

LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2005

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 in the LaPorte County Annex and Security Complex Room #3 at 6:00 p.m...

Commissioner Harmon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m...

Present at the meeting were Commission President Marlow Harmon, Commission Vice President William Hager and Commission Member Barbara Huston. Also present were County Attorney Robert Szilagyi, LaPorte County Auditor Teresa Shuter and Recording Secretary Linda Arnett.

LaPorte County Assessor Carol McDaniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Harmon, I have some additions to make, amendment to the amount of miscellaneous claims total \$527, 225, 27, under old business section F. Utility Ordinance, add section G. additional appropriation Drainage Board Meetings, section H motion for judgment against the State of Indiana in reference to Weights and Measures appointment, section "I" Fair Board Association and also under "New Business" add section "A" Roger Wolff, Resolution National Incident Management System, section "D" Rick McVay LaPorte County Highway Engineer, C.R. 500 South over Kingsbury Creek, and section "H" Wage Board Appointments.

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of January 18, 2005, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

WEEKLY REPORTS

The Commissioners review and sign weekly reports during the meeting.

CLAIMS

Payroll ending February 11, 2005. Mr. Hager made a motion to approve payroll as submitted, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$527,225.27. Mrs. Huston, made a motion to pay miscellaneous claims in that amount, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

Beverly Parrett, Request for Retirement Insurance

Mr. Harmon, we have a request from Ms. Parrett a request for retirement insurance. Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Dennis Terry, Partners in Contracting---Request for Funding

Mr. Harmon, this was tabled, Mr. Hager made a motion to remove from table, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 out of WIN TAX, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Walt Sell, Purdue Extension Director—two (2) additional telephone lines

Mr. Harmon, this was tabled. Mrs. Huston made a motion to remove, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Hager, this is going to cost us between \$110.00 and \$150.00 with no additional cost.

Mr. Sell, yes.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to approve the additional phones, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Commissioners Liaison Position, Changes—Kankakee Valley Workforce Development & EMS Board

Kankakee Valley Workforce will be Mr. Harmon

EMS BOARD, Mr. Hager will be replacing Ms. Huston.

We have one on the Plan Commission and the Park Board that will be changed at next meeting.

Rick McVay, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, Fall Road Bridge Final Acceptance Bridge 254

Mr. Hager, made a motion to remove from the table, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. McVay, the reason we tabled this was to give us more time to look at the approach, which rides rough. I was out with D.L.Z, its not going to be and danger to

motorist where it ties into the existing road. The new part of the road is fine, but where they tied into where happens to be a bad part of that road. To correct the problem we have to go another 100 foot north. It would be my recommendation that we signoff on the project and then the next time we come thru there we pave that road.

Mr. Hager, now this is our final and can we put the guard rails on that drop off portion that we've got on the road.

Mr. Hager, made the motion to sign off on Bridge 254 Fail Road, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Rick McVay, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, Johnson Road Improvements

Ms. Huston, motion to remove from the table, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. McVay, we do have federal funding on what we are calling section 1 at this time. I talked with NIRPC to see if we could change the way we want to phase this. NIRPC doesn't have a problem with it but at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting a three entities will be involved.

Mr. Harmon, for your information we discussed this with Mayor Morris and he has no problem and he will support what we want to do with it. We do have to contact Mayor Oberlie on this yet and we will expect you to go and talk with Mayor Oberlie on this and move forward with NIRPC.

Mr. Harmon, once we assign a consulting firm we should do the whole thing and then break it down as we come up with the additional monies.

Mrs. Huston, made a motion to appoint DLZ to be the engineering firm to do the study, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Utility Ordinance

Mr. Dombrowski, I met with Attorney Szilagyi, Bob Young and Rick McVay went over the amendments to the ordinance and I want the board to accept the change in the ordinance.

Mr. Harmon, Mr. Hager we can make a motion to adopt the ordinance and then we can make an amendment to remove that particular part of it (where it says in lieu of a flag). We have an ordinance by title only. LaPorte County Utility, Placement and Maintenance Ordinance on first reading.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to adopt on first reading, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Hager made a motion to amend to read that it should be cleaned 5 foot radius around the pedestal, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, I need a vote on the original ordinance.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to adopt on first reading as amended, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, this was second and final reading. Ordinance 2005-01

Additional Appropriation. For the Drainage Board by Mr. John Coulter

Mr. Harmon, request for additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,550.00 by state law we have to appropriate those monies for them to attend the meetings. It would be out of the general fund 136 account.

Mr. Hager, made the motion to grant the request, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

LaPorte County and the State of Indiana

Mr. Harmon, we need to settle a dispute between LaPorte County and the State of Indiana, Health Department, we need a motion to allow our attorney to proceed.

