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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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 present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. May 4, 2016
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. Payroll Ending 05/06/2016-\$1,056,195.56
Miscellaneous Claims-\$813,814.26
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Dennis Metheny appeared to ask for more information about the potential hiring of two Social Workers and he wanted to discuss the appraisal of the County Home.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Mary Jane Thomas appeared to request out of state travel for Economic Development. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared to inform the Commission that the 6 ton air conditioner unit on the roof has gone out. He stated that the HVAC person that they hired will be able to install a new one, which will save the County thousands in labor costs. He said the elevator in Michigan City is still malfunctioning. He also asked for permission to bid a repair in Michigan City for 8th street roof. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow Mr. Cooley to seek bids for the roof on 8th street. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Cooley also indicated that the contractors for the scaffolding told him that the masonry company indicated that scaffolding is not necessary for the project.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Correspondence from Rep. Scott Pelath on request for less restrictive access for voters seeking early voting option at Courthouses.
Representative Pelath indicated that he took his daughter to vote and felt that voting would be easier and less intimidating if the voters were not subject to Courthouse security.
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Mainstreet Association-Request permission to use the Michigan City Courthouse parking lot on July 15, 2016 for the charity car show.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **John Espar-Prosecutor-Request for travel to Wisconsin and Arizona for training.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **John Boyd-Sheriff-Request for renewal of Credit Card contract with Lieberman.**
Appeared to renew a contract with Lieberman technologies. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow the contract to be signed when the language to address the proper county is added. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. **Regional Sewer District request of Commissioners to approve income survey in support of OCRA Grant for Rolling Prairie sewer system.**
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