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LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Rooms.

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

Mrs. Huston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Harmon, we would like to add under "New Business" Park Board Appointment, Cable Television Franchise Agreement, Johnkind Park Road Closing and under "Old Business" Bid Opening Bridge 215 also Amendments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Harmon, we will hold the minutes of May 3, 2005 to our next meeting.

WEEKLY REPORTS

CLAIMS

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve Payroll ending May 20, 2005 & June 3, 2005, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Mr. Hager made a motion to pay Miscellaneous Claims in the sum of \$430,101.47, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll vote 3-0.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to pay Regular Claims in the amount of \$1,000,935.98, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

Lacrosse Harvest Festival--\$500.00

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve \$500.00 for the Lacrosse Harvest Festival, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Victory City Festival ---\$500.00

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve \$500.00 for the Victory City Festival, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Tim Morgan, LaPorte County Park & Recreation-Pioneer Days. Request for Funds--\$500.00

Mr. Harmon, we need a motion to remove this request from the table.

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

Motion to by Hager second by Huston motion carried 3-0

Mr. Hager, made a motion to deny the request of LaPorte County Park & Recreation Department for \$500.00, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Johgkind Park Road Closing

Mr. Harmon, we received a letter from Mr. Joe Frye who is the Vice President of Johgkind Park Homeowners Association in regard to the annual garage sale every year and ask that to close part of the road from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. they will have an off duty Sheriff Officer to direct the traffic.

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

OLD BUSINESS

LaPorte County Coroner, Dr. Vidya Kora—Coroner Vehicle

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

Dr. Kora, I have presented you three different estimates for replacing this vehicle, we need a vehicle that is safe to operate and two a vehicle where we can transport these bodies with dignity and do it in a cost effective manner. If we have a vehicle in our system that is a used vehicle, we can manage with that and that would get our job done without costing the county. I have made a written presentation to you and if you have any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them.

Mr. Hager, Dr. Kora how much have you saved by having this vehicle?

Dr. Kora, in the past the LaPorte County EMS had to transport the bodies and we have freed up LaPorte County EMS so they can do patient care which is more of a priority. And the second thing is in addition to transporting the bodies that our deputies have done within the county several transports have been done to other counties. In the past we used to hire private ambulances and each run used to cost seven-hundred to eight hundred dollars, so I would say that we have saved several thousand dollars.

Mrs. Huston, I would like to ask Ms. Pease a question. Ms. Pease I am looking at your program you submitted and you show a 1996 Chevy Suburban to be replaced in 2006. Doctor Kora has given us three options and one of his options it to acquire that vehicle now, saving us quite a bit of money as far as the coroner's vehicle. What objection if any would you have if any if we were to honor Doctor Kora's request and the Chevy would go to the Coroner's Office.

Ms. Pease, I have to replace this Chevy first but I could do it within the next couple of months with the commissioner's approval.

Mr. Harmon, I think in your budget for maintance cost in your budget you might want to put in for a new vehicle.

Mr. Hager made a motion to grant the request for Dr. Kora to obtain the EMS vehicle as soon as EMS can purchase a new vehicle, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Attorney Cory Shoffner—Road Vacation Pansy Lane

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

Ms. Shoffner, Mr. McVay had a chance to go out and he said he has given approval.

Mr. Harmon, my only question is that the right of way that you want vacated and I am going to ask our attorney if we can vacate the entire street.

Attorney Shoffner explains the map to the Commissioners and Attorney Szilagyi.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to vacate Pansy Lane and the area that she requested and forward to our attorney for removal of the other part of Pansy Lane, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, we have an ordinance before us on first reading by title only, if there are no objections, hearing no objections, we have an ordinance by title only providing for a vacation of a public street 30 feet wide known as Pansy Lane.

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

Mr. Harmon, we will hold this Ordinance over for our next meeting for the second reading.

LaPorte County Fair Lease Agreement

Mr. Harmon, we have had a year long discussion on this and after setting down with the fair board and the commissioners and attorneys and we have come up with an agreement and the management agreement and the board has read thru the agreement.

Mr. Hager I think it is a very good lease. Something that is long overdue. Talked to some of the Fair Board members and they're very happy with it. I think it's going to make a greater LaPorte County Fair and we'll be back to number 1.

