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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday February 19, 2014

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**
Mr. Morgan led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL**
All Commissioners were present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Decker moves to add under New Business-Addition to Pioneer Cemetery Board. Commissioner Kora seconds. Attorney Friedman moves to table 11 F. Commissioner Kora moves to accept the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **February 5, 2014-tabled**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 2/14/14. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 02/14/14-\$1,063,080.98**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,307,733.76**
Commissioner Decker moves to accept the claims as presented. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Auditor Winski reminds office holders to submit their conflict of interest forms to her as soon as possible. She then went on to inform the Commission that the tax bills will be going out soon. Attorney Friedman commented that it has been a collaborative effort by the Assessor's office, the Treasurer's office and with a big effort from Information Technology.

Mitch Bishop-Planner- appeared before the Commission to inform the Commission of the 2016 Bicentennial of Indiana, he indicated that there will be a torch relay and they are in need of liaisons. He offered his assistance and asked if anyone interested would contact him at 219-326-6808 x-2253.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance- appeared before the Commission to discuss snow removal and commend his staff for the great job they have done. He commended other departments for pitching in and helping maintenance with snow removal and repair of their vehicles.

Earl Cunningham-Council- Appeared before the Commission and agreed with Mr. Cooley regarding the snow removal and indicated that there would be unaccounted for expenses as a result of the snow. He went on to discuss the balance of the General Fund.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
9. **REQUESTS**

Laura Moyer-Cruis'n For a Cure-Request for Tourism funds \$750.00.
Commissioner Decker moves to approve \$500. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Tim Morgan-Parks Department-Request for travel to Dearborn, Michigan for training.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**

Pat Pease-Open Ambulance bids
Attorney Friedman opened the ambulance bids and turned them over to Pat Pease for review.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Jeff Hamilton-Emergency Management-Signature for Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grant agreement.**

Jeff Hamilton appeared before the Commission to request signature for Security Grant. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. **Consider County Treasurer's recommendation of a contractor to conduct tax sales for '06,'07, and '08 delinquencies.**

Attorney Friedman indicates that they have been given permission by the State to conduct a tax sale. He indicates that he has reviewed the contract and finds it to be consistent and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. **Joie Winski-Auditor-Signatures on two IV-D contracts.**

Jackie Clemons from Maximus appeared before the Commission to present the terms of the IV-D contracts. The terms were either one year or three. Attorney Friedman indicated he has reviewed the contracts and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. **Brad Adamsky-Petition to Vacate a Public Way**

Brad Adamsky appeared before the Commission with a Petition to vacate an alley which runs between the lots of the Church he represents. He submitted his proof of publication and a proposed Ordinance. Attorney Friedman indicates that the Petition has been reviewed and is consistent. Commissioner Decker indicates that the Surveyor has inspected the area. He stated that there is not a problem vacating the area if there can be an easement through the property for utilities. Mr. Adamsky stated that the church would have no problem giving the county a utility easement. He said he had nothing prepared for an easement, Attorney Friedman asked him to submit a revised Ordinance and stated approval could be made immediately contingent upon approval of the revised Ordinance and easement. Commissioner Kora moves to approve contingent upon the revised Ordinance and easement. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. **Appointment of Commissioner's Task Force to consider preserving County Council on Aging and developing a long term plan to sustain transportation and guardianship services for the elderly and disabled.**

Attorney Friedman indicates that this Task Force is a result of the Settlement between the County and PAF. Commissioner Kora then read off the names of the task force. Kristine Harlow thanked the Commission for their efforts in protecting the elderly.

F. **Appointment to the Pioneer Cemetery Board.**

Commissioner Decker appoints Ed Marks. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brad Adamsky indicated that there are three attorneys involved with LaPorte County Council on Aging and he requested that they be involved with the Task Force. Attorney Friedman agreed and suggested that one be added to the Task Force. Commissioner Kora moves to add an attorney to the Task Force. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Decker indicated that the weather could be bad tomorrow and asked people to be careful and watch for flooding.

Commissioner Kora thanked Councilman Cunningham for his assistance in getting the PAF situation moving forward. He indicated that the Neo Natal Task Force had a very good meeting and had come up with a good plan. He went on to say that Swanson Center was awarded a 2 million dollar loan to advance the needs of mental health in LaPorte County. Commissioner Milsap said part of a healthy community is people coming together in a time of need. He indicated that the PAF situation was an emergency and everyone came together to provide transportation for those in need. He said we are blessed to have a community that comes together to take care of such things.

14. **ADJOURN**

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Auditor
LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA