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #50 Agenda #3.8

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.8: East Stair Replacement Project at the Lake County Government Center.

Order #50 Agenda #3.8 cont'd

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.8 East Stair Replacement Project at the Lake County Government Center for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

- 1. Gariup Construction Co., Inc. \$198,810.00
- 2. Sneed Construction \$ 49,100.00
- 3. Powers & Sons Construction \$209,500.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation from CSK Architects for agenda item 3.8. Motion carried 3-0.

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Order #51 Agenda #3.10

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.10: Masonry Maintenance Project at the Gary Courthouse.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.10 Masonry Maintenance Project at the Gary Courthouse for Commissioners, the following bids were received:

- 1. Midwest Pressure Washing & Restoration Inc. dba Restoreworks \$ 734,010.00
- 2. Berglund Construction \$ 470,000.00
- 3. Korellis \$1,148,942.00

Allen made a motion, seconded by Tippy, to take the above mentioned bids under advisement for further tabulation and recommendation from CSK Architects for agenda item 3.10. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #52 Agenda #3.11

In the Matter of Public Opening of Vendor Responses To Requests For Bids And Quotes: 3.11: Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek, Deck Replacement.

This being the day, time and place for the receiving of bids for 3.11 Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek, Deck Replacement for Highway, the following bids were received:

- 1. Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. \$623,619.03
- 2. LaPorte Construction Co., Inc. \$715,656.00
- 3. Ellas Construction Co., Inc. \$627,314.08
- 4. Milestone Contractors, L.P. \$680,357.00

Allen made a motion to award Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. for \$623,619.03 for agenda item 3.11, prior to any approvals, Lake County Bridge #51, Main Street over Cedar Creek, Deck Replacement, Tippy seconded the motion, request from Highway Engineer present/spoke to award the apparent low bidder subject to review, and contract to be executed at the next meeting if all is in order. Motion carried 3-0.

Order #53 Agenda #17

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

Comes now, Members of the Public to speak with Public Comment before the Board of Commissioners, first to speak was Jackie Sloan, spoke first thanking the Board of Commissioners for all of their hard work considering all on their plate, then thanked Sheila Paul from the Health Department and spoke on how she has improved the Health Department, then continued on speak on the Health Department with inquiry and what needs to be done and asked for support in Legislation.

Comes now, Members of the Public to speak with Public Comment before the Board of Commissioners, Calvin Fulton, resident of Hobart, requested to discuss issues and concerns with Commissioner Allen, regarding high ecoli numbers off of Deep River.

The next Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 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*

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MICHAEL REPAY, PRESIDENT

*Kyle Allen Sr.*

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KYLE ALLEN Sr., COMMISSIONER

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JERRY TIPPY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

*Peggy Katona*

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PEGGY H. KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR