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AGENDA

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

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.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mr. Klingemeyer led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL**
All Commissioners present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Decker added stop sign Ordinance. He also added the Fire/Radio Grant. He also added a request from IT. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the agenda. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **May 21, 2014**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 05/23/14-\$1,004,923.30**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,266,530.00**
Commissioner Kora moves to accept the claims as presented. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

John Jones/John Klingemeyer-Michiana Insurance- appeared before the Commission to request renewal of the County's Commercial package. Emily Wells from Gallagher Bassett insurance appeared to introduce a program to include SIMS banking to handle all commercial small claims. She reviewed the package with the Commission along with the process for handling small claims matters. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. John Jones then informed the Commission of the details of the renewal, he stated he recommended that there be a change in the Auto/Physical Damage coverage for \$50,000.00. He stated that claims management would be best handled by a third party. He reviewed all of the policies and requirements with the Commission. Attorney Friedman commended Mr. Jones for the time and effort he put into researching the best coverage and companies for the County. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the Auto for general liability with travelers, and property and crime policy with Chubb. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

George Watkins-Veteran's Service Officer-Appeared to inform the Commission that the next presentation of The County Patriotic Service Medal will be July 5, 2014 at the Complex.

Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer-Appeared to let the public know that they just implemented a new telephone system in the jail. It's an automated information system that will give the public 24/7 access to information regarding inmates. He said this system is being paid for from the inmate commissary fund.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared to inform the Commission that there has always been a problem with the air conditioning in the Clerk's office in the Michigan City Courthouse. He stated that Ms. Spevak has stated she has the money to pay for a separate portable unit to lease for four months until the main unit can be repaired or replaced. He stated that Ms. Spevak is going to get permission from the County Council to lease the unit. He stated that it adds to the problem when the windows in the building are opened. He further informed the Commission that the leak in the Health Department came from equipment that was leased and he did not agree that our insurance should have had to pay, he believed that the company with the leased equipment should pay for damages caused by their equipment. He stated that we should not lease equipment from them if they do not accept the liability for damages caused by the leak. He then showed the Commission pictures of the roof on the complex where it has raised up 2 ft. He said the manufacturer came out to inspect and they believe it is under warranty. He then indicated they are trying to get the sign completed in the front lawn, but the rain is causing a delay.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None

9. **REQUESTS**
- A. **Andy Snyder-TDL 5K, 10K, and Marathon Run-Road Closures.**
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **American Legion Wanatah-Request for LPCCVB Funds-\$500**
Commissioner Decker moves to approve \$250.00. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **Laporte County Fair-Request for LPCCVB Funds-\$500**
Commissioner Decker moves to approve \$250.00. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. **Elizabeth Bowen-YMCA-Request for road closures.**
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - E. **Donna McClay-Request for payment of unused sick days.**
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - F. **Stop Sign Ordinance-**
Commissioner Decker indicated that there was a complaint on the island that there was in intersection where visibility is low due to landscaping. He stated that this Ordinance is to put a stop sign in that area to remedy the issue.
Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. 2014-03
 - G. **Fire/Radio Grant-**
Randy Novak appeared to inform the Commission about the \$870,000.00 matching grant to upgrade all the county fire regional repeater. He requested permission to go to the Council for additional funding for that upgrade.
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - H. **Request from IT-**
Darlene Hale requested permission for Craig Lutz to go to the PROVAL user conference in New Orleans.
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Barbara Dean-Recorder-Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between LaPorte County Recorder and Corporation Services Company for e-recording of documents.**
Barbara Dean appeared before the Commission and indicated that the e-recording has been a tremendous success. She requested another submitter be allowed to enter into a MOU. Attorney Friedman indicated that his office is comfortable with the terms of the MOU. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Mike Schultz-Assessor-Consideration of contract proposed by Assessor for audits of personal property tax claims.**
Mike Schultz appeared to request approval of a contract for audits of personal property tax. Attorney Friedman indicates his office is comfortable with the terms of the contract and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **John Jones-Property and Liability Insurance proposal. TPA contract renewal proposal.**
 - D. **Consider request for \$100K additional appropriation for construction of the new EMS base at Tyler and State Streets, Laporte-Project Architect Robert Gerometta.**
Robert Gerometta appeared and informed the Commission that the original amount allotted for the EMS Base was not enough to complete the job and that further funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 is needed. Commissioner Kora moves to allow Mr. Gerometta to approach the Council for an additional appropriation of \$100,000.00 to complete the EMS project and let the Council have discretion as to where the funds come from. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - E. **Commissioners' appointment to Public Defender Board.**
Commissioner Kora moves to appoint Stan Hynek to the Public Defender Board. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - F. **Consider Resolution in support of Senator Donnelly's efforts to reduce military suicide.**
Commissioner Kora read the Resolution in support of Senator Donnelly's efforts to reduce military suicide. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Jerry Cooley** appeared as President of Access LaPorte County and informed the Commission that they are taking over the Michigan City School system cameras, and they are hoping to include PNC and get internships. He indicated that Access LaPorte County is busy doing many things to help LaPorte County.
13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
- Commissioner Decker-** Thanked LaPorte County Tourism Bureau, all the Departments, and the City of LaPorte for putting on the boat race. He said it was a great event that went off without a hitch. He thanked the Sheriff's dept, EMA, EMS, Fire and all other departments.
Commissioner Milsap-Informed the public that the INDOT will be holding a job fair for positions in LaPorte County today.
14. **ADJOURN**
- Commissioner Kora moves to adjourn. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.