



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY

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## MINUTES

### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 9, 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 moved to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **November 18, 2015**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
  - A. **Payroll Ending 11/20/15-\$1,037,207.99**
  - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$995,765.51**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
JoEllen Ryan, Jackie Mesekowicz, Jaqueline Thomas, Randy Veach, and Pat Meany, appeared to discuss issues in their neighborhood, on Schultz road.  
Commissioner Bohack moves to have the Plan Commission examine the “borrow pit” portion of the zoning ordinance. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Ken Ukope appeared to discuss the state of the roads in his subdivision. Mike Yacullo, County Engineer, indicated he would look into the bond from the developer.  
Richard Mrozinski appeared to ask for information about the plans for the County Home.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**  
Bob Young-County Hwy-appears to discuss the Hanna Hwy Department building. Commissioner Bohacek indicated that this should qualify as a state of emergency. Commissioner Bohacek moves to declare an emergency and grant not to exceed \$75,540.00 payable out of CCD Fund. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Commissioner Decker called for a roll count vote, Motion was unanimous. Mr. Young asked permission to approach the Council for two new Bridge Tenders.  
George Watkins-Veteran’s services-appeared and indicated he would get veterans affairs information for the Commission. He stated that the wreaths would be going on veteran’s graves on Saturday.  
Mike Yacullo-Engineer-appeared to discuss Island Drive drainage problems.  
Dave Christian-Economic Development-appeared to give an update on projects in his office.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
None
10. **REQUESTS**
  - A. **LaPorte County Fair board Use of county land for PGL**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - B. **Mitch Bishop-Planner-Request to seek donations form LaPorte County participation in Indiana’s Bicentennial Celebration.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Mitch Bishop-Planner-Contract with VS Engineering to perform sidewalk improvements in Union Mills, Hanna, and Rolling Prairie.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **John Boyd-Sheriff-Contract for Comcast for Metro Operations unit.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Mike Yacullo-Engineer-**
  - a. **Request signature on Right of Way Services Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for the Lincoln Trail Project in Westville.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - b. **Request signature on INDOT/LPA agreement for Economic Development Corridor Project.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - c. **Request signature on INDOT/LPA agreement for Franklin Street Lift Bridge Study.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve contingent upon Council funding. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Consideration of LaPorte County intervention in IURC cause of action to prompt NIPSCO upgrades of electric infrastructure at KIP as a qualified "economic development project" and consider engaging engineering firm to prepare expert report for IURC on costs/scope of needed upgrades.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker steps down to second. Roll call Decker-Aye Kora-Aye Bohacek-Nay.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora extends his condolences to the San Bernadino victims and their families. He also said he will keep all updated on the county home, and that they are waiting for the appraiser and to hear about the status of the application for the tax credit project. He said he hopes we are successful with the application because it will be a great thing for our county.

Commissioner Bohacek said he has been analyzing the leasing bids and has asked for a more itemized comparison for the leasing bids.

Commissioner Decker said we should enjoy the great weather and that he hopes everyone got their Christmas shopping done.

14. ADJOURN

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

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