

Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on March 16, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, City of Michigan City, on Hybrid/Zoom and streamed live on the "Access LaPorte County" Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Candice Antisdell.

On the call of roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent.

Noted present in person: Candice Antisdell, Gene Simmons, Tamiko Smith, Peggy Moore and Patrick Voltz (5)

Absent: None (0)

Also noted in attendance:

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Ryan Beall, Deputy City Attorney; Eric Williams, Assistant Director for Special Events; D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Terry Greetham, Special Events Director; Drew White, ALCO; Shong Smith; Street Director, Melisha Henderson; Human Resources Director, Kyle Shiparski; Assistant Chief of Police, Kila Ward; Director of Education and Workforce Development.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the March 2, 2026 minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Notice to Bidders

Notice to Bidders to receive bids for the 2026 Michigan City Road Improvements Project.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted three different divisions that are going to be bid out as part of the 2026 Michigan City Road Improvements Project. These divisions include:

DIVISION A:

Location 1- Washington Street from Skwiat Legion Avenue to 9th Street

Location 2- East Michigan Boulevard from Vail Street to Carroll Avenue

Location 6- 8th Street from Lincoln Avenue to Grant Street

Location 9- Lincoln Avenue from US Highway 12 to North End

Location 10- McClelland Avenue from 7th Street to North End

Location 11- Sherman Ave. from McClelland Ave. to US Hwy 12 (W Michigan Blvd)
Location 12- Custer Avenue from 7th Street to US Highway 12 (W Michigan Blvd)
Location 14- Dole Street from 7th Street to 6th Street
Location 15- Willard Avenue from 10th Street to 6th Street
Location 16- Lamb Court from 7th Street to 6th Street

DIVISION B:

Location 3a- 4th Street from 600' west of Huron Street to Huron Street
Location 3b- 4th Street from 600' west of Huron Street to US Highway 12 (W Michigan Boulevard)

DIVISION C:

Location 4- 6th Street from US Highway 12 (W Michigan Boulevard) to Huron Street
Location 5- 7th Street from Lincoln Avenue to Huron Street
Location 7- 8th Street from Grant Street to Huron Street
Location 8- 9th Street from Grant Street to Huron Street
Location 13- Grant Avenue from 10th Street to 7th Street
Location 17- Huron Street from 10th Street to 4th Street

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Khalil if the listed locations under divisions A, B, and C were originally bid for CCMG. Mr. Khalil stated that the State added additional funds for CCMG in February, noting that the original CCMG application was submitted in October 2025. Mr. Khalil explained that the project can be bid using the October 2025 application, and the lowest bidder can be selected, with a notification to follow on whether the project has been awarded.

Ms. Smith asked if the listed locations are from the 2025 CCMG application, and Mr. Khalil confirmed that they are. Tim Werner, City Engineer, confirmed that an additional one million dollars was received from the State, noting that Division A totals to one million dollars, while Divisions B and C are grouped together at one million dollars.

Mr. Hollhan (302 Gladus Street) made a comment.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Pl.) made a comment.

Mr. Pryzbylinski (1716 Washington Street) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to open the request for bids for the 2026 Road Improvements Project as presented at or before April 6, 2026 at 8 a.m.; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

1605 Franklin Street Demolition Order

Order granting an additional thirty (30) day stay of the order affirming the demolition of 1605 Franklin Street.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich clarified that the purpose of this order is to translate the Board’s oral findings into a written finding to be voted on.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the order as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Voltz

NAYS: (1) Smith

Approval of Emergency Fees

Order affirming 1202 Tennessee St. and order dismissing 1914 Greenwood Ave. emergency costs incurred under the Unsafe Building Act:

Ms. Smith made a motion to affirm the emergency costs incurred under the Unsafe Building act for 1202 Tennessee St; seconded by Ms. Moore, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Ms. Smith made a motion to dismiss the emergency costs incurred under the Unsafe Building act for 1914 Greenwood Ave.; seconded by Mr. Simmons, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Contract

Agreement between the City of Michigan City and Attorney Steve Hale for Professional Legal Services to the Historic Preservation Commission, Plan Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for 2026.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that Attorney Hale is assisting with City Boards with a considerable amount of his time given to each one.

Ms. Moore asked how much time Attorney Hale has spent in the last year for his professional services to the City Boards. Attorney Lapaich stated that the City does not keep track of Attorney Hale’s hours, and that the agreement encompasses all the time he spends for his services to these Boards in 2026.

Ms. Antisdell asked what budget this money is coming from. Attorney Lapaich responded that it is coming from the Legal Department’s budget.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the contract; seconded by Ms. Moore, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Contract

License renewal between the City of Michigan City and Foundant Technologies, Inc for a Scholarship Lifecycle Manager in an amount not to exceed \$8,470.00. for a standard two (2) year subscription.

Ms. Ward presented to the Board that the purpose of the contract renewal with Foundant Technologies is for the promise scholarship in order to streamline the process and review time for the applications.

Ms. Smith asked Ms. Ward if she is pleased with how Foundant Technologies' platforms function. Ms. Ward responded that she is very pleased with how the application will look for this recruiting season. Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that Ms. Ward's signature on the contract needs to be whited out and replaced with Ms. Antisdell's signature.

Ms. Moore asked how many people have been applying in 2026. Ms. Ward responded that she currently has 17 applicants right now, with an estimated amount of 70 applicants total last year. Ms. Moore asked how many people were awarded the promise scholarship in 2025. Ms. Ward responded that 30 students were awarded the scholarship last year. Ms. Smith asked how many students are returning. Ms. Ward responded that about 75 students in total are returning. Ms. Antisdell asked if 75 students in total last year received the scholarship. Ms. Ward confirmed that around 75 students received the scholarship last year.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the contract; seconded by Mr. Simmons, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Contract

Contract between the Michigan City Police Department and SoundThinking for the purchase of Resource Router software in an amount not to exceed \$49,500.00 for a one (1) year term.

Kyle Shiparski; Assistant Chief of Police noted that the request letter, sent to the Board, is slightly different than the updated and final version. Assistant Chief Shiparski noted

that the software from SoundThinking will help with efficiency within the Michigan City Police Department as it takes crime data and isolates it to better understand where a crime is likely to be committed in Michigan City.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Pl.) made a comment.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the request for the purchase of SoundThinking Resource Router software; seconded by Mr. Simmons, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Contract

Contract agreement with the Michigan City Police Department for the purchase of a Caliber Public Safety Integration to help facilitate the Resource Router software from SoundThinking in an amount not to exceed \$5,954.00.

Kyle Shiparski; Assistant Chief of Police noted that the Michigan City Police Department spent a considerable amount of time assessing the Resource Router software integration technology. Assistant Chief Shiparski stated that the software is unique in that it was the only one to check multiple boxes, noting that the integration technology will combine well with the Police Department's existing data.

Ms. Smith asked if the Resource Router software would work without the Caliber Public Safety Integration. Assistant Chief Shiparski responded that the software would not work without it.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Pl.) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request for the purchase of a Caliber Public Safety Integration; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Special Purchase

Special purchase request from the Michigan City Police Department of four (4) 2025 Ford Police Interceptors with upfitting equipment in an amount not to exceed \$253,018.59.

Kyle Shiparski; Assistant Chief of Police noted that he was able to get a government discount on the Ford Police vehicles from a car dealer in Illinois. Assistant Chief Shiparski noted that the purchase of these vehicles was the more cost effective than buying new vehicles. Assistant Chief Shiparski noted that some of the upfitting work on

one of the vehicles will be done in house, stating that the Police Department is saving money by doing the upfitting work.

Ms. Smith noted that the Police Department was appropriated for more money than the cost of the four vehicles in the request and asked if there is any intention by the Police Department to purchase more vehicles with this remaining money. Mr. Shiparski noted that the remaining money will go towards the final lease buyouts which will satisfy the rest of the appropriated funds.

Mr. Hollhan (302 Gladus Street) made a comment.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Pl.) made a comment.

Ms. Antisdell asked Assistant Chief Shiparski if he intends on pushing this request to be read during second and third reading at the next City Council meeting. Assistant Chief Shiparski responded yes.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request dependent upon City Council's approval; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Vendor License and Special Event Request

Antiono Conley is requesting to use the Redevelopment owned lots at 7th/Franklin Street every first Friday from April to October 2026 for the 2026 Buddingpreneuers event.

Mr. Conley stated that the Buddingpreneuers event is an event aimed at teaching kids financial literacy and entrepreneurship; noting that the Buddingpreneuers event does pop up shops where goods can be sold.

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Conley how this event has developed since the first time it was done. Mr. Conley responded that when he began, he with started with 8 or 9 children that regularly attended. Mr. Conley noted that now 15 to 17 children regularly attend.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Conley if he asked for his fee to be waived. Mr. Conley responded with no.

Ms. Moore asked if the Board has authority to grant permission for the 7th/Franklin lots for this event. Ms. Lapacich confirmed that the Redevelopment approved the use of these lots for the Buddingpreneuers event.

Ms. Smith motioned that the fee be waived for this request and that the request be

approved; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

ABSTAIN: (1) Simmons

Addendum

Addendum of the existing 2026 agreement between the City of Michigan City and Global Engineering & Land Surveying, LLC for professional municipal services in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 in 2026.

