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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 21, 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 were present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **October 14, 2015**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 10/09/2015-\$1,024,391.11**
Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,775,604.20
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Mike Sietz appeared to discuss INDOT funding and to request that Santa be placed on the Courthouse lawn again this year. The Commissioners voted to unanimously allow Santa to be placed on the lawn again. He said the Highway roof is moving along well.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-appeared to update the Commission on the new telephone system. He discussed the roof that is in need of examination on the Courthouse, and the roof on the Courthouse in Michigan City. He talked about the bathroom renovations, and the Michigan City Courthouse elevator. He said he is working with Ameresco to get a blueprint, but there may be a need to hire an architect or engineer to make a detailed print. He said he talked to DLZ about covering the walkway and he said they will come to speak to the Commissioners about the prints that have already been designed.
Craig Menne gave an update on the insurance for the county.
Lynne Spevak appeared to ask for the Suite numbers for the second floor.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Correspondence regarding the closed bridge in Michigan City.
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Request from Michigan City Fire Department to utilize a portion of the County Courthouse parking lot in Michigan City, on Saturday, December 5, 2015, for the Snowflake Parade so the kids can see Santa.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
12. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Consider intervention in NIPSCO electric rate case.**

Attorney Friedman gave the Commission information about the potential raise in the NIPSCO rates. Commissioner Kora moves to proceed with the intervention on the electric rate case. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Atley Price-Deputy Prosecutor-Consider Resolution 2015-07 Supporting application for High Intensity Drug Traffic Area Program Funding.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Attorney Friedman announced that the Problem Solving Court has secured a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Bureau of Justice.

C. Discuss requesting additional documentation from Comcast in support of franchise fees paid county/discuss company's closure of LaPorte customer service office on Ohio Street, LaPorte"

Commissioner Bohacek requests that the attorney get the revenues from September, 1998 from Comcast. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Consideration of improvements requested by Township Trustee Howard Conley to CR 225 West off of Springville Road due to defined public safety risk.

Commissioner Bohacek asked the County Attorney to look into the matter and find out what can be done for this road. Commissioner Kora seconded and indicated that emergency vehicles cannot pass on that road.

E. RFP for leasing vehicles.

Commissioner Bohacek indicated that he has looked at a couple of different possibilities to see if this is a potential solution to help the county to stabilize the fleet expenses for the County owned vehicles. He directed the Highway engineer to offer the RFP in the same way that St. Joe County did. He said he will provide the vehicle specs. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

No Commissioners Comments.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora moves 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 _____

Signature

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ATTEST: _____ Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA