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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 1, 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**
All Commissioners are present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora moves to add Travel to Wisconsin for Dave Christian to requests. Commissioner Bohacek moves to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **June 17, 2015**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 6/19/15-\$1,019,620.54**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,170,052.60**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve as presented. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dennis Metheny appeared before the Commission to inform them that he had a conversation with Prosecutor John Espar regarding an item on the agenda and that he would stay neutral, and that he appreciated the openness from the Prosecutor. He further indicated that he talked with Jeremy from the Parks Department and would hope that the requested travel is allowed.

Aaron Sanderson from Kemp's Office City appeared before the Commission to discuss copy and print service options. Commissioner Bohacek requested that he deliver that information to the County Council in a timely fashion prior to them making a decision. Commissioner Kora asked that he email a copy of the Council presentation to the Commissioners.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appared before the Commission to indicate that he has a small furnace and window air conditioning unit that he would like to donate to EMS for their building at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

George Watkins-Veteran's Services-Appared before the Commission to inform the public of the 4th of July activities in the county.

Dave Christian-Economic Development-Appared before the Commission to give an update on Economic Development activity. The Commissioners thanked him for his hard work.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **John Espar-Prosecutor-Request to travel to Virginia for training.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Mary Jania-Request for road closure.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. **Jeremy Sobecki-Parks-Request to travel to Virginia for training.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Dave Christian permission to travel to Wisconsin.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- 11. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Mike Yacullo-Engineer-Recommend award of Bridge Repair Contract for Bridge #'s 97, 104, and 236 to Larson Danielson in the amount of \$347,182.46.**
Mr. Yacullo appeared before the Commission and indicated that all of the bids came back above budget, and requested more time to make adjustments.
Commissioner Kora moves to table. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Consider appointments to the Sewer District Board.**
Attorney Friedman informed the Commission of the proposed changes and which districts should have representation on this board. He advised that they proceed with making an appointment of a citizen and an appointment of a Commissioner to the Board. Commissioner Kora moves to appoint Commissioner Bohacek and Doug Davie to the Board. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- 12. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Tony Mancuso-Health Department-Consider water quality ordinance-2015-06.**
Tony Mancuso appeared to inform the Commission of the details of the Ordinance. Commissioner Kora moves to approve on first reading. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- 13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
Commissioner Bohacek indicated that he talked with a tax payer who is happy to see activity at Kingsbury but they were also concerned that the County have all the available rights and remedies in the event that things do not go as planned. He wanted to be sure the public knows that the County does have all the rights and remedies necessary in the event of any developing issues.
Commissioner Kora echoed Commissioner Bohacek's comments and indicated that similar questions arose at an Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting. He wished a Happy 4th of July to everyone.
Commissioner Decker indicated that he is pleased about the movement at KIP and hopes that it turns into a tidal wave of activity.

- 14. **ADJOURN**
Commissioner Kora moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohacek 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