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AGENDA

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 2, 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**
3. **ROLL CALL**
All Commissioners present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Decker added a request for travel for him to go to PGI under requests. Commissioner Kora moved to accept the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **June 18, 2014**
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 06/20/14-\$1,013,470.34**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$757,926.43**
Commissioner Kora moves to accept the claims as presented. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Sheriff Mollenhauer-Sheriff-Appeared before the Commission to inform them they put in a new computer system in the jail. He said the new system is working great and was paid for out of the commissary fund. He further stated that the automated inmate information system has cut the calls to the jail by 83% in the first month.

Mitch Bishop-Planner-Appeared before the Commission to give an update on three new grants. He stated we have received an ADA Sidewalk Project Grant, Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant, and an E-85 Fuel Grant. He said he will be having pre-coordination meetings to get them underway in 2015.

Jeff Hamilton-Hazmat-Appeared before the Commission to request permission to purchase an enclosed trailer for the Hazmat team. He stated he has the funds to purchase it. Commissioner Kora requested that he agenda it for the next meeting.

Barb Mossman-Human Resources-Presented the Employee of the Month award to Lana Buckles of the Health Department.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

John Jones/Michael Gonder Re: Closure of Voter Registration.
Robin Surber read correspondence from John Jones/Michael Gonder regarding closing Voter Registration during the County Fair. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Tim Morgan-Park Department-Request for travel to Denver, Co.**
Laura Moyer appeared to request travel for her and another parks employee. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Erika Stallworth-Juvenile Services-Request for travel to Jackson, Ms.**
Erika Stallworth appeared to request travel to Jackson, MS. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **Robert Szilagyi-Prosecutor-Request for travel to Portland, Or.**
Kristine Harlow appeared to request travel to Portland, Or. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Andrew McGuire-EMS-Request for sick pay for Rip Ludlow, Glen A. Wurtlin, and Jo E. Jongkind.**
Andrew McGuire appeared to request sick pay for retiring employees. Human Resources indicates that they qualify under the current policies. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Commissioner Decker-Request to travel to the PGI conference in Iowa.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Barbara Dean-Recorder-Consideration of new E-Recording Vendor.

Attorney Friedman indicates that he is still reviewing that contract and requests the matter be tabled. Commissioner Kora moves to table. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Mike Dempsey-Consideration of ALCO/County 2014 Contract.

Mike Dempsey appeared to request signature on the renewal Contract for ALCO. Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Consider approval of construction inspection contract with HW Lochner. To inspect 421 Frontage Rd. and 375 N.

Mike Yacullo appeared to inform the Commission that Reith Riley won the bid for paving and requested approval of the contract. He stated that HW Lochner would be supervising and requested approval on that contract. Attorney Friedman reminded the Commission that he has previously done work for HW Lochner and has had special counsel William Hedge review the contract. He stated that Mr. Hedge has recommended approval of the contract. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Bohacheck appeared regarding contact he had with a taxpayer regarding the tires from the pipeline. Mike Yacullo indicated that the tires are placed there to guard the pavement but that the hwy dept would ensure that they are not obstructing traffic. Attorney Friedman indicated that there is a bond on file for the pipeline. Commissioner Milsap indicated that Robert Young of the hwy department is aware of the situation.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Decker said that 110 mile an hour winds hit the County leaving quite a mess. He commended the County employees who cleared the roads and the mess so quickly.

Commissioner Kora echoed Commissioner Decker's comments about the County employees doing a phenomenal job with the storms and he wished everyone a happy fourth.

Commissioner Milsap agreed with the quality of people on the LaPorte County workforce and applauded the electric companies that are putting things back together after the storm. He also stated that July 12 is Michigan City day at the County Fair.

14. ADJOURN

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