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MINUTES LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, February 9, 2015

To be held at 10:00 a.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 were present. Commissioner Bohacek was absent.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Decker added appointment of Hugh Glasgow to the Drainage Board. Commissioner Decker also added Mitch Bishop, County Planner, for approval of a Lochner contract for the sign replacement grant. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **January 21, 2015**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve the minutes. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 1/30/15-\$1,046,130.01**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$465,808.51**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve the Claims. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Earl Cunningham appeared before the Commission to discuss his account of the County's financial state.
Mike Seitz appeared before the Commission to commend them for looking into the transportation study that is much needed for the development for KIP.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared before the Commission and indicated that the boilers in the Michigan City Courthouse went down over the weekend. He said it is cold right now, but they are working on getting it fixed. He gave the Commissioners a schedule of where they are going to be and when it will be finished. He indicated that the project is currently on schedule. He indicated that the elevators will be down for a considerable amount of time when the project progresses to that point. He stated that he is meeting with the Judges to determine how to handle things with no elevators.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Laura Moyer-PKD Foundation-Request for \$500 LPCCVB Funds for Cruisin' for a Cure.**
 - B. **Door Village Harvest Festival-Request for LPCCVB funds in the amount of \$500.00.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve the request for the PKD and Door Village in the amount of \$500 each.
 - C. **Sheriff John Boyd-Sheriff-Request permission to permanently remove steamer from the kitchen.**
Request permission to seek bids for Sheriff's vehicles.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve the removal of the steamer. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the bids for sheriff vehicles. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. **Jeff Hamilton-Hazmat-Request for signature on Homeland Security Grant.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Andrew McGuire-EMS-Request for approval of agreement between Saint Anthony Hospital and LaPorte County EMS.

Attorney Friedman indicated that their office has reviewed the proposed agreement and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Gerometta & Kinel claim in connection with Ameresco/Sup Ct. 3 project and Consideration of process for subsequent claims where Commission President and/or County Engineer can sign claims on such project.

Mike Yacullo appeared and indicated that he has reviewed the claim from Mr. Gerometta and finds it in order. Commissioner Kora moves that when the bills come in for this project they can be approved by either a member of the Commission or the County Engineer. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Mike Yacullo-County Engineer- Request permission to demolish dilapidated, unsafe barn and garage at County Home grounds per recommendation of insurance carrier.

Request permission to approach Council for approval of \$14,260.00 to demolish a barn and garage on County Home Grounds.

Commissioner Kora moves to give Mr. Yacullo permission to approach the Council and request the money for the demolition. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Appointment of Hugh Glasgow to the Drainage Board.

Commissioner Kora moves to appoint Hugh Glasgow to the Drainage Board. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Request approval of Recommended contractor to repair small structure carrying CR 1000 North over Spring Creek.

Mr. Yacullo indicated that Larson Danielson Construction has submitted the lowest bid for this project. Mr. Yacullo requested permission to proceed with the project and to have the Commission President sign the contract when they receive the same.

B. Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Request approval of Design Contract with USI Consultants to design a new bridge on Otis Road over the Little Calumet River.

Commissioner Kora moves to proceed with the contract with USI Consultants. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Joie Winski-Auditor-Request for signature on Maximus contract.

Attorney Friedman stated he has reviewed the contract and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Attorney Andrew Voltz-Request for vacation of an alley way located at 6 North Thompson Street, P.O. Box 182, Hanna, Indiana 46340.

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

E. Mitch Bishop-County Planner-Request for local Resolution 2015-02, approving the Rolling Prairie Sewer Planning Study.

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

F. Mitch Bishop-County Planner-Request for signature on contract with VS Engineering for sidewalk improvement in Union Mills, Hanna, and Rolling Prairie.

Attorney Friedman indicates that his office has reviewed the contract and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Mitch Bishop-County Planner-LPA Contract.

Attorney Friedman indicated that his office has a conflict of interest in this matter and asked that any motion be contingent upon approval from special counsel William Hedge. Commissioner Kora moves to approve upon review and acceptance by special counsel. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora commented on the triangle bus service and thanked all that were involved in getting that service started. He indicated that it will help the community very much.

Commissioner Decker indicated that NIRPC also did work on the triangle bus service, by helping to get grant money. Commissioner Decker further thanked everyone who worked for the county that battled the snow and bad weather.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Decker moved to adjourn.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE _____

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ATTEST: _____ Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA