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La Porte County Commissioners' Special Meeting Minutes Monday, May 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. County Complex Room 3 & via Zoom

President Connie Gramarossa called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Andy Skwiat**.

Executive Assistant Diane Gonzales called the roll: **Commissioner Connie Gramarossa** - Present via Zoom; **Commissioner Rich Mrozinski** - Present; and **Commissioner Joe Haney** - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

Considered the Bid recommendation for Project Manager to oversee next Phase of the Franklin Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project for 2025-2026.

Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. **Commissioner Haney** asked if the meeting was published other than the Board of Commissioners' page on the County's website. **Commissioner Gramarossa**, another company contacted her with a few questions and they obtained the RFQ from the state website. Do you want to stop this process and send the RFQs to others? **Attorney Scott Pejic**, I sent the notice to both Darlene Hale and Diane Gonzales to publish on the website. Not familiar with publication in the newspaper. If the Board feels more comfortable publishing it in the paper, reconvene later and discuss that now. **Commissioner Mrozinski**, Steve, where did you see the notice for this meeting? **Steve Holifield**, at your last Commissioner's meeting you announced it. **Commissioner Mrozinski**, time is of the essence, Andy, what kind of time are we looking at for parts? **Andy Skwiat** for Marquiss Electric, as Project Manager for this Bridge Rehabilitation, we would design a specification, go out and solicit bids on the County's behalf to perform that work so this will be a much lengthier process than it has been in the years passed because there is going to be multiple moving pieces here. JWE, one of our partnering firms, they would assist with an actual stamp on the engineer drawings and just to be clear, our RFQ response was for two years so there is a much lengthier job that will take a year and a half, maybe two years, that was to repair the tread plates that were only temporarily fixed about 4 years ago. In conjunction with our work this winter, if we're successful in this process, during that work we would do some foundation excavation work on the existing tread plates and then we would design those, specify those to be fabricated over the coming year and install the fall of 2025, Spring of 2026. **Attorney Pejic**, how many businesses design or cast those tread plates that are necessary for the Project? **Commissioner Haney**, I think there are two. **Attorney Pejic**, is that something we could get bids on? **Andy Skwiat**, the issue with what you're asking people to bid on is to bid on something with what they don't even know what they're bidding on, that is the problem we've ran into in years passed so not to speak out of place but my understanding is this process is designed to hopefully get the work to a point that if its work we feel we are able to obtain bids on then we will obtain bids on that work and present it to the County and we would manage that work. **Commissioner Gramarossa**, she was notified by DLZ that they reviewed the RFQ and would not be bidding on the project at this time. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Haney motioned to adjourn at 2:13 p.m. **Commissioner Gramarossa** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 5-13-2024

[Handwritten signatures of Connie Gramarossa and Richard Mrozinski]

ATTEST: _____
Auditor

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