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AGENDA

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 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**
Mr. Dabagia led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Milsap and Kora were present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora added Consent of Beneficiary to the agenda and Holiday Closure. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Milsap stepped down and seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **November 19, 2014**
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Milsap stepped down and seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 11/21/14-\$1,023,263.05**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$3,547,537.88**Commissioner Kora moved to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Milsap seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

John Dudek-911-Appeared before the Commissioners to inform them that the phones are not repaired yet, it is a Frontier issue.

Mike Mollenhauer- Sheriff- Appeared before the Commission to inform them of purchases and donations made from the Commissary Fund. He indicated that they are using the speed warning indicator at various schools in the area. He said the trailer was purchased with Commissary Funds to transport that indicator. He stated he rented two billboards to place public service messages for holiday safety from the LaPorte County Sheriff's office. Commissioner Kora thanked the Sheriff for all that he has been doing in the community.

Earl Cunningham-Council-Appeared before the Commission to discuss the Toll Road and to inform the Commission of his interpretation of the General Fund.

Jerry Cooley- Maintenance- Appeared before the Commission to discuss the barn at the County Home, he stated that a contractor looked at the garage that's out there, they recommended that the barn be torn down and re-built. He also indicated that he met with the new Sheriff regarding the dishwasher, the repair person indicated that the unit is old and more than likely not worth any further repair and that it may be time for a new one.

John Jones-Michiana Insurance- Appeared before the Commission to discuss Bituminous workers comp insurance. He indicated that it is time for renewal and that the fees have increase slightly due to a higher amount of claims.

Barb Mossman-Human Resources- Appeared before the Commission to award the Employee of the Month award to Trisha Wozniak from the Health Department. She also indicated that the Council has decided that the County will absorb the raise in insurance premiums for the employees unless they decide to give the employees a raise, then some of the increase in costs may be passed along to the employees. She requested that anyone leaving their office in the coming year be required to schedule an exit interview with her office in order to retrieve any keys or fobs that employee may have.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

November 24, 2014 Communication from County Auditor regarding anticipated year-end break-even projection.

Commissioner Kora read into the record a letter from Auditor Winski.

9. REQUESTS

A. Judge Thomas Alevizos-Circuit Court-Request to pay sick days for Chris Nichols upon retirement.

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

B. Jane Bernard-Small Animal Shelter-Request to purchase a vehicle.

Jane Bernard appeared before the Commission to request permission to go to the Council and request a vehicle. She indicated that there are really good deals out there and that they have the money in their budget to purchase a vehicle. She requested permission to approach the Council and request to purchase a vehicle. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. John Dudek-E911-Bid opening.

John Dudek appeared before the Commission to receive opened bids for a 911 system. Commissioner Kora moves to show the bids as received and given to John Dudek for review and recommendation.

B. Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Recommendations on proposals for Maintenance Department.

Jerry Cooley appeared before the Commission and recommended: for Pest Control: Hatfield. For trash removal: Republic Service. For Elevator repair and maintenance: Otis Elevator. For telephone: Frontier. For fire protection: Communication Company. For generator maintenance: Cummings Cross point. For preventive maintenance on equipment: Pricher mechanical. For snow plowing: Commissioner Kora moved that Maintenance get a vehicle to take care of the snow plowing and asked Mr. Cooley to approach the Council with that request. Commissioner Milsap seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora indicated that if he is unable to get a truck they will pursue other avenues. For vending machines: CL Vending. Commissioner Kora moved to go with CL vending. Commissioner Milsap seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Consider upgrade of sewer lines for Sheriff's Dept.

Jerry Cooley appeared to indicate that he has spoken with the vendor and the new Sheriff, to let them know it was recommended that a meeting with a Council member, Commissioner, and the Sheriff should be arranged to discuss the extent of the repairs and how they want to fix the problem. Commissioner Kora suggested that maybe a telephone conference call can be arranged if all parties are unable to meet in person.

B. Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Consider appointment as LaPorte County Representative to the Transit Triangle Oversight Board.

Mike Yacullo appeared before the Commission and indicated that a Representative for the Commissioners on the Transit Triangle Oversight Board was requested and he asked if the Commissioners would want him to be the Representative. Commissioner Kora moves to appoint Mike Yacullo to represent the Commissioners on the Transit Triangle Oversight Board. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Consider Letter of Intent with NSP Consultants LLC and UP Development to re-purpose County Home for homeless and disabled while preserving 10 units for existing county home residents.

Attorney Friedman indicated that he has a draft letter of intent regarding the re-purposing of the County Home. He stated that there are many firms that are dedicated to renovating projects much like the County Home without the use of tax credits and private sector dollars. He said there would be a donation of a portion of the land site and building. He stated that the joint venture partners would have to agree to design, finance, and build 10 units in the rehab structure for the use of current county home residents. He stated that the Commissioners are very dedicated to making sure the County Home residents are taken care of and that the County would have to provide staffing to take care of the residents. Commissioner Kora indicated that it is the intent of the County to utilize 10 units for the current residents and that the cost to the County would be \$60,000.00 rather than \$300,000.00. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Consent of Beneficiary for the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Kora moves to receive the bequest and authorize the Commission President to sign the consent of the beneficiary form so the check can be processed. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Holiday Closure.

Commissioner Kora moves to close County Offices on New Year's Eve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. During Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Kora rescinded this motion and moved to keep the offices open on the 31st and closed on Jan 2, 2015. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney Brad Adamsky appeared to request that an Ordinance that has had first reading be placed on the Agenda for second reading. Attorney Friedman indicated that there have not been any objections to the Ordinance and it will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora said that he went to Indianapolis to meet the officials of the Indiana Housing Institute and discussed the County Home and got some ideas as to how to approach it and the Resolution that was adopted today and the letter of intent was a result of that. He also mentioned that there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Swanson Center on 400 North he said the chief guest will be the secretary of FSSA, Dr. John Wernert. He said it is a good thing for the Community to have for mental health.

Commissioner Milsap indicated that New year's eve is on a Wednesday, so if we give the employees off that Wednesday, they will have to come back to work that Friday, the 2nd. Commissioner Kora changed his motion to be that the County Offices be closed January 2, 2015. New Year's Eve the County offices will be open. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

14.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora moved to Adjourn.