



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES

### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

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

All Commissioners were present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora asked that item C under new business be removed until the next meeting. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 18, 2015

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve as presented. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. CLAIMS

A. Payroll Ending 3/27/15-\$1,010,218.19

B. Miscellaneous Claims-\$2,734,312.60

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Cunningham-Appared before the Commission to request the definition of chronically homeless. He further indicated that he heard Commissioner Decker went to a conference in D.C. and left to go to New York and asked if the taxpayers paid for that trip to New York. Commissioner Decker indicated that he paid himself, not the county. He further requested a total bid figure for what the Toll Road bid Cost. Attorney Friedman indicated that the cost is still what it was stated, that his office did not agree to do the work for free. Mr. Cunningham went on to discuss Mr. Friedman's bills.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

LaPorte County 911 Director John Dudek appeared and read a letter from a citizen who the dispatchers assisted during his suicide attempt. The citizen expressed his gratitude at how efficiently his call was handled. He also shared a proclamation signed in appreciation of first responders.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appared and requested the Commissioners set a date for shutting off the heat. He indicated that he was given a date of June 1 to have the air conditioners going. He indicated that there would be a period of time where they are going to be little cold. He said they would like to shut the heat off this week or next week. He stated that if we could allow employees in LaPorte to use the space heaters during that time, things would probably be fine. Commissioner Decker indicated that he felt they should make a decision today. Commissioner Bohacek moved to shut down Monday in LaPorte and allow space heaters and then shut down Michigan City a week later. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Cooley also indicated that there is going to need to be an RFP for a new phone system. Darlene Hale appeared and confirmed the need. There was a discussion as to the need of the Data Board in this decision.

George Watkins-Veteran's services-Appared before the Commission to discuss a website for Veteran employment. He indicated that people can call him for more information. 326-6808 x-2216.

Robert Young-County Hwy-Appared before the Commission to request permission for additional appropriation from CREDIT for fuel. He did not put it on the agenda, and was asked by the Commission to publish on this agenda for next

week. He further informed the Commissioners that Reith and Riley will be closing their road to repair a site issue at their own expense. Commissioner Bohacek requested an engagement contract or something indicating liability for the project. Commissioner Kora moved to authorize the Commission President to sign the document on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Young indicated that the bids that will be opened later will be available for review in the meeting room next door.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**10. REQUESTS**

- A. **Hanna Lions Club-Request for road closure for Hanna Fest.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Commissioner Decker-Request to travel to Charlotte N.C. for the NACO annual Conference.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **LaPorte Co. Agriculture Assoc.-Request for LPCCVB funds for LaPorte County Fair-\$500.00.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Robert Young-Highway Superintendent-Open/Accept bids for Class 11 (Bituminous Materials) and Class 12 (Hot Asphalt Concrete).**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to close the bids. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Attorney Friedman opened the bids.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Rebid for Jail kitchen equipment.**  
Jerry Cooley appeared and indicated that the dishwasher, walk in cooler and walk in freezer are going bad. He indicated the proposal was in excess of \$75000.00. He requested that he get permission to put out bids. He asked for a decision today so he has time to get the bids to the Council. Commissioner Bohacek moved to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Mike Yacullo-Hwy Engineer- Request to close CR 600 E. at Indiana Toll Road for Bridge Painting Contract.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Andrew McGulre-EMS-Consider approval of Fair Building Contract.**  
Tabled
- D. **Consider Interlocal Agreement establishing Shared Ethics Advisory Commission.**  
Attorney Friedman indicated that his office has reviewed this agreement and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow the President to sign. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Richard Buell-Community Corrections-Seeking permission to approach the Council to purchase a vehicle for a Community Corrections Field Officer.**  
Dick Buell appeared and requested permission to ask the council for a vehicle. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. **Lynne Spevak-Clerk-Approval for 2015 Municipal Election polling places.**  
The Clerk appeared before the Commission and requested they approve the polling places. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

**13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Decker thanked all of the County Employees for doing such a good job.

**14. ADJOURN**

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

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

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