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Second Amended AGENDA Minutes

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday December 17, 2014

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Commissioner Decker called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Decker and Kora present. Commissioner Milsap did not appear.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora added Permission to travel for Steve Eyrick, and Lynne Spevak regarding amending the precincts and he changed New Business item D from Authorizing the Engineer to Authorizing Jerry Cooley to seek proposals for the demolition of the Barn. Commissioner Kora then moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Decker stepped down to second. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **December 3, 2014**
Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 12/05/14-\$1,011,634.72**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$529,162.55**
The claims were amended. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the Claims. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Sheriff Mollenhauer appeared before the Commission to thank them for their professionalism and everything they have done for the County and how they treated the Department Heads with respect. He stated that the county attorney has helped him as well.

George Watkins appeared before the Commission and also thanked them for their help. He also thanked IU Health and staff and their foundation and the volunteer dentists and their staff that conducted the dental screenings and the dentists that are still doing free or reduced cost services. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Watkins for his assistance in arranging the dental services.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
9. **REQUESTS**

Barb Mossman-HR-Request for approval of policy revision.
Barb Mossman appeared before the Commission to request a revision on the re-employment policy. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Erika Stallworth-JDC-Request for approval of DCS Contract.
Erika Stallworth appeared before the Commission to request a signature on an amended contract. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Steve Eyrick-Request to travel-
Commissioner Decker indicated that Steve Eyrick wants to send 4 people to Tampa Florida for training and pay for it from his budget. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. **Attorney Adamsky-Ordinance for vacation of road/Feece Petition, second reading.**
Brad Adamsky appeared for the second reading of the Feece petition, Attorney Friedman indicated that no opposition has been recorded. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **John Dudek-911-Award of contract for RFP.**
John Dudek appeared before the Commission to recommend Minor Electronics for the award of the RFP for the phone system in 911. Attorney Friedman indicated the contract has been reviewed and is appropriate. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Lynne Spevak-Clerk-Resolutions for Precinct changes-**
Lynne Spevak appeared before the Commission to indicate that four resolutions need to be adopted to complete the changing of the precincts in LaPorte County. The first resolution is for the City of Michigan City, Commissioner Kora moves to adopt. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. The next resolution is for the City of LaPorte, Commissioner Kora moves to adopt; Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. The third resolution is for the districts of the County Commissioners. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. The final resolution is to amend the precinct names for the County Council, Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Consider request for rental of the County Farm.**
Commissioner Decker tabled the request for rental of the County Farm.
- B. **Authorize Engineer to seek proposals to demolish South Barn and garage at County Home.**
Commissioner Kora moved to seek proposals for the demolition of the County Home garage and south barn. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider appointments to New Durham and Johnson Twp. Advisory Boards.**
Commissioner Kora moves to appoint Ron Chapman for Johnson Twp. Advisory board, And John Coulter for New Durham advisory board. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-**
- a.) **Request for declaration of emergency repair of bridge on CR 1000 N over Spring Creek.**
Mike Yacullo appeared to request a declaration for an emergency repair for the bridge on 1000 north. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- b.) **Request approval for engineering contract with Lawson Fisher to design repair of CR 1000 N over Spring Creek in the amount of \$26,820.00.**
- c.) **Request permission to seek quotes to secure a contractor to construct CR 1000 N over Spring Creek.**
- d.) **Request permission to seek Council Approval for local match funding of \$220,000.00 for intersection improvement at Johnson Rd. & CR 500 W.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve each request, Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Commissioner Decker-Request approval for County Council to consider authorization of a feasibility study for the replacement of the Franklin Street Lift Bridge to be funded by the Major Bridge Fund.**
Commissioner Decker indicated that Council President Yagelski has indicated a need for a potential study for the Franklin Street Lift Bridge, and requests permission to go to the Council to seek funding for such a study. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Commissioner Kora indicated that there have been many requests to move the public comment to the front of the meeting and he made a motion to move the public comment to the front of the meeting. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Dennis Metheny appeared before the Commission and thanked them for moving the public comment. He indicated that there shouldn't be a study on the bridge, that they should just fix it. He further indicated that he is against bringing in not for profit entities to the County Home. He says private and public should not mix. He further said it is not good for the county to bring in the homeless.
13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
Commissioner Kora indicated that when the tax reconciliation numbers are in Cender and Company will make their report on the County finances. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and he thanked Commission President Willie Milsap for all of his hard work and also welcomed Commissioner Bohacek.
Commissioner Decker indicated that is has been a pleasure working with Commissioner Milsap and said he is a man for the people and he had a desire to help people. He further stated he would be missed. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
14. **ADJOURN**
Commissioner Kora moved to adjourn. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.