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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

To be held at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Commissioner Kora called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Kora and Bohacek present. Commissioner Decker did not appear.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Bohacek moved to delete item 12 B, then moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Kora seconded, motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **July 1, 2015**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 7/02/2015-\$1,045,851.03**
7/17/2015-\$1,043,326.77
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,787,993.30**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pat Menne-Sultz rd. - Appeared before the Commission to discuss a property issue pertaining to D&M excavating.
Dennis Metheny-Appeared before the Commission to inform them that when he does request public records he gets them. He thanked the Commission for making the records available when requested. He further stated he is against any RDA with the County. He indicated that, regarding the millage at Johnson and 400, he wanted to know how it could be placed on the agenda so quickly after his inquiry. He went on to further discuss the millage piles and who was taking it and why. He requested that whoever take the millage be made to pay for it. He went on to discuss the contract for rental of farm land at the county home by Triple J farms. He questioned the amount of acres on the contract and the payments made.
Randall Beech-Appeared before the Commission to discuss the property issue pertaining to D&M excavating. Commissioner Bohacek moves to refer the matter back to the Plan Commission
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

John Boyd-Sheriff-Appeared before the Commission to discuss the idea of allowing Golf Carts on the county roads. Sheriff Boyd indicated that it is just too dangerous for the Golf Cart drivers to allow it to happen.
Dave Christian-Economic Development-Appeared before the Commission to give an update on Kingsbury.
Barbara Mossman-HR-Appeared before the Commission to give a report from the SHRM Conference that she attended in Las Vegas.
Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Appeared before the Commission to commend E911, EMS, and the Sheriff's Department for their fast action in an incident he had over the weekend.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Picture of the Indian from Photographer Jim Walker.
Commissioner Bohacek thanked Photographer Jim Walker for the donation of the Indian picture.
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **John Espar-Prosecutor-Request for travel to Florida. (Kristine Harlow to appear)**

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

- B. **Request from Prairie Lakes Conservancy District Attorney Ethan Lowe for appointment of Prairie Lakes Conservancy District board members.**
Commissioner Bohacek moved to refer this to their regional sewer board. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Amber Poff-Michiana Resources-Request authorization for financial assistance from the Commissioners pursuant to IC 12-29-1-1.**
Amber Poff appeared to request financial assistance from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bohacek moves to authorize \$182,000.00 financial assistance for Michiana Resources. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Tom Thode-Kankakee TWP. Fire Department-Request for road closures.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Jane Bernard-Animal Shelter-Second reading of Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 2001-04.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Background/Update from LaPorte Mayor Milo on RDA's (Regional Development Authorities) to the east and west of LaPorte County.**
Mayor Milo appeared to discuss the proposed RDA.
- B. **Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding authorizing submission for tax credits application for UP Development LLC to renovate County Home for independent elderly affordable housing units.**
- C. **Consider engagement of Dean Uminski, of Crowe Horwath, to assist Office of Economic Development with site location issues.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve, subject to the formal engagement letter. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Consideration of proposed contract of Marion Restoration to conduct mortar color re-staining and moss prevention on Circuit Courthouse exterior.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve and to authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Barb Mossman-Human Resources-Consider contract for Vitals.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to have the attorney review the contract. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. **Dave Christian-Economic Development-**
 - a. **Consideration of proposed membership in the NW Indiana Forum.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - b. **Consider formal authorization to permit donation of excess millings (previously donated to county from IN Toll Road) to JBC Rail to assist county-supported rail project at KIP including JBC execution of hold harmless to county.**
Commissioner Bohacek indicates that he is not comfortable with this donation. No motion made.
- G. **Mike Yacullo-Engineer-Request approval to award bridge repair contract to Larson Danielson in the amount of \$347,182.46 to repair bridge numbers 97, 104, and 236.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

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