Mr. Werner stated this addendum relates to the Road Improvements contract. Mr. Werner stated that when the City did not receive the CCMG funds, Global Engineering already had the \$225,000 fee for their two million-dollar original contract. Mr. Werner stated that when the City was not awarded the other million dollars from the State, the fee was cut down to less than half, noting that now the fee will be raised back up to cover the full design of all the streets covered by the two million dollars.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Addendum; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Renewal of Insurance

Renewing the 2026-2027 Property and Casualty Insurance Program as provided by Highstreet Insurance and Financial Services.

Charlie Keene, of Highstreet Insurance, stated that the annual renewal premium is 1,158,073 dollars. Mr. Keene highlighted some of the changes and improvements that are in the renewal request.

Mr. Pryzbilinski (1716 Washington St) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the renewal of the 2026-2027 Property and Causality Insurance; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Updated Job Description Request

Melisha Henderson is requesting the approval of an updated job description request for the position of Assistant Controller.

Melisha Henderson stated some of the job requirements for the Assistant Controller position were enhanced to include a required: Associates or Bachelors degree in

finance, a minimum of 2 years in accounting, a preference of having municipal government experience, knowledge of the State Board of Accounts, knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and a strong understanding of governmental standards.

Ms. Smith asked if anything was removed from the job description. Ms. Henderson stated that some administrative items were removed due to those items being fulfilled by the administrative staff that works in the Controller's office.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the job description request; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Street Sign Request

Tommy Kulavick is requesting an honorary street sign at Greenwood and Calumet Avenues memorializing Beryle Burgwald to read "Beryle Burgwald Ave."

Mr. Kulavick read Mr. Burgwalds obituary.

Mr. Simmons made a comment that Mr. Burgwald was a classmate of his and his service to the City was outstanding. Mr. Simmons stated that Mr. Burgwald would be missed.

Mr. Pryzbylinski (1716 Washington St) made a comment.

Shong Smith, Street Director, confirmed that he has no concerns with the street sign request and that the cost to implement the sign would be around 60 dollars.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the street sign request; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket:

March 16, 2026

Municipal	\$1,892,784.83
CDBG	\$3,042.60
Health & Life	\$721,363.51
Special Events	\$1,531.50
Zoo Casino Agreement	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$0.00
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	\$2,618,722.44

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	March 6, 2026	\$863,497.88
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Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Unfinished Business

Request for Railroad Repair

Don Przybylinski, City Councilman, is requesting an update on the cleanup of CSX railroad ties along Arthur St. and the repairs of the CSX railroad crossing at Buffalo St. which was tabled on November 3, 2025.

Mr. Werner made a comment that this item was tabled to tabled to the May 18, 2026 BOW meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Hollhan (302 Gladus Street) made a comment that his neighbor, Mr. Corley, had a large tree blow over onto his house and car due to the wind.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment congratulating Terry Greetham on the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Kulavick noted that there are many organizations that kids can get involved with in the City of Michigan City.

Mr. Paul Przybylinski (1716 Washington Street) noted that there are three unused street lamps located on old police property that should be moved to other locations like Barker Ave., Franklin, or Charles Street. Mr. Przybylinski requested an update on what the City's plan is for the street lights. Mr. Przybylinski additionally noted that he would like City staff to look into the grades on Wabash and Ohio streets.

Mr. Meland (200 Kenwood Pl) made a comment that there are curbs filled with dirt and debris on Lafayette and Yorks Streets between Barker and Greenwood, which is creating parking issues due to the street edge being undefined. Mr. Meland mentioned that he does not think it is necessary to have flashing traffic signs on Franklin as they are visually cluttering the area and wasting City resources.

Board Comment

Ms. Moore noted that the parade was awesome despite the cold weather.

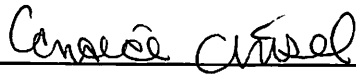
Adjournment

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

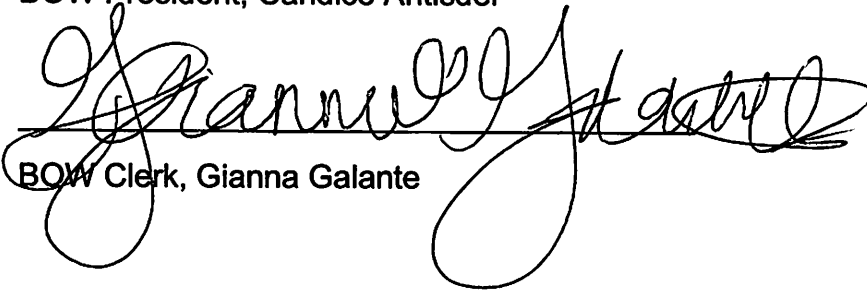
AYES: (5) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



BOW President, Candice Antisdel



BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante