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LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Huston, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Alicia Ebaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to add, under New Business, Item B., Road Closures for the YMCA Triathlon, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2010, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

WEEKLY REPORTS

Commissioners review and sign the weekly reports during the meeting.

CLAIMS

Payroll Ending June 11, 2010, Mr. Layton made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

Misc. Claims—\$591,678.08, Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Earl Cunningham, 6311 W. Shiva Dr., LaPorte. After seeing the May 27th newspaper, that we have been sued, I am asking the commissioners if we have taken any steps to make sure that we are not putting ourselves in the position of being sued again on a daily basis. We have officers working wedding receptions. I don't think this was ever overtime. The suit is filed that we owe these officers overtime. If an off duty officer, in a LaPorte County Squad car, in a LaPorte County uniform is working a wedding reception and the host decides not to pay them; how do we protect ourselves from a multitude of law suits?

Mr. Layton, that very item was talked about this morning in our executive session and it will be dealt with by council.

Mr. Cunningham, the first thing I would like to go on record as saying is the newspaper reports that \$24,360 in compensation for 812 hours of worked. If that is the way the law suit is filed, you and your council need to be aware that that includes the sheriff's hours and the chief deputy's hours. Those were the original hours when they came to us at the first meeting. They came back to us the following month when we said there was no way we were paying an elected official and they, Sheriff Mollenhauer and Chief Deputy Sosinski, then dropped their request and to just pay their men. If the newspaper is accurate, the 812 hours included their hours.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Maximus Consulting Services, Inc./Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services (Tabled)

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

Mr. Bohacek, Mr. Braje is this contract ok?

Mr. Braje, yes, in fact the revisions you suggested remain and the contract is in the form you requested it to be.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the contract and allow Commissioner Huston to sign on behalf of the board, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Braje, there are different options. Option one is for a one year contract and option two is for a three year contract. In this situation, the price is slightly cheaper for a three year contract.

Mr. Bohacek, we do the same contract every year, I make a motion to allow for a three year contract, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals Appointment

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

Mrs. Huston, we have had several people apply for this. The council has chosen Mr. James Irwin.

Mr. Roger Miller, thank you for selecting me. I look forward to serving the county and I think I can be an asset to the county.

Mr. Bohacek, we look forward to your service.

Mrs. Huston, thank you Mr. Reed for applying.

Road Closures for YMCA Triathlon

Mr. Bohacek, I spoke to the YMCA about this, this is the same request as last year. They have agreed that last year was one of the easiest years for traffic control. I received no complaints last summer,

which was a first. Since they are going to maintain the same procedures and standards as last year, I will make a motion to allow the road closures per their request, seconded by Mr. Layton, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mrs. Huston, the request is to close Small Road from Orchard Ave. to Forrester Road for this event. I just have a comment to make. It says to close for "all traffic". We did not get any complaints last year. I just want to reiterate that the mail needs to go through, people need to get out of their drive ways and maneuver through there and ambulances and police officers should be allowed. As long as they do it the same as last year, I don't have any problems.

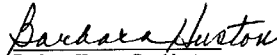
COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Layton, I have received an email from Erika Stallworth, Director of Juvenile Services, she was recently approved a grant from LaPorte Community Schools for their Go Green Educational Program. It entails a small garden shed and a small green house. It can be used out at the center for the educational program. It will be entirely free; all they need is permission from us to place those two items on the land. I make a motion to get that done, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

ADJOURN

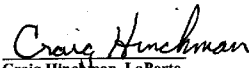
Mrs. Huston, President, adjourned the meeting at 6:4 p.m.

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ATTEST: 
Craig Hinchman, LaPorte
County Auditor