



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY

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## MINUTES

### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

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 adds Michigan City Live for \$500 for the LCCVB funds. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.  
A moment of silence was held in memory of Mattie Dunlap, condolences to her family.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. January 20, 2016  
Commissioner Bohacek move to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. CLAIMS
  - A. Payroll Ending 01/29/2016-\$1,091,997.40  
Miscellaneous Clatms-\$301,421.58  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None
8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS  
None
9. CORRESPONDENCE  
None
10. REQUESTS
  - A. Jim Jessup-HannahFest-Request for road closure for HannahFest.  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - B. Great Lakes Auto Club-Request for LCCVB funds for Labor Dayz Show & Shine-\$500  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - C. Daniel Plath-Northwest Indiana Paddling Association-Request for LCCVB funds for Kankakee River Sandhill Crane Paddle-\$500  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - D. Andrew McGuire-EMS-Permission to advertise for bids for two new ambulances.  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - E. Jeremy Sobecki-Parks-Request to travel to Newark Ohio.  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - F. Michigan City Live-\$500 from LCCVB funds.  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Larry Butcher-EMA-Consider endorsing EMA acquisition of 800 mhz radios for emergency responders via existing state contract with Motorola per I.C. 5-22-10-15 (b) and forward to Council for options to fund acquisition".**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Public hearing regarding initial group of Tax Sale Certificates to be assigned to Housing Opportunities Inc as part of Hoosier Homestead Initiative.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consideration of Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificates to Housing Opportunities In**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Consideration of settlement in the matter of Robert and Jodi Anderson v. LaPorte County Sheriff Department.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Consider resolution assigning certain tax sale certificates to City of Michigan City.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider Resolution assigning certain tax sale certificates to City of LaPorte.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Consider February 7, 2016 request from Housing Opportunities Inc to remove list of certain parcels from February 19 certificate tax sale to be considered as possible properties for Hoosier Homestead Initiative.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Consider removing parcel 46-15-04-400-014.000-066 on 3rd line road, KIP from February 19 certificate tax sale for possible assignment by County Commission to County Redevelopment Commission for future development needs in Kingsbury Industrial Park**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. **Consider contract negotiated between the LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office and City of Michigan City for reimbursement of MCPD officer assigned to Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. **Consider Resolution regarding state Road Funding matters.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-**
  - a. **Request signature of INDOT/LPA agreement for supplemental services for Bridge Inspections with Beam, Longest & Neff.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - b. **Request signature of professional services contract for Pavement Management & Inventory Program with Weaver Consultants Group.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bohacek commended the property owners who brought a petition to the Drainage Board to clear a watershed, he indicated that the property owners came together and withdrew the Petition. He stated that they worked together to create a solution to clean and maintain it themselves.  
He also asked Jerry Cooley to ensure that all of the American Flags throughout the County Government are properly displayed and lit properly.  
Commissioner Kora indicated that the State has stopped accepting new applications to the ARCH program. He further indicated that Kay Felton is retiring and he thanked her for her years of service to the County and the residents of the County Home. He said the appraisal is still being processed. He said he has not heard anything regarding the tax credit application.  
Commissioner Decker thanked Housing Opportunities for doing a great job getting 7 people approved already. He said it's an amazing program and we have amazing people doing the work on it, SRI included.

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

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Auditor

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