Mr. Harmon, I think one of the issues was to allow a Commissioner be on the board and also agree to have a member of the Tourism Board to serve on that executive board to give some input on how to advertise and sell the county to public relations. There was numerous issues as far as the county that needed to be corrected. And they felt the same thing an overhaul needed to be done. They have a 5 year lease. Automatically move, as far as sub-lease, we will sub-lease the property during the fair. Not when the fair is over with, or after the fair There was just numerous issues and we all felt about the same way. But this time I'm going to ask that we approve this Fair Lease Agreement, send it on to the Fair Board and get their approval. Motion by Mrs. Huston. Second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, Mr. Szilagyi will send a copy to Mr. Herrbach. This Fair Agreement will not go into effect until January 1, 2006.

Rick McVay, LaPorte County Highway Engineer—Engineering/design cost --\$360,000.00 from Riverboat

Mr. Harmon, the total engineering cost is \$360,000? Mr. McVay, I believe that's our share. That's what I believe. Nancy Dipert did call Michigan City and verified what that would be. And that's the figure she was given. Mr. Fred Lammore, the total engineering cost was \$360,000. 50/50 so we have \$180,000. Now there will be position involved. Actually have the engineer to sign. Mr. Harmon, we actually have half of this. About \$180,000 is that what we need to appropriate? I thought that's what it was. Mr. Hager made motion to approve \$180,000.00 out of river boat fund. Second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Dale A. Clingerman, Road Cut Permit—Johnson Road –Center Twp Fire Station to Crichfield School-Severs Road –SR 39 to US 35

Mr. Harmon this was tabled at our last meeting. We need a motion to remove from table. Mrs. Huston made motion to remove. Second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cooch is from the the school system and he's involved with the project. I talked with Brian Glaze from DLZ, they're doing the Johnson Road project for the county and discussed the road cut issue with them and what the city wants to do as far as the water is concerned. There are three options. None of them worked out well. First option I met with Mr. Cooch and Mr. Clingerman and our Engineer and I suggested that the county purchase the right of way and we are re-doing Johnson Road. After talking with Mr. Glaze I find out if we were to purchase that property the right of way, it would effect the government money that we need to do that road and if we brought that out right the odds of getting that grant would be no, which means were not going to do it. We had a couple of other suggestions. One was that the City of LaPorte acquire the right away themselves without us being involved in it, cause we don't want to jeopardize our money were asking for. Running the water that way. The second way was allow them to run under Johnson Road for that 1500 feet and enter into an agreement with the City of LaPorte that any work that those waterlines interfere with we are rebuilding that part of the road and they would pick up those additional costs. And the third was to "run for the hills". There's no other way to go. Rather than us taking a chance costing us any federal money is out the door. Second one allow them to go under the roadway and enter into an agreement with the City of LaPorte at any expense on that section of the road they would have to bear the cost. He

didn't recommend a gumbal in there when you don't have any alternatives, you almost do what you have to do. I think it has gotten to that point, what do we do? Mr. Hager, I have no problem going under the road, I don't want to after we put a new road in have to patch up that road. If were going to take it up, I would want them to pave the section of that road back so it would be uniform. One of his suggestions was that the City of LaPorte approach those 13 property owners and purchase that right away and offer them to hook into those waterlines and cost any one of those property owners a little bit more inviting to them. If that didn't work the other alternative for us is allow them to come down Johnson Road. Mr. Hager, my thing is to give it back to the City of LaPorte and see what they can do first and then come back to it. Mr. Harmon, I don't have a problem with that suggestion they have to move awfully quick on it, but they are on a time schedule they've received the bids for that project. Probably under \$100,000.00 on what they expected. Unless the materials and things they purchased in the next 60 days the odds of them getting that project done is the price that came in is almost snail. So they don't want to take a chance on losing that so were going to have to move very quickly on this. Mr. Hager made motion to grant request to go under the road if everything else fails, if they can't get it done within our purchase property donated to them. Mrs. Huston, your motion is, they have to go to the homeowner's first? Mr. Hager, go to the homeowners first see what they can get done then come back, then I would like in our minutes that they rather than holes poked in the road they have to take a section of the road if they have to tear it up so that we do not have a new road out there with patches all over it. Mr. Harmon, first check with the homeowners see if we can come to an agreement with the right away if that doesn't work then we will allow them to put the waterline under Johnson Road and enter an agreement as far as the maintenance of the waterline and road is concerned. Second by Mrs. Huston. Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cooch would you have any questions on that issue? Mr. Cooch, I just want to understand the motion after the city investigate the neighbor, do they come back? Mr. Harmon, we'll be advised by letter that they ran into a problem. Mr. Cooch, time is of the issue, from a close perspective it's a different perspective, we don't care if it comes out of here, but the timing is. Mr. Harmon, I think they can do it very quickly, go talk to them people personally and if he runs into a problem he'll notify us by letter and see who he talked with if they refused to cooperate with him then we will allow them to acquire the road. They can get this done next week if they want to. Mr. Cooch. Thank you. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Bid Opening Bridge 215

Mr. Szilagyi, there's one bid we received today and it's marked. Mr. McVay, this one was received at 10:05, the bid closing was 10:00 a.m. Mr. Szilagyi, it was 5 minutes late do you want to accept it or not? Mr. Harmon, I don't think we can detour from the rules of the bidding process it was accepted at 10:00 this morning it was not in by 10:00 am in the Auditors office then we should not accept that bid. Mr. Szilagyi, first one is Reith Riley. Mr. Harmon, we were for 50/50 again down by Kingsford Heights. Mr. McVay, down by Kingsbury, it's County Road 500 South. Mr. Szilagyi, \$297, 100.75. Next one is Kankakee Valley. Mr. Harmon, first bid is Reith Riley two-hundred and ninety five thousand and some odd dollars. \$194, 126.00, Mr. Harmon, second bid is from Kankakee Valley, \$194,126.00. Mr. Szilagyi, next one is from LaPorte Construction \$232,419.25. Mr. Harmon, LaPorte Construction two hundred and thirty one thousand and some odd dollars. Mr. Szilagyi, the last one is Michigan City Paper Box Company. Mr. Harmon, this will be sent back to the Michigan City Paper Box Company, because it came in late. Mr. McVay, you sure that's a bid? I don't know why they would be. Mr. Hager, made motion to turn bids over to the Highway Engineer for his recommendation. Second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Board Appointment

Mr. Harmon, we just had a bit of a problem with the LaPorte County Park Board appointment. We were not able to get the cooperation from the County Council on this appointment. We thought it was best that we remove the person we had appointed and to appoint another person to that position. Person that we appointed was a Democrat. Which our board has the authority to do. And the city of Michigan City has to appoint someone opposite of what the County Commissioners do. Rather to let this go on, at the request of this board to remove Mrs. Biggs from the Park Board and appoint a Republican. Questions from the board? Mrs. Huston made motion to remove Tracy Biggs from the Park Board. Second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0. Mrs. Huston, make a motion we appoint Shelly Kiger to the the Park Board. Second by Mr. Hager. Mr. Harmon, is Miss. Kiger is a Republican. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Cable Television Franchise Agreement

Mr. Harmon, for the past 2 years I've been working with Comcast to fire a government channel for LaPorte County. As of today we got final drafts, how this government channel will be set up for LaPorte County, there will also be another part of LaPorte County that will not be affected by this. We'll have that contract read out to the attorney to review the contracts. Once that is in place where we sign the contract, enter into an agreement with Comcast in reference to the government channel which the county will be responsible for. Once the City of Michigan City approve the contract that has been already approved by the City Board of Works hand this over to the Michigan City Common Council for approval. Michigan City will become part of our government channel station. That station will be used for all government meetings throughout LaPorte County and will be televised at the out segments of Comcast. We will also have a live drop put in this building so that can be run at any meeting we have that we would want on live TV will be done here. Also the City of Michigan City will have that same choice to do what they want to do. Once the contract is signed we have to enter into another contract with ACo, Access LaPorte County who will actually operate the government channel for the county and city. The contract you can see covers the definition and the boards and all way thorough and what will actually take place on the government channel. I would ask that the board approve this contract, forward to the attorney for recommendation see if the contract is in the best interest of the county, we sign it and then send it off to Comcast. After that we'll bring this to the next meeting, I just received a copy of the agreement with Access LaPorte County, you'll get copies of that at the next meeting we'll bring that forward for the Board to decide on that contract. With those two contracts in place we finally should be getting this resolved. It's been a long drawn out affair. Mr. Lombard's here today and he knows how much time he has spent and we have spent working with Comcast trying to get this done. It's been a long time. Motion by Mrs. Huston. Second by Mr. Hager. Mr. Harmon, forward the contract to our attorney for review and recommendation. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Road Paving List

Mr. Harmon, this is not a complete list of roads that are going to be paved this year. This must be put out at this time to fact that a lot of these roads around here people have been calling about them on a continuous basis. And if I think that if they see that their road is on

the list to be done that we have addressed the issues that people aren't on this list call into the county and get our attention on roads that need to be done. LaPorte County Highway at this point Road Improvement List. Will include roads:

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Distance</u>
300N	SR39	100W	1.17mi
450N	SR39	325W	1.27mi
600N	Fail Rd	200E	1.03mi
700N	425 E	D.E	0.65mi
900N	300E	500E	2.12mi
400E	Division Rd.	100S	1.08mi
950E	75S	Division Rd.	0.76mi
75S	875E	950E	0.96mi
250S	SR39	D.E	0.48mi
1050S	600W	700W	1.00mi
1375S	600W	450W	1.50mi
1425S	550W	450W	1.00mi
1500S	US 421	P.C. Line	2.00mi
1650W	SR39	400W	2.00mi
1850S	1050W	US 421	0.47mi
2350S	US 421	1100W	1.00mi
400W	1800S	SR8	2.03mi
600W	Johason Rd.	US 20	2.05mi
750W	1250S	1500S	2.52mi
1050W	1800S	1850S	0.50mi

Concord Valley

Hudson Lake- Various Roads that will be paved. This is just a partial list. Probably have enough money for another 25 to 30 miles a road that will come forth. So if your road isn't on this list need to contact the Commissioner's office or one of the Commissioners and talk to them discuss the issue with one of the board members. Mr. Hager, talking to Bob Young a couple of the roads down south that are on there I do not think he's going to pave them this year because the base is so bad. He wants to come in and put the base and everything down and let up winter and then pave them first thing next year. Mr. Harmon, I think that is a good idea Mr. Hager. I think that's why he called it the Road Improvement List. Probably the base is pretty bad. Mrs. Huston, also Mr. Harmon this one road, 450N from SR 39 and 225W that road might be one of the last ones done because of all the truck traffic. Mr. Hager made a motion. Second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Patricia Pease, LaPorte County EMS Administrator, Ambulance Bids

Pat Pease, I am requesting permission to advertise for a 2006 Type 3, 450 Modular and we'd like to trade in a 1998 truck with 5,000 miles, I have provided the Commissioners with a possible rotation schedule to look at for the next 5 years so that we have a plan to, a replacement plan. I don't have a mass purchase for. We try to do it one a year but it wouldn't look that way, so there's going be yours that you have to do to. Everything that you see on the list, accept the 2000 Fords that we just purchased last year. Mr. Harmon, at this time your requesting to be allowed to submit request for bids. Mr. Hager, could you also check into that Suburban replacing it and get this on there right away so we can get that to the Council. Mrs. Huston, if it's \$30,000.00 but if you lump it into the two, if your requesting two it will be over \$75,000. Mrs. Pease, are you suggesting I lump them all together?

Mr. Hager, either way, as soon as possible.

Mrs. Pease, so I understand I need a quote for this?

Mr. Harmon, if your going to request bids for you ambulance just go out and get bids, you don't have to request bids for your Suburban.

Mr. Szilagyi, question I got is you're asking for a specific bid for a specific vehicle you're asking for a bid for a Ford what if Chevy wants to bid? On a bid your bid requested 2006 model Type 3 Modular 450 Super Duty which is a Ford.

Mrs. Pease, did I put that in my letter?

Mr. Szilagyi, I'm just saying what your notice to bid is on. Your bid would have to be what your asking for each spec, so that Ford, Chevy or who else want to bid on it.

Mrs. Pease, well they can all bid on it then, so therefore I would change the bid to be advertised as you request just a Type 3 Modular 450.

Mr. Szilagyi, then whatever considers you want.

Mrs. Huston, in her notice to bidders, she put the bids will be for 1 2006 Model Type 3 Modular 450 Super Duty allowing the trade in for the 40 pound line that will be a lot less. It does not say specifically Ford on the notice to bidders.

Mr. Szilagyi, well what's a 450?

Mrs. Huston, I see what you mean. Make a motion that Mrs. Pease be allowed to put out bids for a new ambulance. Second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0. Mrs. Pease, I have one more question in reference to the trade in vehicle I had a request from an account to out right buy our trade in. I had suggested to him that he would have to go to the auction in order to trade in the 98. Mrs. Huston, I think the trade in you might get a little more work than you would have auction. I would prefer you go to Tracy. Mr. Hager, if a person wants it they can call down to the company that get it and purchase it from them. .

Patricia Pease, LaPorte County EMS Administrator, LaPorte EMS base telephone system.

Mrs. Pease, I was advised by several employees that we had issues with the phone system at LaPorte base. So I contacted Maintenance had went over an checked it out the system was terrible. I will let him give you more information. Mr. Carpenter, went over there and checked their system out. The system was installed in 2002 and is not serviced anymore by the company that put it in. Purposed that we install one of our T-systems we have in other facilities in the county. Cost would be \$875.00. I have the eight phones in stock and have a cost to have them hooked up by a local contractor. Mrs. Huston, Mr. Carpenter we also talked, isn't there an additional talk for the fax line over there. Mr. Carpenter, you mentioned having a fax line over there on a separator would determine if it was a fax or business call. Mrs. Huston, I understand they do have a fax line in place already correct? Mr. Bass, yes we do and then we work it off our primary line. Mrs. Huston, what you need is a separator to determine a fax or a regular phone call. And the additional cost for the separator? Mr. Carpenter, \$200.00. Mrs. Huston, the initial cost would then be \$1,075.00

plus labor. Mr. Carpenter, yes. Mrs. Huston made motion to approve the phones at LaPorte Base. Second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0.

Kent Carpenter, LaPorte County Maintenance Department/LaPorte County Museum telephone request

Mr. Carpenter, LaPorte County Museum is moving, they're requesting one main line. One line to roll over and use that as a fax line and they need an internet line. They will also need 6 light bulbs and the cost of hooking up the phone in the basement of the museum. Mrs. Huston in the main line and the roll over line or the fax line and roll over line will be the same? So you're combining the fax line and roll over line. And their getting one additional line or a main line. Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Bass has requested a line for their internet. Mrs. Huston, and who pays for the internet. Mr. Harmon, Mr. Bass please come forward. Mr. Bass, the LaPorte County Historical Society presently pays for our internet, web page design so forth. We presently are on the line here at the complex for our internet.

Mrs. Huston, no you aren't on the internet, your on e-mail, but you're not currently connected to our internet from what I understand.

Mr. Bass, no were not on your internet, we have our own but it comes through the regular lines.

Mrs. Huston, and who pays for it?

Mr. Bass, I really have no idea who pays for it.

Mrs. Huston, who will pay for it when you go out there?

Mr. Bass, were requesting that that be taken care of by the county. Presently we have a main line coming in, the roll over will be the combine fax phone. Then with the internet website on that would actually take the use of one of those lines. So we only have really one line coming in when were on our computer. We're requesting a third line which would be dedicated to the internet service.

Mr. Harmon, you're asking for three lines?

Mr. Carpenter, we already have one line we have an existing fax line, majority of LaPorte use two.

Mr. Harmon, that way we can just transfer that over.

Mr. Bass, all the lines within the building have been basically installed, except that one in the lower level that's been all taken care of. Essentially the telephone company just needs to hook up to the outside of the building. Because all the other work inside except for that one line. All those lines have been discussed.

Mrs. Huston, you currently use your fax line as your internet line?

Mr. Bass, I have no idea.

Mrs. Huston, it says so here that you also currently use this number for internet service.

Mr. Bass, according to what Kent says and his discussion with Mr. Rogers our Curator that's correct.

Mrs. Huston, so instead of three lines, could your main number and your roll over number be the same. Then your internet and fax number be the same, I see no reason for a third line.

