



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY

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Barbara Huston, President
William Hager, Vice President
Michael Bohacek, Member

LaPorte County Board of Commissioners Tuesday, January 2, 2007

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 in the LaPorte County Complex meeting room #3.

Present at the meeting were Commissions Barbara Huston, William Hager and Mike Bohacek. Also present were LaPorte County Auditor Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Attorney Robert Szilagyi and Executive Secretary Linda Arnett.

LaPorte County Auditor Teresa Shuter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m...

LaPorte County Attorney Robert Szilagyi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commission President

Mr. Hager nominated Mrs. Huston for President of the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners, second by Mr. Bohacek. There were no other nominations, motion carried with a voice vote.

Commission Vice President

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to nominate Mr. Hager for Vice President, second by Mrs. Huston. There were no other nominations, motion carried with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hager, under "Old Business" "A" Attorney Jim Kaminski, Scipio Sunrise please remove from the agenda and placed on the agenda for January 16, 2007 meeting, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2006 as presented, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

County Attorney

Mr. Hager made a motion to appoint Robert Szilagyi and Shaw Friedman as County Attorney's, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Insurance Agents of Record

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Art Kemp of General Insurance Services and Tom Swanson of Swanson & Swanson Insurance, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Switchboard Operators

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Shirley Oberholtzer, Eleanor Schnable and Jennifer Kopanski to the position of Switchboard Operators, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Department Heads

County Home Administrator

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Kay Felton, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Veteran's Service Officer

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint John Wantuch, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Museum Curator

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint James Rodgers, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Assistant Museum Curator

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Susie Richter, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

EMS Administrator

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Patricia Pease, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

E-911 Director

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Brent Soller, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Assistant E-911 Director

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Beth West, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Animal Shelter

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Jane Bernard, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Stationary Engineer

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Al Ott, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Assistant Stationary Engineer

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Mike Kulakowski, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Emergency Management and Disaster Director

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Paul Young, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Inspector of Weights and Measures

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Mike Quinn, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Highway Engineer

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Rick McVay, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

County Highway Superintendent

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Robert Young, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

General Foreman

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Brian Batchelor, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Garage Foreman

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Steve Cox, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Bridge Foreman

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Dillard Lawson, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Rolling Prairie District Foreman

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Lee Wuthrich, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Hanna District Foreman

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Cliff Poff, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Utility Inspector

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Richard Dombrowski, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Right to Know Director

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint William Poag, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

GIS Coordinator

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Melissa Mischke, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

County Planner

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Mitch Bishop, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mrs. Huston, we will be looking into if we can do these appointments for two (2) years and delete some appointments. I want to thank everyone who served for the past year.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

LaPorte County Public Library

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Ken Moryl, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Gene Parrett, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Animal Control Commission

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Gerald Wagner, Patty Shivley and Barb Hooper, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Board of Construction

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Phil Byers, Brent Benefiel and Joseph Wellinski for a two (2) year term, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Board of Health

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Michael Sandy to a four (4) year term, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

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Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Dwayne Hogan to a four (4) year term, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Community Corrections

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Greg Hofer, Tim Bietry, Kumud Aggarwal, Sam Mitchell, James Stemmler, Johnnie Anderson, Clayton Jordan, Reverend David Gibbs, Regina Ruddell and Steve Eyrick to a four (4) year term, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Data Board

Mr. Hager made a motion to reappoint Barbara Huston, Teresa Shuter, Carol McDaniel, Kenneth Layton to a one (1) year term, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Drainage Board

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint John Coulter to a one (1) year term, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

E-911 Advisory Board

Mr. Hager made a motion to appoint Commissioner Mike Bohacek, Councilman John Jones, Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer, EMS Director Patricia Pease, Chief of Fire Department Ralph Martin, LaPorte Fire Department Representative Andy Snyder, LaPorte County Fire Chief Association James Imes and Emergency Planning Coordinator Bill Poag to a one (1) year term, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Personnel Committee

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Commission Hager, Teresa Shuter, Jerry Cooley and Mitchell Bishop to a one (1) year term, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)

