



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### MINUTES

#### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday October 16, 2013

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**  
Commissioner Milsap called the meeting to Order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Heather McCarthy led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL**  
All Commissioners present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Commissioner Kora moves to delete the report from Karl Cender. Commissioner Kora then added option for the County Home to be presented by Heather McCarthy. Commissioner Decker moves to approve agenda. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **October 2, 2013**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
  - A. **Payroll Ending 10/11/13-\$967,945.41**
  - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,463,833.76**Commissioner Kora moves to approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Lynne Spevak appeared before the Commission to request approval of polling places for the 2013 MCAS special election on November 5. She stated that a couple of polling places had changed due to short notice. She said Michigan City 4-2 and 4-4 will be at the VFW on Earl and Ohio St. for this election. Michigan City 5-2 and 5-3 will be at the Michigan township trustee's office. She further indicated that signs will be posted directing voters where to vote and it will be listed on the website and that the information is available through voter registration as well. She said the polling places will also be published in the LaPorte Herald Argus and the Michigan City News Dispatch. Commissioner Decker moves to approve the polling places. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Earl Cunningham appeared before the Commission to present his calculations of the deficit of LaPorte County.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Michael Kennedy-La Lumiere School**

Robin Surber reads correspondence from Michael Kennedy. Commissioner Kora moves to have the County Engineer communicate with INDOT regarding these concerns to see if the problem can be remedied. Commissioner Decker seconds. The County Engineer, Mike Yacullo, indicates that he has looked into the issue and discovered that they plan to improve the intersection, but it won't happen for a few years. Commissioner Kora asks Mr. Yacullo if he can talk with anyone at INDOT that may be able to expedite the process.
9. **REQUESTS**
  - A. **Fran Tibbot-EMA-Request for Travel to Lisle, Illinois.**  
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - B. **Judge Koethe-Superior Court 3-Request for Veteran's Court Team travel to Washington D.C.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. **Robert Young-County Highway-Request for 2.5 Million Dollars of CEDIT money.**  
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Mitchell Bishop-County Planner-Request for approval to appear before the Council to request funds to hook up the military generators.**  
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**  
**Karl Cender-Updated County Financials report. –Tabled.**  
**Options for the County Home.**  
Heather McCarthy appeared and presented information to the Commission regarding a potential grant that would allow the County Home to remain open and potentially full. This grant would increase revenue and save spending for the County. She indicated that the ARCH program funding is going down and this grant opportunity would cause an increase in funds coming into the County each year.
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Mike Schultz-Proposed contract regarding Pictometry.**  
Attorney Friedman states he has reviewed the contract and it meets all the requirements. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Joyce Leon-Human Resources-Clarification on hiring of part-time staff as requiring notification to/participation from Human Resources.**  
Joyce Leon appeared and wanted to clarify that all part time hiring should go through her department.  
**Policy revisions.**  
Joyce Leon then requested permission to revise some ADA policies. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Recommendation of Professional Services Contract by JPR for design of replacement of Bridge #157.**  
Mike Yacullo and indicated they have put out a request for bids to design a replacement bridge and that JPR is the lowest bidder. He said he has sent a copy of the bid to the Council as well and would like to have the Commission sign the contract. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **E911 Board Ordinance-Amendment.**  
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Westville town council president amendment is approved. Commissioner Decker moves to suspend the rules. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora moves to approve ordinance. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Pat Pease-EMS-Permission to solicit quotes for UTV.**  
Pat Pease indicates that a UTV is many times more practical and provides more access than an ambulance and requests permission to solicit quotes. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.  
**Contract for Ambulance Cost Report.**  
Pat Pease indicates that Medicaid has approved to provide a supplemental payment adjustment to in state, government owned ambulance providers. In order to get this supplemental payment the government ambulance providers must submit an accounting of the cost data for the ambulance via a report issued by the state which is very difficult and lengthy. This contract is for a firm in Indianapolis who does this professionally. Attorney Friedman indicates to the Commission that it would be difficult for her staff to complete the necessary forms and recommends approval as the county will receive substantial reimbursement from Medicaid upon approval of said forms. He recommended the flat fee, which can be paid from the EMS budget. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the flat fee. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.  
**First Source Solutions Business Associate Agreement-Approval and signature.**  
Pat Pease indicated this contract is required by HIPPA for the collection agencies. Attorney Friedman recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. **Attorney Biege- MS4-Proposed Ordinance to amend the site development permit fee for MS4.**  
Attorney Biege requested permission to amend the site development permit fee for MS4 to a \$100 per acre charge. Rick Brown appeared to inform the Commission that the raise in the permit fee would help to cover the amount of work needed for large project permits. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora moves to suspend the rules. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora moves to approve on second reading. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Earl Cunningham requested clarification on the location of Bridge #157. Mike Yacullo indicated the bridge is located on Co. Rd. 400 W. just south of Co. Rd. 1650 S.
13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**  
Commissioner Decker expresses his excitement about the grant proposal from Heather McCarthy, he said the County Home needs to be saved. He said he is very optimistic that they are going to get this done. Commissioner Kora echos Commissioner Deckers thoughts and states that there are some hurdles to cross but they will keep working at it until they get to the destination. He further stated that he is looking forward to the presentation by

Mr. Cender at the November meeting. He said the deadlines for taxpayers helps to confuse the issue of numbers, so he is looking forward to the information from Karl Cender.

Commissioner Milsap indicated that it's nice to get the input of a professional CPA regarding the numbers, though he appreciates the input from Councilman Cunningham, he looks forward to clarification from Mr. Cender.

14. **ADJOURN**

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

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
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LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA Auditor