



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### MINUTES

#### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, June 3, 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 Bohacek were present. Commissioner Kora did not appear.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Decker steps down and seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **May 27, 2015**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker steps down to second. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
  - A. **Payroll Ending 5/22/15-Approved at May 27, 2015 meeting**
  - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$795,824.98**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker steps down to second. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Steve Grott appeared before the Commission to discuss the agenda item about allowing golf carts on the county roads. He expressed concern with the idea and stated that a person in a golf cart wouldn't have a chance against a vehicle speeding down the county roads.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**  
George Watkins-Veteran's Services-Appeared before the Commission to inform them of the brick ceremony that is set for June 6, 2015. He indicated that forms are available in the Mayor's office for brick dedication next year.  
Larry Butcher-EMA Director-Appeared before the Commission to request a signature on a Grant to update the radios in the county.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
None
10. **REQUESTS**
  - A. **Erika Stallworth-JDC-Request to travel to Washington D.C. for the National Juvenile Justice Forum.**  
Erika Stallworth appeared before the Commission to request travel and indicated that she received a scholarship for travel. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - B. **Andy Snyder-Tour De LaPorte-Request for road closures.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - C. **Elizabeth Downs-YMCA-Request for road closures.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Attorney Brad Adamsky-Request for vacation of public way-Koehn's Subdivision.**

Both parties and their Attorneys informed the Commission of the issue with the public way. Commissioner Bohacek moves to table the item and refer the parties back to the Plan Commission for further review of the issue. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. **Consider on 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading adoption of Non-Discrimination Policy Ordinance.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve by title only. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider on 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading IU Health rezoning petition.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve by title only. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider appointment of Commissioner Bohacek as the Plan Commission liaison.**  
Commissioner Decker steps down and moves to appoint Commissioner Bohacek to the Plan Commission. Commissioner Bohacek accepts the nomination. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Commissioner Bohacek-Consider permitting golf carts for use on county roads.**  
Commissioner Bohacek indicated that he has received emails requesting use of golf carts on county roads. He further stated that he would like Sheriff Boyd to look into the idea and return to the Commissioners with a recommendation. He went on to discuss an email he received regarding quiet zones and asked the Sheriff to address that issue as well.
- C. **Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with City of Michigan City for use of building at 204 Willard Avenue, Michigan City for Superior Court No. 1 Vocational Program (Carpentry).**  
Attorney Friedman indicated that his office is comfortable with the agreement and recommends approval. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to have Commissioner Decker sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Mike Schultz-Assessor-Consideration of Addendum to XSoft Assessment Program.**  
Attorney Friedman indicates his office has reviewed the contract and recommends approval. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Decker indicates that the Courthouse project is coming along nicely. They are waiting for the electrical contractor. He said things are going well in KIP, and he feels that things are going to really be moving forward in the next couple of months.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bohacek moves to adjourn. Commissioner Decker 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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