Mr. Hager made a motion to table this until our next regular meeting, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Hager made a motion to nominate Sam Ferguson, John McDaniel, Jim Sennett and Scott Ford to a one (1) year term, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Tourism Bureau

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to nominate Jim Irwin to replace Jack Arnett who has resigned, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0. 3-0 voice vote

COMMISSION LIASION POSITIONS 2007

County Highway

Commissioner Huston, Commissioner Hager and Commissioner Bohacek

County Home

Commissioner Hager

Plan Commission

Commissioner Bohacek

Right to Know

Commissioner Bohacek

NIRPC

Commissioner Bohacek

Animal Control Board

Commissioner Huston

Workforce Development

Commissioner Bohacek

NICTD

Commissioner Huston

Drainage Board

Commissioner Hager

E-911 Board

Commissioner Huston

EMS Board

Commissioner Hager

Data Board

Commissioner Huston

Juvenile Services Board

Commissioner Huston

Solid Waste Management Board

Commissioner Huston, Commissioner Hager and Commissioner Bohacek

Local Planning Council

Commissioner Bohacek

Fair Board

Commissioner Hager

Regional Bus Authority (RBA)

Commissioner Bohacek

Community Corrections Board

Commissioner Bohacek

**DESIGNATION OF PUBLICATION--LEGAL NOTICE- COMMISSION MEETINGS -
AGENDA NOTICE-INSURANCE MEETING NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

Designation of Publication

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Legal Notice of Commission Meetings

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Agenda Notice

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Legal Notice to Taxpayers/ LaPorte County Board of Commissioners and LaPorte County Insurance Committee

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Public Notice of LaPorte County Board of Commissioners Executive Session

Mrs. Huston this is an informational notice.

WEEKLY REPORTS

Commissioners review and sign the weekly reports during the meeting.

CLAIMS

Payroll

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve Payroll Ending January 12, 2007, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Miscellaneous Claims

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$450,947.09; second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Ott, LaPorte County Stationary Engineer/ CCD Funds in the amount of \$287,900.00

Mr. Ott this request is do to the funds being taken out of my budget during budget hearings and at this time I am asking for approval to go to the council to ask that these funds be replaced.

Mrs. Huston this was taken out of the budget?

Mr. Ott this is the amount that was taken out of my budget at budget hearings.

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve the request for CCD Funds in the amount of \$287,900.00 and allow Mr. Ott to seek the funds from the County Council, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Robert Szilagyi, LaPorte County Attorney/ Ordinance to Establish Human Resources Department & Human Resources Review Board

Mr. Szilagyi, this comes from the County Council they want to set up a Human Resources Board and they want to make it a joint board of Human Resources Board which is purely an advisory with the two Council members and two Commissioners then you also have a Human Resources Director. If you want to agree to it and form this joint board, my only consideration is whether as some point in time after you hire a Human Resource Director that you look at it and change the Council and Commissioners and try to add some other office holders to the board.

Mr. Hager, I think it is way past time and we need to do this.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to accept, second by Mr. Hager.

Mrs. Huston we have an Ordinance before us on first reading by title only. Ordinance to Establish Human Resources Department & Human Resources Review Board. No objections.

Mrs. Huston Ordinance before us on second and final reading by title only. Ordinance to Establish Human Resources Department & Human Resources Review Board.

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

Mrs. Huston, the will be known as Ordinance #2007-01.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Schwankdorf we are here about Scipio Sunrise and when I was here last time we spoke about several problems and I hope you will continue to monitor this situation.

Tim Janatik there was a notice in the News Dispatch from Deercroft Recycling on 300 North this was a permit application from IDEM. They want to set up four more burning incinerators and in the ad it states that you may request a public hearing about this draft permit. This is why I am here I would like you to request a public hearing.

Mr. Hager I would like to turn this over to Mr. Szilagyi and Mr. Friedman and have them get back with us.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hager, I would like to welcome Mr. Bohacek.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Huston adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m...

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ATTEST:

Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Auditor