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LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Huston, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bohacek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Layton asked to add, under Correspondence, "B", Emergency Medical Service Week Resolution.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2009, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

WEEKLY REPORTS

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

CLAIMS

Payroll Ending May 15, 2009, Mr. Layton made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

Miscellaneous Claims--\$392,661.62. Mr. Bohacek, under P.O. number 18084, dated March 10, 2009, for \$4,323.00 to Meighen & Associates for legal services, I would like to see some itemization on that. I don't know what that work was for. I would ask that the Auditor's office forward a copy of that invoice to my attention and I will make a motion to approve the miscellaneous claims. Motion seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Mr. Wright, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, I met with Bill McCormick on the Michiana Shores Bridge, they are working on getting the permits in order.

Mr. Wright provided information on the Bridge 14 project with JCI, Bridge 34, and the ARRA projects. They submitted county road 500 and Wozniak Road.

Mrs. Huston, do you have any information on 150 with their water problems?

Mr. Wright, we are putting a berm along there.

Mr. Layton, on the ARRA funds you were talking about and putting in more roads for proposals, is there a classification that those roads have to have for those funds?

Mr. Wright, the functional class has to be the call on system. They have to be arterials or major collectors.

Mr. Young, LaPorte County Highway Superintendent, in regard to 150 North, Pumping Station Road, we are putting a dirt berm in there. The city is going to help us pump that tomorrow. Reith & Riley is scheduled to get in there Thursday & Friday to raise that road up 12-14 inches. That is not a solution to the water problem. There are two culverts running under there that need to be cleaned at a later time when the water goes down. Our concern right now is to get that road up out of the water. At night, it is a safety issue.

Mr. Young, I want to give you a little report on the salt issue. We are registered and eligible for the state salt bid. There bid is coming the first week in June. Prior to that, not knowing if that was going to happen, we sent out for salt quotes on our own like we normally do. We received three quotes in the mail yesterday from Cargill, Morton and North American Salt. Cargill, \$58.75 a ton, Morton, \$74.63 a ton and North American Salt, \$66.95 a ton, compared to the \$145.00 a ton we spent last year. These bids are only good until the first of June. We are already committed to the state, but my point is, I am assuming the state bid will be the same or lower. We asked for 8,000 tons or less. We are committed to 80% of 4,000 tons from the state and can go up to 150% or 6,000 tons. We have little or no salt left from last year. I think the most salt we have ever purchased is 5,000 tons in one season. It sounds like the state wants to make early deliveries.

Mr. Layton, does the board think it might be advantageous to take the lowest bid here just in case something falls through on the state bid?

Mr. Young, we can store quite a bit. You may want the attorneys to read the quote we got. I am not making a recommendation at this time, I just wanted to give you this information.

Mr. Layton, Mr. Mrozinski brought up prior to the meeting in reference to Pumping Station Road, about the City's sluice that runs from the pump underneath 150 that is causing leakage.

Mr. Young, they are on an emergency basis that when it springs a leak, they have our approval to go out and cut the road to fix it. It does create quiet a mess. Mr. Mrozinski says he is going to the city council meeting and I will attend that with him.

Tony Hendricks, LaPorte County Surveyor, our 2009 strategic plan and new equipment is in place and working well. Our crews are out using it. I want to thank Melissa Mischke for all of her help and continued support. For an update on Meadowview, the water at the airport was at 12.3, we have seen a reduction. I drove out to Meadowview, I would like to thank the county highway, the pipe behind Mrozinski's has been put back in, and the pipe underneath the access for NIPSCO has been lowered to its correct elevation. The water level is falling in that area.

Mr. Hendricks, Welnitz Road, we met with the Army Corp of Engineers, and they gave us their verbal approval. We are following up with the DNR and IDEM to make sure we can do what we are doing.

Mr. Hendricks, we are working on Tiffany Woods. I will get a list together and prioritize. I would like to thank the county Highway Department, they do great work and are very fast.

Mrs. Huston, Tony, when Mr. Mrozinski and Bob Young appear before the LaPorte City Council, you may want to join them.

CORRESPONDENCE

Presidential Proclamation/National Correctional Officers and Employees Week

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to declare May 3 through May 9, 2009 as National Correctional Officers

and Employees Week, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Emergency Medical Services Week

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to designate the week of May 17-23, 2009, as Emergency Medical Services Week, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion passed by voice vote 3-0.

Resolution #2009-05.

REQUESTS

LaPorte Family YMCA/Road Closing

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to table and schedule a workshop to include the YMCA Director so we can discuss the road closure and it's impact on county residents, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Robert Young, Highway Superintendent/CEDIT Draw

Mr. Young, this is the annual draw of CEDIT money to be appropriated into the appropriate accounts for the road improvements this year.

Mr. Layton made a motion to allow the appropriation of \$1,750,000.00, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Ralph Howes/Petition to Vacate a Roadway Platted in
Indiana Baptist Assembly Grounds

Mr. Layton made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Darlene Hale, IT Director/Computer and Telephone Improvements for Health
Department

Ms. Hale, I am requesting \$20,623.00 for network wiring, Port Switch, Port Patch Panel, Rack Cabinet, and IP phones for the new construction in the Health Department. The 30 phones include the clinic rooms and conference room and we need an outside line in case of an emergency. We are just replacing what is there.

There is a brief discussion on the pricing differences for the phones. Mr. Bohacek made a motion to grant the request as amended to \$18,773.00 and take out of CCD Funds, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Trost, this is National Drinking Water Week, May 3 –May 9 2009. We are providing free coliform/E.Coli tests for residential well owners for LaPorte County residents. Please see us this week before Thursday.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS


Mr. Bohacek, in light of the recent issue of the pandemic, the county has an active 2-1-1- provider, we are just still in the early stages of getting the data base built, they are able to accept 2-1-1 calls from everyone in the county with regards to any issues, questions, and concerns about the swine flu pandemic.


Mr. Layton, I would like to advise that I will be absent for the meeting on May 19, 2009.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Huston , President, adjourned the meeting at 10:43 A.M.

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ATTEST: 
Craig Hinchman, LaPorte County Auditor