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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 27, 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 moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 6, 2015

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

6. CLAIMS

A. Payroll Ending 5/08/15-\$1,010,836.85

B. Payroll Ending 5/22/15-\$1,009,801.07

C. Miscellaneous Claims-\$877,109.25

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Metheny appeared before the Commission and indicated that he is upset with the County Council because they all will not stop spending tax payer money. He told the Commissioners they are doing a good job, and he complimented the County Attorney on a job well done.

Don Estep appeared before the Commission to thank them for the good work they are doing for the working people of LaPorte.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Joie Winski-Auditor-Appared before the Commission and indicated they will be starting their settlement tomorrow. She said they have collected a little over 75 Million Dollars, with 4 Million Dollars in refunds. She further indicated that October 8, 2015 will be their first tax sale.

Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Appared before the Commission and indicated that the one bid they received for the jail kitchen did not meet the requirements for the RBO that requires employees to be qualified in the task at hand. He requested that the Maintenance department be granted permission to use the money appropriated to purchase the equipment and have maintenance install it and hire outside contractors to perform the work that maintenance could not do. Commissioner Kora moves to approve that plan. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Jack Arnett-LaPorte County Visitor's Bureau-Appared before the Commission to discuss the proposed Ordinance on the agenda and address the economic impact of the Religious Freedom Act. He indicated that there is a long way to go to repair the damage that was done. He indicated that many communities are enacting such Ordinances to try to repair the damage. He indicated that LaPorte County has already lost business because of the Act and it is very important for the Commissioners to approve the proposed Ordinance.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appared to give an update on the buildings.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Michael J. Kobos Jr.

Auditor Winski read the correspondence from Mr. Kobos regarding needed ADA improvements in the County Buildings and the length of time it is taking to make those changes. *see attached letter*

10. REQUESTS

- A. **John Jones-Request for Property and Casualty Insurance renewal for the policy year effective 5-27-2015 to 5-27-2016.**
John Jones appeared before the Commission to request signature on the renewal for the property and casualty insurance. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve and include option #2. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Gallagher Bassett-Request for renewal contract for TPA services.**
Commissioner Kora moves to proceed with this quote. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow Commissioner Decker to sign both agreements on behalf of the board. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **Solid Waste District-Request for signature on Inter Local Agreement.**
Attorney Beige appeared before the Commission to discuss the issues of cleaning up the Zigler road site. The Solid Waste District has agreed to lease the space from the county and hire someone to clean up the area. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve and to allow Commissioner Decker to sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. **Consideration of final contract for courthouse re-staining/masonry repair with Marion Restoration, Chicago.**
Attorney Friedman indicated that in May and that if approved, work can begin in June. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow Commissioner Decker to sign. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Heather McCarthy-Consideration of Mitchell Market Analysis-County Home.**
Commissioner Kora filled in for Heather McCarthy and indicated they would like to allow seniors and veterans to utilize the county home for affordable housing and he proposed they hire Mitchell Market Analysts to perform a marked analysis on the county home. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Request approval of Construction Inspection Contract with Abonmarche for Johnson & Pabs Rd. in a not to exceed amount of \$60,000.00.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
12. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Commissioner Bohacek-Consider On-line data mailing agreement.**
Commissioner Bohacek indicated that the On-Line data mailing agreement is more economical and less time consuming than the Pitney Bowes machines. Attorney Friedman indicated that his office is comfortable with the terms of the agreement. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Consideration of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the LaPorte Co. Plan Commission for re-zoning of two parcels on West Johnson Rd. owned by IU Health/LaPorte Hospital.**
Attorney Jim Karinski appeared and indicated that the Plan Commission has approved the proposed re-zoning. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. **Consideration of Ordinance establishing LaPorte County Non-Discrimination Policy.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - E. **Proposed engagement of Robin Witte to work on ADA compliance issues.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
Commissioner Bohacek thanked all the emergency service workers who came to his aid and the aid of his family when he injured his back.
Commissioner Decker thanked all the county employees and said they are really great workers.
Commissioner Bohacek then asked for a full accounting of everything spent with the Halfwassen group, Atty. Friedman requested that the request be limited to outstanding to the engineering firm. He moved to have the attorney check for any outstanding claims to firms working on the rail spur. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
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

DATE _____

ATTEST: _____
 Auditor
 LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA