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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, August 6, 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 present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora deleted the vitals contract and added county home update and consider letter of support for the County Home project. He further added discussion of a process to purchase property owned by the Commissioners. Commissioner Bohacek added road closures for the Michigan City Triathlon. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **July 22, 2015**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 7/31/15-\$1,033,620.95**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$825,553.99**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
John Mills appeared to check on the progress of the removal of the felon on the plaque at the fair grounds. He was referred to the Fair Board. He also reminded them the County Home says it's the asylum for the poor.
Kim Sauers appeared to request a closure of the bridge for the City By the Lake Triathlon.
Mr. Wrenz appeared to request signs for the Door Village festival. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
John Dudek appeared to commend his shift supervisor for acting quickly and rescuing and resuscitating her 3 year old niece who fell in a pool over the weekend. Commissioner Bohacek asked if the contractors notified 911 that they were closing train tracks in Union Mills. Mr. Dudek said he has been made aware of those closings as have the Fire Departments.
Jerry Cooley and Darlene Hale appeared to discuss their options for a new phone system. She stated they will be on the next agenda for the contract. Jerry gave an update on the current construction projects.
Lynne Spevak appeared to inform the Commission that Secretary of State Connie Lawson is coming to LaPorte. She further requested that the absentee room stay in the same location for the fall. She had further questions regarding the moving of offices for the construction. She indicated she feels lost with all the moving going on and wanted to get more details.
Darlene Hale appeared and informed the Commission that she will be getting on the agenda to get all copiers under one umbrella.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Commissioner Decker read correspondence commending George Watkins.
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Andrew McGuire-EMS-Request permission to seek bids for replacement of cardiac monitors.**

- Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora Seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Request to close Michigan City Bridge.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Barb Mossman-HR-Consider contract for Vitals.**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Mike Yacullo-Hwy Engineer-Request approval of As-Needed Construction Inspection Contract with HW Lochner in the not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000.00.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Consider approving Addendum re-affirming County Commission intent to sell former Royal Metals site to NICTD for back taxes due of \$45K and authorize Commission President to execute sale documents on behalf of County.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consideration of proposal to make GIS coordinator part of annual Commission Department Head appointment list.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker Seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek votes nay.
- D. **Report requested by Co. Commission President Decker to follow up Resolution No. 2015-05 regarding fair share of INDOT funding for state maintained roads, including highways and interstates, in LaPorte County.**
The Commissioners discussed the money needed for LaPorte County.
- E. **Consideration of Addendum to Assessor's Pictometry contract.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to have Commissioner Decker sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Kora seconds.
- F. **County Home update.**
Heather McCarthy, Matt Burden, Katie Krifels, and Joe Dowdill appeared to give an update on the options for the County Home. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the support letter for phase one only. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kora indicated that Jack Arnett said the turn out for the boat races was fantastic.
Commissioner Bohacek offered condolences to the Grant family.
Commissioner Decker echoed the condolences and added that Lisa Parrett is having a hard time and that our prayers are with her.

14. **ADJOURN**

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

ATTEST: _____ Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA