Regular Board of Works Meeting
In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on
September 8, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 8:30 a.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 Antisdel.

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

Noted present in person: Candice Antisdel, Gene Simmons, Peggy Moore, and Patrick Voltz (4) **Absent:** Tamiko Smith (1)

Also noted in attendance:
Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Andrew Mantanic, IT Director; Captain Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Frank Rebac, Deputy Chief of Administration; Kyle Shiparski, Assistant Chief of Police; and Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes
Regular "HYBRID/ZOOM" meeting on August 17, 2026

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the August 17, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Quotes
M.C. Animal Control is seeking sealed quotes for the construction of a new Dog Kennel Building

Andrew Mantanic, Director of IT, stated that he is requesting quotes for a new animal control building, noting that the building will be post-frame construction and fully funded through ARPA.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Request for Quotes as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Bids
2026 Demolition of 512 Holiday Street, Michigan City, IN 46360

Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager, is requesting approval to seek bids for the demolition of 512 Holiday Street, noting that the bids will be opened at the November 16, 2026 BOW meeting. Attorney Lapaich further explained that a mandatory pre-bid conference walkthrough will be held on November 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, stating that contractors attending the walkthrough will be required to check in at City Hall.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the Request for Bids as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Vendor License
Cousins Maine Lobster is requesting to operate a mobile food truck at 1102 Lighthouse Place in Michigan City from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on 9/20/2026, 10/25/26, 11/29/26, and 12/20/26

Mr. Simmons noted that a letter of permission was received from the Lighthouse Mall granting Cousins Maine Lobster approval to operate a mobile food truck on the premises.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Vendor License as presented; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval
Haas & Associates, LLC is requesting approval of the Punch List and Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Ameriplex Drive Roadway Reconstruction (Phase II)

Tim Werner, City Engineer, stated that the work for this request is complete, noting that there is a bit of a curbing issue at the far south end on the west side of the reconstruction. Mr. Werner clarified that the contractor is aware of the issue and will be taking care of it within the next week or two.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Request for Approval as presented pending repair of the curbing issue; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval
Eric Gibson, Highstreet Insurance, is requesting approval of the Transplant Policy Renewal and Renewal Financial Summary

Eric Gibson, Highstreet Insurance, noted that the Transplant Policy protects the self-funded plan against the high cost of an organ transplant. Discussion ensued between the Board and Mr. Gibson regarding the specifications of the Renewal.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Request for Approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval
Shannon Eason, Michigan City Public Art Committee, is requesting approval of an agreement for the purchase of artwork from Lynn Romero titled "Slice of the Fabric of the Cosmos" to be located at the SE corner of Franklin Street and Coolspring Avenue

Janet Bloch, Michigan City Public Art Committee, stated that the Request for Approval is to purchase artwork from a sculptor who worked with Richard Hunt, in the amount of $5,000. Discussion ensued between Ms. Bloch and the Board members regarding the details of the Request for Approval.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the Request for Approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval
Dr. Dominique Edwards, Planning Director, is requesting approval of the Tryon Meadows Infrastructure Bond for Phase II

Dr. Dominique Edwards noted that this request is for a performance bond for Tryon Meadows Phase II Redevelopment Project. Discussion ensued between the Board members, Dr. Edwards, City Engineer, Tim Werner, and Corporation Counsel, Amber Lapaich regarding the details of the performance bond.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to table the Request for Approval to the September 21, 2026 BOW meeting pending a Road Dedication Resolution from the Legal Department; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Special Purchase
The Michigan City Police Department is requesting approval to purchase nine (9) 2023 Dodge Durango's for an amount not to exceed $189,923.62

Assistant Chief, Kyle Shiparksi, stated that the money being requested was already appropriated to MCPD by the Riverboat fund, further explaining the details of the request. Discussion ensued between Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich, Assistant Chief Shiparksi, and the Board Members regarding the specifications of the Special Purchase Agreement.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Special Purchase as presented; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Change Order
Tim Werner, City Engineer, is requesting approval of Change Order No. 2 for the 2026 Michigan City Road Improvements Project

Tim Werner, City Engineer, noted that this Change Order request includes a section of asphalt in front of a church and funeral home that was not included in the original request but needs to be repaired due to the high volume of traffic in that area. Mr. Werner further explained the details of the Change Order.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Change Order as presented; seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket

September 8, 2026

Municipal	**$1,099,287.72**
CDBG	**$78.38**
Health & Life	**$620,892.42**
Special Events	**$13,564.15**
Zoo Casino Agreement	**$330.59**
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	**$0.00**
TOTAL CLAIMS:	**$1,734,153.26**

https://tinyurl.com/ycxtserc

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the claims docket as presented; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	**August 21, 2026**	**$863,041.05**
Payroll Claims Docket	**September 1, 2026**	**$191,887.94**

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the payroll claims dockets as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Unfinished Business
There was no unfinished business at this time.

Public Comment
There was no public comment at this time.

Board Comment

There was no Board comment at this time.

Adjournment
Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote.
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Moore, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

9/21/26

BOW President, Candice Antisdel

BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante