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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte county Complex Meeting Room #3.

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

WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Huston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Harmon, amendments to the agenda under "New Business" add section "E" Stepping Stone Grant Approval.

Mr. Hager made a motion to adopt 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 of September 20, 2005 as written, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

WEEKLY REPORTS

The Commissioners review and sign the weekly reports during the meeting.

CLAIMS

Mr. Hager, made a motion to approve the Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$325,824.44, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

PAYROLL

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve Payroll Ending October 7, 2005, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

Dr. & Mrs. William Moore, request Road Impact Study

Mr. Harmon, we have a request from Dr. & Mrs. Moore requesting a road impact study. Dr. Moore would you like to make any comments?

Mrs. Huston didn't we approve this? Didn't we ask Rick to do that study?

Mr. Harmon, no.

Mrs. Huston, made a motion to approve to approve the request of Dr. & Mrs. Moore for a road impact study on North 125 East, second by Mr. Hager.

Mr. Harmon, my only question is what would be the purpose of an impact study on that particular project, I don't know what benefits that would have.

Mr. McVay, what we would be able to do is a traffic count of what is their now and then do a projection of what if a subdivision came in what the traffic count would be which is somewhat guess work. There is no guarantee of what it would be, we have done it before but there is no way to guarantee that what we project is going to be the actual result.

Mrs. Huston, basically if there were 30 homes to go in and that would be another 60 cars but that is an assumption.

Mr. McVay, it is all projection, we could tell you currently how much traffic we have on that road we could do a study like that, that would be a very accurate study but as far as projecting what's going to be there when a subdivision comes in you are using averages.

Mr. Harmon, we have a motion on the floor, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 2-0. Mr. Harmon, voting nay.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick McVay, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, Royal Metal Building, additional cost in the amount of \$53,582.89

Mr. McVay, this is cost involved in removing that underground fuel storage tank and we did not predict a tank of this size and the leakage. They did deduct the allowance in the contract for underground storage tank removal.

Mr. Hager, is that all clean now?

Mr. McVay yes.

Mr. Harmon, we have received information from a company that was doing some site work for Michigan City on that and we need to see if we want to give them the information on that and we need you to come up to the office and read that and see if we want to give them the information.

Mr. McVay, they are working for the City of Michigan City and not working for the County.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to approve the request to be taken out of Riverboat, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Rick McVay, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, Crestview Subdivision Unit 6

Mr. McVay, I have viewed the site of the subdivision and they do have a lot more done from when they first came to me and the bond amount of \$285,182.04 is far and above what they need to cover what needs to be done. I am recommending that we accept those roads in and in the near future they are going to ask for a bond reduction.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Quinn, LaPorte County Weights & Measurers Inspector Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$53,684.00 from CCD or Win Tax

Mr. Quinn, I have attached a letter to an information packet that you all have received and I want to request an additional appropriation for this year and the reason for my request is to upgrade the equipment from Weights & Measurers. The state and federal requirements require us to be within national standards and I hate to tell you this but it has been about 40 years since any of our equipment have been upgraded. The state has informed me that our equipment will not pass and I think it is time to upgrade and not only for my good and for the good of the county put for the good of the consumer. Mr. Quinn explains the equipment and his recommendation and the total request amount is \$53,684.00 and I am requesting them from the CCD Fund or Win Tax Fund.

Mr. Harmon, you are presently barrowing equipment?

Mr. Quinn yes and I have pictures if you would look at them and this equipment is from 1949 and will not pass state regulations.

Mrs. Huston, Mike on the cost of shipping of equipment if they ship it here and you have to install it.

Mr. Quinn, I believe it would be much better and it is 716 miles to drive out their and in my opinion I can go out there and pick it up and bring it back for much less then \$1,5000.00. I think it would be about \$800.00 to do it ourselves and the advantage would be if I get in New Jersey and find that any of the equipment does not meet the specifications, I have the right to get it changed right then and their. If they were to ship it to us and it is damaged or it is flawed we might have to incur the cost of shipping it back.

Mr. Harmon, Chevy was the lowest?

Mr. Quinn, yes Chevrolet was the lowest.

Mrs. Huston, made the motion to approve the amount of \$53,684.00 taken from the CCD Fund to upgrade his equipment, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District /Contract with Cender & Company \$43,000.00

Mr. Hager, I had talked to them and they had requested this and I had also talked to Mitch and he supplied us with a letter because I did not want to see them duplicating any work. At this time it would be my recommendation that we send it back to them and get prices on phases 4, 5 & 6 and that would be the one that would be beneficial only. I have not talked to

Soil & Water but I will talk to them tomorrow on this and see if they can't otherwise I would request that it be denied.

Mrs. Huston, I did receive the letter and it seems to be repetitious.

Mr. Hager, I would put it in a motion that if they cannot bid this and just do 4, 5, and 6 that we deny it.

Mr. Harmon, why don't we table it at this time and discuss it and bring it back another time.

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

Ray Hamilton, Building Commissioner/ Rezone US-421, Cleveland Avenue, 400 North, 300 North and County Line Road

Mr. Harmon, we received a letter from the Planning Commission with a favorable recommendation to rezone that area of the county to General Business.

Mr. Hager, made a motion to adopt and approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission Board, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Harmon, we have an Ordinance before us by title only unless there is an objection, hearing no objection by title only. Ordinance to Rezone a portion of property within Coolspring Township Containing Portion of Township Sections 2,8,9,10,16,18 19 20 and 21 to General Business.

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

Mr. Harmon, if there is no objection I will ask that this be read on second by Title only unless there is an objection. There being no objections Ordinance to Rezone a Portion of Property within Coolspring Township Containing Portion of township Sections 2,8,9,10,16,18,19,20 and 21 to General Business, you have heard the ordinance on second and final reading.

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

Mr. Harmon, this will be known as Ordinance 2005-12.

Stepping Stone Shelter Grants

Mr. Harmon, the Stepping Stone Block Grants have to be signed by the Chairmen of the Board. We have two Block Grants, one is for \$60,957 and one in the amount of \$19,239 and the other one is \$19,347 and the fourth one \$6,449. The Stepping Stone Block Grants must be signed by the President of the Commission.

Mrs. Huston, made a motion to allow the President of the Commission to sign the grants, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

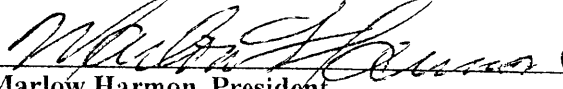
COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

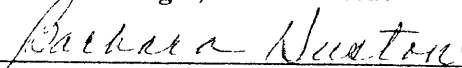
Commissioner Harmon adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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Attest: _____
Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Auditor

(Approximately 20 people in attendance)