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MINUTES LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, August 3, 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 Franklin Street Bridge closure under requests, and 500 W for PGI, and under new business, Consider Resolution for the 6th batch of properties for Hoosier Homestead program. And a request for Pioneer land for items from the county home. He further indicated that we need authorization of public notice for assignment of a 6th batch. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. July 20, 2016
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. CLAIMS
 - A. Payroll Ending 07/29/2016-\$1,088,612.55
Miscellaneous Claims-\$2,023,551.52
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Haney appeared to voice his concerns about the PGI Fireworks and the impact they may have with his home. Commissioner Kora moves to have the Office of the County Attorney to communicate with PGI to ensure that if there is provable damage that it is covered by PGI. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to recommend to the fair board that there be earlier prior notice to the homeowners within 1000 ft of the fireworks. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Juanita Haney appeared to voice her concerns about the safety of her dog during the fireworks. Commissioner Kora recommended that she call Jane Bernard for assistance with her dog. She was also concerned about people parking in her driveway, and Commissioner Bohacek moved that a barricade be placed in their driveway. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Jacqueline Thomas appeared to present a Petition with 193 signatures regarding the dump truck traffic between 400 W and U.S. 35 and Schultz Rd. between U.S. 35 and 400 W. Dennis Metheney appeared to comment on the County Home items. He further indicated there should be no increase in the Health Department. He said instead they should focus on cancer. He said no company should be paid to do the salary study.
8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

George Watkins-Veteran's officer-appeared to inform the public that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial program is putting the faces of the Veterans who lost their lives in Vietnam. He stated there are 18 men listed from Indiana who do not have a photo. He said there is a Facebook page called putting a face with a name for Hoosier Veteran War Fallen. They are looking for Henry Herbert Measly Jr. from Westville, killed in action on February 12, 1966 and they are looking for a photo of him in uniform. Please call 317-468-3664 or you can call Mr. Watkins at the Hiler Building. Bob Young-County Highway-Appeared to inform the Commission that he is working on a rotation plan for the dump trucks at the request of the County Council, and he will present it to both entities when it is ready. Larry Butcher-EMA- Appeared before the Commission to inform them that CSX is doing training in Atlanta from the 15-18 of August. He indicated that all expenses will be paid by CSX. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jeff Wlatrowski-EMA-Appeared to give an update on the 800 MHZ radios.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared to inform the Commission that they are in the process of setting up for the performance scheduled in the parking lot of the Michigan City Courthouse. He also said that with the temperatures getting higher it is often tough to keep the buildings cold, but with the HVAC guy they hired, they have been able to save the county a lot of money. He said he came in on the weekend for repairs at the jail. Jerry also indicated that there was not much at the county home, as the people were all destitute, the mattresses were soiled and he has been distributing any useful items to other county departments.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Merle B. Miller-Re: County Home

Mr. Miller appeared before the Commissioners to make a suggestion that the County Home be used for veterans. He offered to volunteer his time for anything that is needed to facilitate that idea.

Marianne Davison- Re: County Home

Ms. Davison appeared to make suggestions for the use of the County Home. She said it could be put on the Historical registry, used for housing, or even have the Commission re-apply for the tax credit grant. She offered to assist in any way she can. She suggested that maybe several social services could be put in that building as well.

Review correspondence from Indiana Utility Ratepayer Trust (IURT) with \$13k check for county as reimbursement in NIPSCO rate case.

Attorney Friedman indicated that there was a \$13,000.00 check from the Indiana Utility Rate Payer Trust for reimbursement for part of the fees expended in the NIPSCO rate case.

10. **REQUESTS**

A. **Tony Mancuso-Health Department-Request approval for vaccine rate increase.**

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

B. **Request to close Franklin St. Bridge for triathlon.**

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

C. **Request the use of 500 W during PGI.**

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

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Release/Distribute INDOT's own chart demonstrating lack of fair return of state highway dollars to LaPorte County.**

Attorney Friedman gave an overview of the chart from INDOT showing where their highway dollars are distributed.

B. **Mike Yacullo-County Engineer-Request approval of no parking ordinance for PGI event.**

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

Commissioner Bohacek moves to waive the rules and pass on second reading. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Mike Yacullo-Request approval of speed limit ordinance revising posted speed limit on CR 700 West to 35 miles per hour.**

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to waive the rules and approve on second reading. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. **Sheriff John Boyd-Sheriff-Request approval of contract for security and traffic detail for PGI.**

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

E. **Barb Mossman-HR-Request signature on letter of engagement with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates for External Salary Survey & Analysis.**

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker steps down to second. Motion carried by voice vote. 2-1

F. **Consider posting truck weight limit on county Road 400 West between US 35 and Schultz Road and Schultz Road between US 35 and County Road 400 West.**

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

G. **Consider approval for the final 4 parcels for Hoosier Homestead and to authorize notice to be given for hearing.**

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the legal notice. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the Resolution for county home items to go to Pioneer Land.

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

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora encouraged everyone to enjoy the Grand Prix and the PGI this weekend.

Commissioner Decker indicated that Friday's show would be the most advanced show ever put on in the Northern Hemisphere.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST: _____ Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA