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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday August 21, 2013

To be held at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora adds GIS to requests, Sand Castle Shelter to New Business, and 2014 Holiday schedule also to New Business. He further removed the request from Community Action Partnership.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 17, 2013

Minutes approved.

6. CLAIMS

A. Payroll Ending 08/16/13-\$972,835.04

B. Miscellaneous Claims-\$2,153,460.72

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Claims approved.

7. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Council President Mark Yagelski requests permission to speak during the GIS portion of the meeting.

Sheriff Mollenhauer announced that Marvin McCoy has been assigned as the School Resource Officer for the LaPorte Community Schools. He indicated the patrol rifle training will start next month. Attorney Friedman thanked the Sheriff and his staff for their efforts in implementing the new cell phone ban.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Indicated that he no longer has a night person working at the Courthouse. He indicated the chiller in Michigan City will have the compressor changed to see if that temporarily repairs the issues. He indicated the chimney caps are being examined for repair.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Response to NIPSCO Response, William J. Boklund.

Attorney Friedman then updated the Commission on the status of the hearings with the Utility Commission.

9. REQUESTS

A. Mike Schultz-Assessor-Request for signature on Assessment Analytics, Inc. contract.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Cynthia T. Davis-Community Action Partnership-Request for waiver of property tax on homes purchased with Grant monies.

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C. Erika Stallworth-Juvenile Services-Request for travel to Louisville KY.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

GIS-

Council President Mark Yagelski appeared before the Commission and recommended Mr. Wojeski, who was recommended by the Auditor, for the GIS position.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Assessor offered to include the new GIS employee in all of their pictometry meetings and anything to do with reassessing uses for GIS and he offered to help assist with funding.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Request signature of professional services contract with HW Lochner to design the rehabilitation of the Franklin Street Lift Bridge.

Mike Yacullo appears before the Commission and presents contract that was previously discussed. He indicates that Counsel approved the contract and if it is approved he will request funding from the County Council. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Council President Yagelski indicates that the County Council is in support of this project.

Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Recommend approval to award Stevens Treatment Center/Small Animal Shelter Addition to Larson Danielson.

Mike Yacullo recommended Larson Danielson for this project. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Proposed Resolution to establish a four way stop condition at the intersection of Emery Rd. and CR 700 N.**

Mike Yacullo indicated that these are actually Ordinances. He then executed first reading of the Ordinance and requested the rules be suspended and Ordinance be approved. Commissioner Kora moves to approve and suspend the rules and approve the proposed Ordinance. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Proposed Resolution to establish a reduced speed limit through the Union Mills Business District.**

Mike Yacullo executed the first reading of the Ordinance and requested the rules be suspended and Ordinance be approved. Commissioner Kora moves to approve and suspend the rules and approve the proposed Ordinance. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. **Doug Biege-Plan Commission-Proposed Amendment to the LaPorte County Joint Zoning Ordinance replacing Article 21.**

Doug Biege appears before the Commission and presents the proposed amendment to the LaPorte County Joint Zoning Ordinance. He indicated that currently LaPorte County currently has two floodplain plans and as a result, the Plan Commission would like to remove one and refer to the Flood Plain Ordinance. He further recommended rescission of the old standalone Flood Plain Ordinance and the adoption of the new Flood Plain Ordinance. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the revision. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Proposed Flood Plain Ordinance.

E. **Sand Castle Shelter Request-Commissioner Kora moves to approve Sand Castle Shelter as a non profit organization.** Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. **Approval of Holiday Schedule-Commissioner Kora moves to approve the Federally approved paid Holidays.** Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jay Fuller thanked the Commission for including prevailing wage as part of the bidding process for the Animal Shelter.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Decker informed the public that Green Express in Florida announced the train that will be coming to LaPorte County. He also said PGI was not going to return to LaPorte County, but after some negotiations we are now in the running for them to return in 2015.

Commissioner Kora thanked Commissioner Decker for going to recruit the PGI show and Economic Development. He thanked the President for getting Mr. Cender to work with the County. He indicated that Mr. Cender submitted a report indicated that we are on track to collect 85% of the taxes of 2012 pay 2013 and also indicated that we have collected 92% of the taxes for 2010 pay 2011. With this information along with the rainy day fund repayment we are on track to end the year with a deficit to the General Fund of 2.7 million dollars.

Commissioner Milsap informed the public that Thursday is LaPorte County day at the in water boat show and LaPorte County residents will be admitted for free. He also reminded people that the Mill Pond Festival was this weekend.

14. **ADJOURN**

**EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE _____**

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ATTEST: *[Handwritten Signature]*
_____ Auditor

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