Mr. Bass, I'm not sure the technology, I just know from what, the discussion with Kent we have main lines coming in and if that was busy they roll over to the fax line so that when were not using the fax call can automatically roll over to that other line. We have the internet, our computer with our website. We really only have one line because our other line is going to be tied up, either the fax or being online, so that's why I discussed with Kent that we have a main line, roll over line which we have combination with that which would be then for our internet access. Original request was the six lines after the discussion.

Mr. Carpenter, we were going to do that.

Mrs. Huston , have one main line come in and have just two lines.

Mr. Carpenter, call CSI Internet for another line.

Mrs. Huston, you now currently have that with a fax line and we can't do that anymore. Mr. Carpenter, he got it working now, but when we go over to Indiana Avenue, it's going to be a roll over also, so it'll be a busy signal. Mr. Hager, we need that extra for that alarm? Mr. Carpenter, were going to add that too. The alarm will automatically go off. Mrs. Huston, well I don't see how they have so many phone calls that they have to have three lines. Why can't they do the first line and have the fax as their roll over line through CSI. Mr. Hager, they are busy. And out there, there's going to be a lot more. Mrs. Huston, do you have a cost on this? Mr. Carpenter, mine usually cost about \$40 bucks a month and then we'll have three lines. \$80 dollars more a month. Mrs. Huston, \$120.00 per month plus CSI? Mr. Carpenter, I don't know who pays CSI? I have no idea, I don't know who pays CSI. Mrs. Huston, I don't know why they're on CSI now if they have internet access here and their not on ours. Mr. Bass, I have no idea with technology, I'm illiterate out of respect I can't explain that to you. The person that could is not available. Mr. Hager made motion to grant the request of three lines. Second by the Chair. Motion carried with a roll call vote 2-1. Mrs. Huston voting nay.

Proclamation—Operation Lifesaver Day

Mrs. Huston reads the proclamation.

Motion by Mrs. Huston to adopt May 18th as Operation Lifesaver Day. Second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll call vote 3-0. Mr. Harmon, I'd like that proclamation sent to the newspapers for advertisement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Pease, I would like to announce it is National EMS week. The week of the 15th thru the 21st and tomorrow we will be having a small ceremony in this meeting room at 1:00 for

awarding services. Mr. Harmon, have you advertised that in the paper? Mrs. Pease, it's been in the Michigan City paper last week. I don't know about the LaPorte paper.

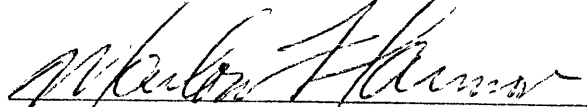
Dave Price, I would like to thank you for all the efforts you put forward on the government channel. I've been bugging him for about 6 years, also I'd like to thank him for the equipment we are now using here, and this will also open up my call-in program that the Commissioners or any other department head want to have so they can form a citizen of get information from the citizen that just makes government runs better. I've been taping these programs for almost 10 years. And I just thank you for your effort to obtain the government channel. Mr. Harmon, I think once this contract is signed also that any time we need to update our equipment those cost will come out of that contract agreement so we won't have to go to the Council asking for money to upgrade the equipment.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

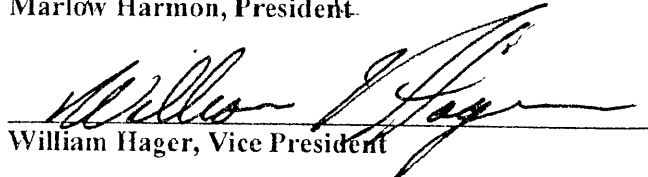
ADJOURN

Commissioner Harmon adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

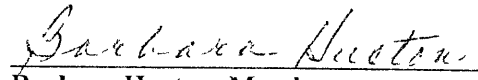
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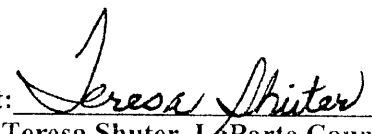
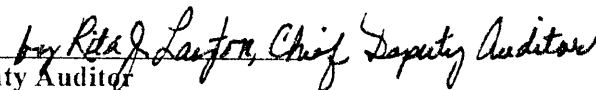
Marlow Harmon, President



William Hager, Vice President



Barbara Huston, Member

Attest:  by 
Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Auditor
Rita J. Larson, Chief Deputy Auditor

(Approximately 40 people in attendance)

