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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 16, 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**
Commissioner Decker and Commissioner Kora present. Commissioner Bohacek did not attend.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora removed the item regarding the fleet leasing program. He added Bid opening for Sheriff's Fuel Bid and Motion to correct job classification of the general foreman of the County Highway and assistant director of juvenile services center from unclassified to classified as per the Council's finance committee. He also added consider resolution in support of Town of Michiana Shores grant effort to preserve beachfront property for public use. Consider award of fuel bid for Sheriff's department. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Decker stepped down to second. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **December 9, 2015**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 12/04/2015-\$1,063,885.00**
Miscellaneous Claims-\$2,397,126.95
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker steps down to second. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Lisa Wyland appeared to discuss issues with the burn ordinance and burning in her neighborhood. She presented pictures and discussed health issues with her daughter that stemmed from the burning. She asked for help getting the burning to stop. She indicated that she has been working daily with the Health Board to get an ordinance written.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
None
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
10. **REQUESTS**
None
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Consider final numbers from bidders for the fleet vehicle leasing program.-Tabled**
12. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Consider 2016 contracts.**
Jerry Cooley appeared and recommended approval for Otis Elevator, a renewal from last year. He also stated that Marquiss Electric will do the generators, except for 911. CL Vending is a renewal from last year. Republic service for the trash removal. Hatfield pest control renewal. JK lawn care snow removal. The attorney indicated that as long as there are no material changes in the terms of the contracts, the commission can go ahead and approve them at the meeting. Mr. Cooley indicated that no changes have been made. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the contracts. Commissioner Decker seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Cooley further indicated that the telephone system is almost installed and should be implemented by January 1, 2016.

B. Jim Hugues-SRI-Consideration of Hoosier Homestead Initiative to encourage repair and maintenance of properties to be listed on Commissioner's certificate tax sale.

Mr. Hugues gave the Commission information regarding a program that will help to provide the homes that do not sell in the tax sale, to homeowners that may not otherwise be able to own homes. He indicated that part of the process is to partner with a non-profit organization with real estate experience and then the Commission He said the program can run throughout the year. He said that deed restrictions can be placed on the property such as bringing the home up to code, and residing in the home for a period of three years. He stated that there is a process to get things started and provided a proposed calendar of how the process should proceed. He indicated this is a pilot program in LaPorte County. Commissioner Kora moved to initiate the plan and refer to Attorney's office to find a non-profit to partner with. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Consider issuing legal notice requesting proposals/qualifications for a guaranteed energy savings contract for Phase II of the county building upgrades.

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

D. Consider ordinance to correct scrivener's error to match up description of precincts in county commission districts with prior approved maps of commission districts.

Lynne Spevak indicated that the map of the commissioners did not match the wording of the districts. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora moves to adopt on second reading. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Bid opening for fuel-

The County Attorney opened the one bid from Rackham Fuel. He indicated it was timely received and asked that it be shown as received and turned over to Ron Heeg for consideration and if it meets with the specs required, he could potentially come back later in the meeting for a recommendation. Commissioner Kora moved to show the bid received and referred to Ron Heeg. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. Consider Resolution to support the Town of Michiana Shores grant.

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

G. Motion to correct job classification for the County Highway General Foreman and the Juvenile Services Center Assistant Director from Unclassified to Classified.

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

H. Consider award of fuel contract.

Ron Heeg appeared before the Commission and indicated that they received only one bid, from Rackham Service, and he has reviewed it and recommends approval. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He stated that there is no new information regarding the county home, but he will announce anything that may become available at the meetings. Commissioner Decker Echoed Dr. Koras Holiday wishes. He also wished Dennis Metheny a Happy Anniversary.

14. ADJOURN

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

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA
Auditor
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