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Amended AGENDA

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 3, 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**
Mark Buhocek led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL**
All Commissioners were present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **August 20, 2014**
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 08/29/14-\$1,026,696.87**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$5,652,978.78**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Mike Mollenhauer-Sheriff-Appeared before the Commission to discuss the cost of the meals provided to Community Corrections by the jail. He indicated that the arrangement was supposed to be temporary and that it has gone on for over a year. He stated that since January the jail has supplied 13,538 meals. Commissioner Milsap said he did a walk-through of the building and was told the vending machines are working. Sheriff Mollenhauer indicated that the Community Corrections director promised that the vending machines would be utilized and that no meals would have to come from the jail. Commissioner Milsap indicated that he would coordinate a meeting between the Sheriff and the Community Corrections director to discuss the matter.

Barb Mossman-Human Resources Director-Appeared before the Commission to present employee of the month to Nicole Nixon from 911.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
9. **REQUESTS**

Andrew McGuire-EMS Director-Request for out of state travel to New Jersey.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Request for payment of sick time to Dawn Werner.
Commissioner Decker moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Request for permission to approach Council for additional appropriation-loose equipment for ambulances on order-\$32,000.00 and to transfer funds to complete coat replacement-\$12,000.00.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**

Robert Young-County Hwy-Accept bids for single and tandem axle trucks.
Robert Young appeared to accept the bids for single and tandem axle trucks. Attorney Friedman opened the bids. Commissioner Kora moves to accept the bids and give them to Bob Young. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A **Robert Young-County Hwy-Request permission to purchase a truck from CCD funds in the amount of \$39,750.00.**

Mr. Young appeared and requested permission to purchase a truck from CCD funds. Commissioner Kora moves to allow Mr. Young to approach the Council for permission to purchase the truck. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. **Consideration of appointment of Harriet M. Lute to the Pioneer Cemetery Board.**

Commissioner Decker moves to appoint Harriet M. Lute. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. **Mark Heirbrandt/Atty. Randy Rompola-Consideration of Energy Savings Contract with Ameresco and Consideration of Formal Lease Financing-Courthouse renovation project.**

Mark Heirbrandt appeared with Atty. Rompola to discuss the Energy Savings Contract. Atty. Rompola presented the Commission with a form of Resolution approving the Energy Services agreement and the lease that would provide financing. Commissioner Kora moves to approve all three documents, the Lease agreement, the Master agreement, and the Ameresco agreement as presented. Attorney Friedman indicated that this was an outstanding example of the Council and Commission working together. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Financing for courthouse repairs/renovation/Superior Court No. 3 relocation consistent with Council's August 25, 2014 approval.

D. **Tony Hendricks-Surveyor-Consider options for resolution of Jonkind Park drainage issues.**

Tony Hendricks appeared to discuss options that could resolve the drainage issues in Jonkind Park.

E. **Larry Butcher-EMA Director-Proposal for completion of the LaPorte County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update.**

Amy Bluhm appeared on behalf of Larry Butcher to discuss the grant received from the State to complete the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the plan. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Consider authorizing use of CEDIT road funds as part of annual repaving program to undertake frontage road repairs near I-94/421-Economic Development use.**

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

Request for approval of INDOT/LPA agreement to purchase E-85 Fuel for use in Sheriff's vehicles (and other E-85 compliant vehicles).

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

G. **Resolution objecting to the Closure of Camp Summit.**

Attorney Friedman indicated that the President of the Commission requested he draft a Resolution objecting to the closure of Camp Summit. He presented it to the Commission and Commissioner Milsap read it into the record. Commissioner Kora expressed support and moves to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Decker indicated that Camp Summit was the most successful program and was inspiration for many others, he stated the program works well and shouldn't be closed. Commissioner Kora read a letter from the staff of Camp Summit.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Phyllis Marks appeared before the Commission and indicated they are getting into the end of the project. She indicated there is a dumping ground out at the County Home and she asked why there was so much debris at the site. She asked what the Maintenance people are doing to clean up there besides mowing the grass to a point that she felt was excessive. She asked why it's a dumping ground. Commissioner Milsap indicated that he will address her concerns with Jerry Cooley.

Tom Ruda appeared to thank Mr. Hendricks for his assistance and gave his rebuttal to the suggestions made to resolve the drainage issue.

Dennis Metheny appeared to ask why when ambulances are purchased that it's not included in the price to go out and visit it before you buy it he said that requirement should be in the bids. Commissioner Kora indicated that it is part of the bid. Mr. Metheny asked if Camp Summit is already designated to be shut down and the county has been offered that property, he thought that spot would be a good area for a new Jail. He asked if we could get the property for the county. He then asked for a report from Commissioner Decker's travel.

Earl Cunningham appeared to discuss item F under new business and ask if we have taken over the frontage roads from the state. Mr. Yacullo indicated that we do have responsibility for those roads.

Mike Bohacek appeared to discuss the Kingsbury Industrial Park. Attorney Friedman indicated that LaPorte County has taken the appropriate steps to protect their interests at KIP.

Ken Purze appeared to discuss the PTBOA Board.

Chief Deputy Jim Sosinski appeared before the Commission for clarification of Hupp Road enforcement.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Decker gave a report from his conferences.

Commissioner Kora indicated that the triangle bus project is moving forward. He also said there was a good joint session with the Council regarding the County Home. He said they are still looking for ways to improve the County Home.

Commissioner Milsap apologized for getting so upset regarding the Camp Summit issue and he encouraged people to contact their legislators to try to keep that open.

14. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Decker moves to adjourn.

