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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, August 19, 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 present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora deleted item c under old business, and moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Bohacek indicates that there was another request to add Ordinance 2015-07 LaPorte County Water Well and Water Quality Ordinance from the Health Department. Commissioner Decker said that item A under requests is deleted and under new business item A is tabled. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **August 6, 2015**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 8/14/2015-\$1,044,568.30**
Miscellaneous Claims-\$417,320.30
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comment.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared to give an update on the Courthouse construction project. He stated that it is right on course. He talked about the warranty stain work for the outside of the building and suggested it start in the spring rather than in the fall. The county attorney recommended that they ask for a new bid without scaffolding, and then an estimate for separate scaffolding. Commissioner Bohacek moves to put out an RFP for the scaffolding. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Cooley indicated that the grinder pumps are coming in this week. The water damage project is almost done he stated. He indicated that there would be removal of some dead trees on the property. He indicated that he is still working with the judges and the clerk about where to put Adult Probation offices. He said they need to have the absentee voting ready for the primary in May. He requested permission to put the needed remodeling out for bid. The county attorney indicated that Mr. Cooley and Ms. Hale have worked hard to get the recommendations from the other departments and make an agreement. Commissioner Kora moves to allow Mr. Cooley to get an RFP. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. He discussed the ADA bathrooms. He also informed the Commission of some issues in the Hiler building and indicated that they should ask someone to look at them. He further indicated that there has been an offer from the tourism bureau to donate an electronic sign for the front yard of the Courthouse. He stated their office would take care of the sign and the postings for the sign. He asked if the Commissioners would like him to try to get it donated. Commissioner Bohacek indicated that if it was at no cost to the county, he had no problem with it.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Letter and News Clippings from Michael Kobos.
Commissioner Bohacek read the letter from Michael Kobos regarding ADA issues.

10. REQUESTS

- A. **John Espar-Prosecutor-Request to lease a new vehicle. (Kristine Harlow to appear)**
- B. **Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Request to pay sick days to Nancy Jablonski.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Tony Mancuso-Health Department-Second reading of Water Well/Water Quality fee schedule Ordinance.**
On the fee structure ordinance: Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion carried by voice vote.
On the water well ordinance: Mr. Mancuso explained the details of the ordinance. A few remonstrators from the audience appeared with concerns about how realtors will be effected by this ordinance. The Commission agreed to form a committee that includes the realtors, Mr. Mancuso, a Commissioner, a Council man, a title company rep, and a rep from a lender to further discuss the issue.
- B. **Barbara Mossman-Human Resources-Consider approval of Vitals Contract.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Joie Winski-Auditor-Procedure/process by which interested parties can bid on properties owned by county by Commissioners' deed that have not been claimed in prior tax sales**

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Darlene Hale-Information Technology-Consider acceptance of Avaya Phone System 5 year lease, pending funding.**
- B. **Michael Yacullo-Engineer-Request approval of Supplement to Beam, Longest, & Neff's bridge inspection contract in the amount of \$7,400.00 (\$1,480.00 local match)**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider engagement of Dean Uminski, of Crowe Horwath, to assist Office of Economic Development with site location issues.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Commissioner Bohacek-Consider amendment to Ordinance 2007-02 to exclude other Governmental Agencies from being charged for copies.**
The Commissioners discussed the reciprocity between entities regarding copies. Commissioner Bohacek made a verbal resolution encouraging a differing of fees to other governmental entities and will contact other municipalities to see if they will respond in kind. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Dave Christian-Request to Travel-**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Decker thanked all of the County Employees for their good work and adjourned the meeting.

14. ADJOURN

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

ATTEST: _____

Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA