

The Board met in due form with the following members present: Gerry Scheub Roosevelt Allen, Jr., and Frances DuPey. They passed the following orders, to wit:

There was a moment of silent prayer; the Pledge was given and the Emergency Exit Announcement made.

A courtesy copy of the agenda and notice of this meeting was faxed by Brenda Koselke to the Times in Munster and Crown Point, the Post Tribune in Merrillville and Crown Point, WJOB Radio Station, the Star, WLTH Radio Station, Comcast Cable, the Calumet Press, Portage Journal News, Pilcher Publishing and the Gary Law, Channel 21 media on the 17th day of March, 2009 at about 4:15 p.m.

A copy of the meeting notice and agenda was posted at the entrance of the Commissioner's courtroom on the 17th day of March, 2009 at about 4:15 p.m.

Agenda #5A

In the Matter of Notices/Agenda: Certificate of Services Meeting Notice.

Certificate of Service Meeting Notice to those who have made such written request has already been made a matter of public record during Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Lake, held Monday, April 6, 2009.

Order #1 Agenda #6

In the Matter of BIDS: 2011 General Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana.

Commissioner Scheub, commenting on the matter at hand says, We've all been at this a long time and we've watched the State over the years criticize Lake County on the reassessments and they always approved every reassessment in Lake County, no assessment was approved until the State signed off on it and all of a sudden the State decided that we were very insecure and we had no ability to do our own work and they had a twenty-five million dollar reassessment charged to Lake County which turned out to be the worst reassessment in the history of Lake County and the State did this, we didn't do this, the State signed a contract, the County Commissioners were not allowed to sign a Contract, the State signed it and put a burden on us taxpayers of twenty-five million for something that was so unprofessional it was pathetic and now we turn around, and the State years ago used to have seminars for our Assessors' and when they made changes in assessment rules they'd come and show the Assessors' how do the new reassessment, but the State doesn't even know how to do it so they can't come up here and tell us how to do it and yet they blame everybody here, all our Assessors', for their failures not our failures. It's so discouraging when the State of Indiana does not do their job and throws it right back and thumbs their nose at us and then tells us that we're not properly trained when it's their job to properly train everybody. And, I just want to say that after seeing these bids come in and the previous one come in, well, we got taken by the State of Indiana so bad on that last reassessment (\$25,000,000.00) that it was an insult to everybody and I just want to express my feelings again on that and thank you.

Commissioner Allen, adding on says, I'm wondering who has the oversight function for the State Government, when are those private companies like USX, NIPSCO, BP, MITTAL, when are they going to fund an oversight study for the State to see if the State is efficient and effective as far as their operation of Government. It's always been the fresher and the direction has always been placed on Local Government but when is somebody going to check to see if the State is operating properly and if the State is spending the State Tax Monies in an efficient and effective manner, and so that is something I'd like to see the Press initiate to put some pressure on the State, we'd like to know if the State Government is functioning as efficiently and as effectively as they can or whether they are kind of extravagant in their spending, because that also has a tremendous substantial impact on the taxpayers throughout the State of Indiana.

Allen – Is there a motion to accept the recommendations of the Lake County Assessor, Scheub made a motion including that we have qualified people and if the State did their job and put it where everybody could understand it and make it professional we wouldn't have to be going out side in doing this we could do it in-house and I still think our Assessor's are qualified to do it but with the State's inability to set the standards so everybody could pass it, I would make the motion to give these Contracts to the lowest bidder, on the Agricultural it's \$75,750.00 to Nexus, Commercial it's \$801,850.00 to Nexus, on the Industrial it's \$124,775.00 to Nexus, and in the Residential it's \$3,170,250.00 to Nexus, and the Ratio Study is \$60,000.00 to Nexus, approximately \$7,000,000.00 versus twenty-five million last time, seconded by DuPey adding is Nexus prepared to do all five categories? Answer, Yes they are prepared. Motion passed 3-0.

Order #1 Agenda #6

In the Matter of BIDS: Contract for 2011 Agricultural Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana.

The Board having previously taken the bids under advisement does hereby award Nexus Group, Inc., 2021 E. 52nd Street, Suite 106, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 with \$75,750.00 for the Contract for 2011 Agricultural Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana upon a motion by Scheub, seconded by DuPey, with the recommendation of the L.C. Assessor. Motion passed 3-0.

And it appearing to said Board of Commissioners that the above company's bid being the most responsive and responsible bid for 2011 Agricultural Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana for the L.C. Assessor, having complied with the law as provided by statute and filed with their bid the proper affidavit as by law provided and their bond or certified check in the amount of:

NEXUS GROUP, Inc. W/ no bond is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners

There being sufficient unobligated appropriated funds available, the contracting authority of Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the terms of the attached bid for classes or items numbered for 2011 AGRICULTURAL REASSESSMENT IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE LAKE CO. ASSESSOR FOR \$75,750.00 and promises to pay the undersigned bidder upon delivery the price quoted for the materials stipulated in said bid.

Contracting Authority Members: Date: April 8, 2009

FRANCES DuPEY
GERRY SCHEUB
ROOSEVELT ALLEN, Jr.

NEXUS GROUP, Inc.

Order #1 Agenda #6

In the Matter of BIDS: Contract for 2011 Commercial Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana.

The Board having previously taken the bids under advisement does hereby award Nexus Group, Inc., 2021 E. 52nd Street, Suite 106, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 with \$801,850.00 for the Contract for 2011 Commercial Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana upon a motion by Scheub, seconded by DuPey, with the recommendation of the L.C. Assessor. Motion passed 3-0.

And it appearing to said Board of Commissioners that the above company's bid being the most responsive and responsible bid for 2011 Commercial Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana for the L.C. Assessor, having complied with the law as provided by statute and filed with their bid the proper affidavit as by law provided and their bond or certified check in the amount of:

NEXUS GROUP, Inc. W/ no bond is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners

There being sufficient unobligated appropriated funds available, the contracting authority of Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the terms of the attached bid for classes or items numbered for 2011 COMMERCIAL REASSESSMENT IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE LAKE CO. ASSESSOR FOR \$801,850.00 and promises to pay the undersigned bidder upon delivery the price quoted for the materials stipulated in said bid.

Contracting Authority Members: Date: April 8, 2009

FRANCES DuPEY NEXUS GROUP, Inc.
GERRY SCHEUB
ROOSEVELT ALLEN, Jr.

Order #1 Agenda #6

In the Matter of BIDS: Contract for 2011 Industrial Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana.

The Board having previously taken the bids under advisement does hereby award Nexus Group, Inc., 2021 E. 52nd Street, Suite 106, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 with \$124,775.00 for the Contract for 2011 Industrial Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana upon a motion by Scheub, seconded by DuPey, with the recommendation of the L.C. Assessor. Motion passed 3-0.

And it appearing to said Board of Commissioners that the above company's bid being the most responsive and responsible bid for 2011 Industrial Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana for the L.C. Assessor, having complied with the law as provided by statute and filed with their bid the proper affidavit as by law provided and their bond or certified check in the amount of:

NEXUS GROUP, Inc. W/ no bond is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners

There being sufficient unobligated appropriated funds available, the contracting authority of Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the terms of the attached bid for classes or items numbered for 2011 INDUSTRIAL REASSESSMENT FOR THE LAKE CO. ASSESSOR FOR \$124,775.00 and promises to pay the undersigned bidder upon delivery the price quoted for the materials stipulated in said bid.

Contracting Authority Members: Date: April 8, 2009

FRANCES DuPEY NEXUS GROUP, Inc.
GERRY SCHEUB
ROOSEVELT ALLEN, Jr.

Order #1 Agenda #6

In the Matter of BIDS: Contract for 2011 Residential Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana.

The Board having previously taken the bids under advisement does hereby award Nexus Group, Inc., 2021 E. 52nd Street, Suite 106, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 with \$3,170,250.00 for the Contract for 2011 Residential Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana upon a motion by Scheub, seconded by DuPey, with the recommendation of the L.C. Assessor. Motion passed 3-0.

And it appearing to said Board of Commissioners that the above company's bid being the most responsive and responsible bid for 2011 Residential Reassessment in Lake County, Indiana for the L.C. Assessor, having complied with the law as provided by statute and filed with their bid the proper affidavit as by law provided and their bond or certified check in the amount of:

NEXUS GROUP, Inc. W/ no bond is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners

There being sufficient unobligated appropriated funds available, the contracting authority of Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the terms of the attached bid for classes or items numbered for 2011 RESIDENTIAL REASSESSMENT IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE LAKE CO. ASSESSOR FOR \$3,170,250.00 and promises to pay the undersigned bidder upon delivery the price quoted for the materials stipulated in said bid.

Contracting Authority Members: Date: April 8, 2009

FRANCES DuPEY NEXUS GROUP, Inc.
GERRY SCHEUB
ROOSEVELT ALLEN, Jr.

Order #1 Agenda #6

In the Matter of BIDS: Contract for 2011 Ratio Study of Three (3) Townships (Calumet, Ross, St. John) in Lake County, Indiana.

The Board having previously taken the bids under advisement does hereby award Nexus Group, Inc., 2021 E. 52nd Street, Suite 106, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 with \$60,000.00 for the Contract for 2011 Ratio Study of Three (3) Townships (Calumet, Ross, St. John) in Lake County, Indiana upon a motion by Scheub, seconded by DuPey, with the recommendation of the L.C. Assessor. Motion passed 3-0.

Order #1 Agenda #6 (cont'd)

And it appearing to said Board of Commissioners that the above company's bid being the most responsive and responsible bid for 2011 Ratio Study of Three (3) Townships (Calumet, Ross, St. John) in Lake County, Indiana for the L.C. Assessor, having complied with the law as provided by statute and filed with their bid the proper affidavit as by law provided and their bond or certified check in the amount of:

NEXUS GROUP, Inc. W/ no bond is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners

There being sufficient unobligated appropriated funds available, the contracting authority of Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the terms of the attached bid for classes or items numbered for 2011 RATIO STUDY OF THREE TOWNSHIPS (CALUMET, ROSS, ST. JOHN FOR THE LAKE CO. ASSESSOR FOR \$60,000.00 and promises to pay the undersigned bidder upon delivery the price quoted for the materials stipulated in said bid.

Contracting Authority Members: Date: April 8, 2009

FRANCES DuPEY NEXUS GROUP, Inc.
GERRY SCHEUB
ROOSEVELT ALLEN, Jr.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

April 7, 2009

Lake County Commissioners
President Roosevelt Allen
2293 N. Main St.
Crown Point, IN 46307

RE: 2009 Reassessment Bids

Dear Commissioners:

We are requesting approval of the Reassessment Bid submitted by Nexus Group on April 6th, 2009. All of the criteria were met for advertising and accepting the Reassessment Bids and Nexus was the lowest of the 3 bids.

We feel they are qualified to meet all of the specifications in a professional manner that satisfies both the Department of Local Government Finance and Lake County 's needs.

Respectfully,

Paul G. Karras
Lake County Assessor

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE
FRANCES DuPEY
ROOSEVELT ALLEN, Jr.
GERRY SCHEUB
APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL 20 09

FOR ORIGINAL CONTRACTS SEE FILE "2009 CONTRACTS"

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Scheub made a motion, seconded by DuPey, to adjourn.

The next Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

The following officials were Present:
Attorney John Dull
Brenda Koselke

ROOSEVELT ALLEN JR., PRESIDENT

FRANCES DUPEY, COMMISSIONER

GERRY SCHEUB, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

PEGGY HOLINGA KATONA, LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