Ms. Huston, made a motion for the County Attorney to take the necessary action concerning resolving the Commissioner appointment regarding Inspector of Weights and Measures, the Chair will second the motion. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Fair Association Contract

Mr. Hager, I move to have the County Attorney send notice to the Fair Board, that all leases will be terminated on the 31, December, 2005. The purpose is to allow the County to review arrangement to operate the fair grounds and also have the Fair Board continue operating the Fair. This will become similar arrangement to be reviewed like the Porter County Fair, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried roll – call vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Roger Wolff, Resolution National Incident Management System

Mr. Wolff, sample copy that I worked up as an resolution, this is a directive from the President of the United States for Homeland Security the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This is to bring together all of the federal, state and local agencies, we are all working under one umbrella. If we don't adopt it, we will no longer be able to get Homeland Security funds.

Mr. Harmon, we have a resolution before us by title only, on objection. Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Mr. Hager, made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, this will be known as Resolution 2005-02.

Workforce Investment Board-Request for Reappointments

Mr. Harmon, we received a letter from Mrs. Woloshansky, requesting three people be reappointed to the board. Mr. Bob Bernth, Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, Mr. George Finney, Owner of the Framing Station and Ms. Mary Lombard, Michigan Township Trustee. Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint the three people as submitted, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Rick McVay, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, Study 400 North between Ohio Street & 900 West

Mr. McVay, I met with the city of Michigan City on this expansion, that would be taking from two lanes to four lanes to allow the traffic to flow smoother. They are asking the financial support of the County.

Mr. Harmon, they are requesting we go 50-50 on this project, the estimated cost of this project is three million dollars.

Mr. Hager, I recommend Beam, Longest & Neff as the engineering firm on this project.

Mr. Harmon, I would like the motion to state that we do partner with Michigan City on this project and we strongly recommend that Beam, Longest & Neff be the engineering firm to do this project.

Mr. Harmon, we have a motion by Mr. Hager, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. McVay, one question, who will be the lead agency on this?

Mr. Harmon, Michigan City Redevelopment Commission.

Rick McVay, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, C.R. 500 South over Kingsbury Creek

Mr. McVay, there are two things on this project. American Timber Bridge and they are request that we extend last years bid to this years.

Mr. Hager made a motion to grant the extension, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried w roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. McVay, the second is to purchase from American Timber Bridge and bid out the labor on a separate contract.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to grant the request to purchase from American Timber Bridge and bid out the labor, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Amendment to LaPorte County Employee, Retirement Insurance

Mr. Harmon, amendment to the LaPorte County Retirement Insurance.  
Mr. Harmon reads the amendment #2.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to adopt Amendment #2 LaPorte County Employee Retirement Insurance plan, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Melissa Mischke, GIS Coordinator—Address Mapping

Mr. Harmon received a letter to move forward on the address mapping.

Mrs. Mischke explains address layering and the cost with Paul I. Cripe would be \$253,710.00, in which we have been using Paul I. Cripe up to this point.

Mr. Hager, I make a motion to bid this out, no second. Motion fails.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve Paul I. Cripe for the address mapping in the amount of \$253,710.00 to the Cripe Engineering firm; the Chair will second the motion. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 2-1, with Mr. Hager voting nay.

Paul Trost, LaPorte County Health Department Administrator, Health Department Service Fees'

Mr. Trost explains the fee increase and states that they are losing money in the county on these services and now is the time to increase the fees.

Mr. Hager made a motion to grant request to increase the fees of the LaPorte County Health Department, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, we have an ordinance now before us by title only, no objections. Ordinance to amend Health Department Service Fees. Ordinance on first reading. Mr. Hager, made a motion to adopt on first reading, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, this will be held over to our next meeting for second reading.

Wage Board Appointment, Jim Kintzel

Mr. Harmon, this is a five member board and Mr. Kintzel has to be reappointed to this board, he has served on that board for the last five years.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kintzel, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lloyd Lombard, how long is we going to have a witch hunt on Gene Samuelson.

Mr. Harmon, it is not a witch hunt it's an issue we have with the State of Indiana and how that appointment is made and our attorney's will be taking care of that.

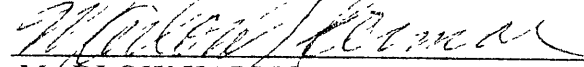
COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

No comments

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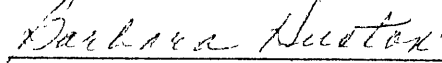
Mr. Harmon adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m...

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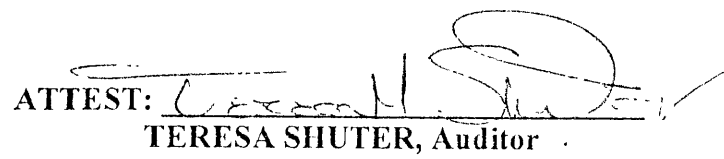
MARLOW HARMON, President

WILLIAM HAGER, Vice President



BARBARA HUSTON, Member

ATTEST:



TERESA SHUTER, Auditor

(Approximately 40 people in attendance)

