



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### AMENDED AGENDA

### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday June 18, 2014

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**  
Commissioner Milsap called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Jim Kimball led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**  
All Commissioners were present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Commissioner Kora adds Resolution to Honor Donna McClay.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **June 4, 2014**  
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
  - A. **Payroll Ending 06/06/14-\$1,014,427.76**
  - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$2,376,913.20**  
Commissioner Kora moves to accept the claims as presented. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

**Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-**Appeared before the Commission to inform them that things have been going well, he stated the sign should be up by the fourth of July. He said he got a complaint from the treasurer's office in Michigan City regarding smoking, he requested permission to post no smoking signs at 8<sup>th</sup> street. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Barb Mossman-Human Resources-**Presented the Employee of the Month Award to Karen Parkerson from EMS.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
None
9. **REQUESTS**

**Mike Schultz-Assessor- Request permission to travel to New Orleans.**  
Mike Schultz appeared to request permission to travel to New Orleans. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**

**President Milsap-Public Hearing on proposed amendments to Sexually Oriented Business Conduct Ordinance to prohibit alcohol sale, distribution or usage at such establishments/Consideration on Second and Final Reading of Amended Ordinance.**  
President Milsap started the public hearing regarding the amendments to the Sexually Oriented Business Conduct Ordinance. Attorney Beige appeared to give a background regarding the amendment. He stated that all of the documents discussed have been placed on [www.laportecounty.org](http://www.laportecounty.org) for public view. Father Jim Roselli appeared during public comment and indicated that strip clubs are places that help to deteriorate communities. Rhonda Richards then appeared to support the alcohol regulations in a sexually oriented business. She thanked the Commission for taking a stand to protect the family values in LaPorte County. Commissioner Kora moves to adopt the conduct ordinance. Commissioner Decker seconds.
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Consider Special Detail Agreements for Sheriff's Department security and EMS Personnel for 2014 LaPorte County Fair.**  
Attorney Friedman indicated that they have worked with the Auditor's office to develop an agreement to provide for special detail at the County Fair. Commissioner Kora moves to approve special detail for the Sheriff's office and EMS. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - B. **Consider appointment of EMS director and EMA director.**  
Commissioner Kora indicated that several interviews had taken place for this position and moves to appoint Mr. Andrew McGuire as our EMS director. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner

Kora then indicated that they also interviewed several candidates for the EMA Director and moves to appoint Mr. Larry Butcher as the EMA Director. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

**C. Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-**

- **Permission to seek Council Approval for a \$1,250,000.00 appropriation from Major Bridge Fund for the rehabilitation of the Franklin St. Lift Bridge.**

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

- **Permission to seek Council Approval for a \$500,000.00 appropriation from Cumulative Bridge Fund for the replacement of Structure #2113 (CR 1000 North over Spring Creek, ½ mile east of CR 400 East)**

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

- **Approval of design contract with Lawson-Fisher Associates for a not-to-exceed amount of \$66,386.00 to design the replacement of Structure #2113.**

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

**D. Mitch Bishop-Planner-Consider Abonmarche Engineer contract for OCRA Grant.**

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

**E. K.I.P. Project update.**

Attorney Friedman gave an update on the K.I.P. project. He indicated that the County funded rail spur is very helpful in bringing companies to K.I.P. He stated that CSX has made it the only site in Indiana that is a select site. He indicated that EDC Director, Matt Reardon has proposed Dave Christian, with INDOT, serve in a consulting capacity with the Commissioners to assist with working with site selectors, industrial prospects, and his contacts at the Indiana Economic Development Corp. Commissioner Kora moves to enter into a contract with Mr. Christian as a consultant. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Attorney Friedman indicated that the money is already budgeted and no further funds will be needed for the consultant.

**F. Mark Heirbrandt, Ameresco- Consideration of Development Agreement with Ameresco regarding needed heating, electrical, plumbing and maintenance improvements for both courthouses; Consider issuing RFP to permit tax-exempt lease financing under Energy Efficiency rules for such improvements.**

Mark Heirbrandt, Ameresco, appeared to review the agenda items with the Commissioners. He reviewed and explained the project development agreement. Commissioner Decker moves to approve the development agreement. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Heirbrandt then reviewed the RFP which would allow them to look for financing options and bids. Attorney Friedman indicated that any financing is subject to approval by the County Council, he indicated that the County Council approved seeking an RFP and have not yet approved the scope, but will address it at the July meeting. He stated that the approval for the RFP would include approval of Bond Counsel Fager, Baker, and Daniels. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the RFP and Bond Counsel. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

**G. Resolution to Honor Donna McClay-**

Commissioner Kora read the Resolution to Honor Donna McClay. He declared June 30, 2014 as Donna McClay Day in LaPorte County. Commissioner Kora moves to accept. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Dave Wrenz-Assistant Chairman of the Door Villiage Harvest Festival-** He indicated the festival is Sept 6-7. He requested that one lane of Joliet Rd. be closed for the festival. He requested use of some hwy department equipment, cones, signs, etc. Commissioner Milsap indicated that the Hwy department should be contacted and informed of those needs.

**13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Decker said we are seeing the fruit from KIP, he just came back from a regional conference in Louisville and they were talking about KIP, he was glad to see that word is getting out. He said there was much to do at KIP when they came into office and he is glad to see the hard work paying off. Commissioner Kora stated that he agrees that KIP is going well. Commissioner Milsap applauded the two individuals just appointed to EMS and EMA he stated those are very important departments of the County.

**14. ADJOURN**

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