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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday October 2, 2013

To be held at 10:00 a.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Milsap called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 2.

Steve Grott lead the Pledge.

3. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora adds Resolution to support Juvenile Detention alternative initiative.

Commissioner Decker adds Resolution in support of the local Indiana Workforce Development.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 18, 2013

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

- Payroll Ending-09/27/2013- \$969,102.93
- Miscellaneous Claims-\$900,741.49 B.

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

7. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Judge Alevizos appeared before the Commission to discuss the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative. He indicated that it similar to the graduated sanctions program that they have been working on. He further indicated that he met the people who started this in Miami and was able to get several counties invited to their national conference. He said it would be beneficial for LaPorte County to join and that it could bring in grants to the County. Commissioner Kora read the proposed Resolution and makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Judge Alevizos indicated that this program is effective because it takes children that have a lower risk of delinquency away from a peer group that could encourage them to be at a higher risk for delinquency.

Jerry Cooley appeared before the Commission to give the Commissioners a status on the buildings.

George Watkins appeared before the Commission to give them the dates for the next presentation of the LaPorte County Veteran's service medal. November 9 at 10 a.m. is the presentation. He talked about the veteran's court. He further indicated that the Veteran's Day Ceremony is Monday November 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Sheriff Mollenhauer appeared before the Commission to inform them they have begun rifle training and that most were done, but there were a few who still needed to attend.

Lyn Spevak appeared before the Commission to indicate that Monday is the statutory deadline to have all the polling places set, and she has not received a response from all of them as of the date of the meeting. She said the last day to register to vote is October 7, 2013 to vote in the special election. She requested permission to get a quote from 39 degree north to get the precinct lines. Commissioner Kora holds a motion to approve until the Clerk can talk with the GIS representative for the county.

CORRESPONDENCE 8.

None

REQUESTS 9.

Tiffany Bley-Request permission to use the Courthouse lawn/sidewalk. A.

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

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mike Yacullo-Second reading of Proposed Ordinance to Establish a Three Way Stop Condition at Range Rd. and Co. Rd. 700 North and also at Range Rd. and Co. Rd. 800 South (Tracy Rd.)
 - Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Ralph Howes-Second reading of Proposed Ordinance to change the zoning map for 2.2 acres owned by the Legacy Corporation on Johnson Rd. from R1B to O1.

Attorney Friedman indicates for the record that Attorney Willoughby has indicated his client withdraws his remonstrance. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joyce Leon-Human Resources Director-Policy revisions/Two Business Associate Agreements.

Joyce Leon appeared before the Commission to make changes to several policies. Commissioner Kora moves to accept the policy revisions. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. She also asked for signatures on two Business Associate Agreements. Ms. Leon then presented the Employee of the Month award to Mike Fugate of the Highway Department.

C. Consideration of proposed settlement in Kwasuy v. INDOT and LaPorte County.

Attorney Friedman indicated to the Commission that they have mediated this case and there is a tentative settlement for the insurance carrier to pay the bulk of the cost, with LaPorte County to contribute \$18,500.00 to the settlement which he feels is more than the cost to defend this claim. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Presentation of Donaghue/Herceg regarding results of test of re-staining project/proposal to do entire courthouse exterior.

Donaghue/Herceg appeared before the Commission to discuss the project to restore the stain on the Courthouse. They discussed the manner in which they would make the stain work along with the stages of the project.

- D. Consideration of adoption of credit card policy per recommendation of State Board of Accounts. Commissioner Kora moves to table. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Presentation by Dr. Matt Burden, Exec. Director, Swanson Center regarding analysis of LaPorte County health data/need for initiative regarding low birthweight babies.

 Dr. Matt Burden appeared before the Commission to discuss low birthweight and its effects on LaPorte County.
- F. Appraisal/inventory of county equipment.

Attorney Friedman requests that the Auditor investigate other firms to solicit proposals for this job. Commissioner Decker moves to table. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Resolution to re-open a WorkOne office in Michigan City.

Commissioner Decker reads the Resolution to re-open the WorkOne office in Michigan City. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Sietz Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Commission for letting them use the Courthouse lawn for their events. He then asked permission to put up a Santa on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Earl Cunningham appeared before the Commission to update his calculations of the General Fund Deficit.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora said he is grateful that he works with reasonable people in LaPorte County who want to accomplish things as the Government in Washington shuts down.

Commissioner Decker warned people that deer season is starting and they should be careful when driving. Commissioner Milsap stated that the Resolution for WorkOne is reasonable and fair in light of the mandatory face to face interviews.

14. ADJOURN

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

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