

BOC 5/26/26 AGENDA

All 3 commissioners and legal counsel present. 7 on line. All items approved unanimously. Adjourned at 12:09

A. First Order of Business: Opening and Reading of Bids/Letters of Interest

on:

B. Reports and Requests From Commissioners

- Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket
- Public Appeal Hearing for Financial Assistance Denial to Lizzie Georgia by Portage Township: Her daughter and daughter's 4 children living with her but not working. The trustee used the daughter's prior W2 form to deny the appeal. Trustee simply advised that daughter get a job. They are trying to find work, have been paying rent but are falling behind in rent also. They requested utility assistance. Because daughter had a birthday party for her 6 yo, that money spent on the party was held against her. Lizzie is trying to get disability for anxiety and depression. They feel racism is part of the denial. Jason Critchlow: she submitted on April 29. With child support payments and tax returns, the income over past 3 months was nearly double that of the need. This household was denied based on that. BOC denied the appeal.
- Brie Roberts: Client Service Agreement with The Horton Group, a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC for Lines of Insurance Coverages: Cost is \$80,000 yearly for each of 3 years, 7/1/26 to 7/1/29. Looked like a standard contract to me. This is for building insurance, not employee medical insurance.
- Peter Agostino: Settlement Agreement & Mutual Lease with William Anderson: On April 6, 2022, William Anderson was booked into the SJC Jail. On April 8, 2022, William Anderson was found unresponsive due to heroin withdrawal in the SJC jail and was taken to an outside hospital. He died on April 11, 2022. Brittany Anderson filed a lawsuit. Although SJC denies and dispute liability, they decided to settle rather than undergo litigation. Settled for \$445,000 to Brittany Anderson and \$250,000 to New York Life Insurance Co. The deceased had a 1 yo child at the time of his death, the \$250,000 is to be paid out to the child periodically by the New York Life Ins Co. The child's aunt is the guardian of the child. The lawyer felt the county's exposure would be much greater than the proposed settlement.
- Employee of the Month Award for January 2026: Jeffrey JT Semmelson (sp?) who works in the building maintenance dept.

Assessor Mike Castellon

Approval of SingularX, Inc. Contract for VALUEINDIANA Property Valuation Platform Software System for Valuation Analysis> Same contract as signed March 31, 2026 with SOKA Inc, but the company changed its name to SingularX Inc so it needs the new contract. This is for property valuation analysis. Cost is \$0.50 per parcel per year x 100,000 parcels = \$50,000 yearly.

IT Richard Warfield, IT Director

- Approval of River Systems Quote for Replacement of Superior Courtroom Annotation System: Cost is \$15,513 and is already in the budget. This includes two 24" Touchscreen annotation monitors, maintenance and help, installation.

PSAP/911: Sal Parisi

- Approval of Service Contract Proposals with Vertiv for Power Supply Systems Maintenance at PSAP Locations on Sample and Downey. Down time for 911 is not an option. This is a 3-year two-part contract renewal. Cost is \$13,035 for the first part and \$17,575 for the second part.
- Approval of NetworkSolutions Cisco Webex Calling Integration Purchase Agreement. This replaces the current Avaya admin calling solution, which is over 10 years old and has several issues. The Webex contract is also cheaper by several hundred dollars.
- Approval of NetworkSolutions SMARTnet Renewal for Network Infrastructure: This is an annual renewal of contract for network infrastructure, including firewalls, wireless controller and devices.
- Approval of NetworkSolutions Cisco Intersight Renewal for Network Infrastructure Alerts for \$28,284
- Nick Brovold: Approval of Contract with AT&T for VESTA Phone System. This 10-year contract is set to expire at the end of 2026. To modernize and upgrade primary and backup centers will cost “under \$4.1 Million” to be paid in a lump sum for this new 5-year contract. Key benefits include live call transcription and real-time translation capabilities. Morton questioned the cost. Brovold responded that the hardware, software, etc all need updated and the required redundancy. The new software has AI that is a closed system, which is important from a security standpoint. This system is familiar to our dispatchers, also important. Other systems would require retraining. Brovold demo’d other systems and also checked with other 911 systems about other less expensive products and got bad reviews about the other systems, which were only several thousand dollars cheaper. Hazen requested in the future that competitive bids be brought before the BOC first instead of last.

Physical Assets

- Approval of Consent Agenda

C. Old Business

D. New Business

E. Public Comments (Three Minute Limit):

Dan Caruso: Thank you so much for your oversight today! There is another attempt to fill in the New Carlisle wetlands by Amazon. Amazon has not been a good neighbor. Also, the diverging diamond interchange: IDOT needs to come in and do another traffic study. With the battery plant now stalled, there is no need for this expensive project. A modification would be appropriate. A dog-leg interchange is only \$9 Million instead of \$40 Million. New Carlisle has had enough development!

Mary Countryman: I agree with Dan and could not have said it any better.