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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

To be held at 10:00 a.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

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

DATE _____

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Commissioner Decker called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL
All Commissioners were present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bohacek add correspondence from Howard Connelly. Commissioner Kora moves new business E and F to immediately after public comment. Attorney Friedman changes 12D to deed over one parcel rather than four. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 16, 2015

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

6. CLAIMS

A. Payroll Ending 9/25/15-\$1,032,979.93

B. Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,844,050.00

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened for everything but the county home, that discussion will be separate.

Phyllis Marks appeared to inform the Commission of the ending of the Barn renovation. She gave them pictures and indicated that donations came from all over the United States. She said the roof and the silo are the last things to do and she said it's there and ready to be put up.

Sandy Glime from the Unity Foundation appeared to present the Drug Free Partnerships 25 year anniversary report. She indicated that they have done many things for the county and in the schools. She thanked the county for their support in their efforts. She said they are also starting a campaign for the disposal of prescription drugs.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

George Watkins-Veterans services- appeared to inform the Commission of the Service Medal presentations. He also informed them of the dates and times of the Veteran's parade in Michigan City.

Barb Mossman appeared to inform the Commission of HSA an option for insurance.

Mike Yacullo appeared to discuss truck traffic on 400 west, he indicated that he has talked with Bob Young and they talked about trying to enforce current weight limit ordinances or get a bond for the trucking company and asked the Commission for their preference. Commissioner Bohacek moved to have Mr. Yacullo design a route and recommend a bond amount for the trucking company and come back to the Commission with that information.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Howard Connelly-Springfield Township Trustee-Wrote to the Commission to discuss a private road that provides access to 10 homes and their fire department says there are safety concerns. Commissioner Bohacek turned it over to the county attorney for review.

10. REQUESTS

A. Barb Mossman-HR-Request approval for benefit providers (Michiana Insurance/AFLAC) to visit individual departments.

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

B. Robert Young-County Hwy-Request permission to advertise annual material bids.

ATTEST: _____

Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

- Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Lynne Spevak-Clerk-Request approval of polling places for the Municipal General Election November 3, 2015.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **John Dudek-911-Request approval of the updated Addendum to the 911 Centers Policy Hand Book.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Mike Schultz-Assessor-Request approval to Amendment to Agreement Dated 10/30/15 with Pictometry.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Consider Resolution granting E-Signature authority to Commissioners Decker and Kora for EMA grants.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Mike Yacullo-Engineer-Request to award Construction Contract to upgrade bathrooms to current ADA Standards on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors of the LaPorte County Annex Building to Tonn & Blank Construction Inc. in the amount of \$70,300.00 which includes the alternate item of installing high efficiency hand dryers.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Request signature of INDOT/LPA contract for legal review.
Commissioner Bohacek moves to give permission to approach the Council for the local match. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Mitch Bishop-Planner-Request approval on the Grant agreement for the Marquette Greenway Trail Segment, Supplemental Agreement for Bike/Pedestrian facilities in Union Mills, Supplemental Agreement for Bike/Pedestrian facilities near Westville.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Consider request of Faith United Church to deed over four parcels to LaPorte County for transfer to Pioneer Cemetery Commission/consider referral to county's special counsel for real estate matters-William Hedge.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to initiate the process through Bill Hedge. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Consider proposed support letter for Tax Credits application to renovate County Home for Special Needs clients including existing residents, veterans and seniors**
Commissioner Kora, Heather McCarthy and UP Development gave a presentation regarding the proposed plan for the County Home. Commissioner Bohacek made several inquiries about the proposed plan. Joe Coar appeared to voice his support for the proposed plan. Mark Huffman appeared to voice his support for the proposed plan and praised the fact that the historical landmark will be saved. Herb Newkirk appeared to express his support for the proposed plan. He indicated that the county home is a great welcoming sight for people entering LaPorte County and he expressed support for keeping the historical value of the Home. Mike Mollar appeared to voice support for the proposed plan for the county home. Joe Grabiak appeared to voice support for the county home project. Fred LaBorn appeared in support of the county home project. Sandy Glime appeared to voice support for the county home project. Clyde Zeek appeared to voice support for the county home effort. Dan Peck from Swanson Center appeared to indicate that they are one of very few agencies that are certified to assist the people that will be housed in the home. He stated there was no windfall in line for them, but they will take it on because it is a valuable community project. Commissioner Bohacek made inquiries of Mr. Peck and UP Development. Edward Seal appeared to voice support for the project. Commissioner Kora moves to approve, Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. **Consider 15 year ground lease for County Home and adjoining 4+ acres in return for 10 units guaranteed for Special needs clients/Veterans in newly renovated facility.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. **Consider 'community enhancement plan' required by state for tax credit application in connection with County Home Tax Credits competition.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve, Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. **Consider authorizing appraisal of existing county home and all surrounding acreage per County Council request/Request post development estimated appraisal and projected tax assessment post-renovation.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bohacek said he has talked enough go Cubs.
Commissioner Kora had no further comments.
Commissioner Decker said the Commissioners are dedicated in their efforts to make LaPorte County one of the better places to live, and going ahead with the county home and getting the grant to do this is another step in the enhancement of the lives of the residents of LaPorte County. He commended everyone involved in the process.

14. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.