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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, August 17, 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**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. August 3, 2016
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. Payroll Ending 08/12/2016-\$1,051,803.17
Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,612,500.70
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Dave Renz, Door Village Harvest Festival appeared to request traffic control items for the festival from the Highway Department. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
American Legion members appeared to show people their grave markers that are being stolen. They indicated that they are currently doing fundraisers to replace stolen markers.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared to inform the Commission that the meeting is not live because they are changing over all of the cameras. He indicated that the microphones are all live and they pick up most everything around them. He also said there is a tree on the Courthouse lawn that is bad, and they are having it checked to see if they can save it. He also said the podium is from the County Home. He said it's real wood and it's very old. Commissioner Bohacek moves to have Jerry get a third estimate on the tree not to exceed \$15,000.00 and use those funds for removal or to save the tree. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Jane Bernard-Animal Shelter-Appeared to give the Commission an update on the PGI week with the animals. She said they had plenty of notice and put a plan in place. She said they used three shelters to board the dogs and they monitored the cats at the shelter, who were unaffected by the noise. She said though it was a hectic time, they are glad to do it for the revenue that the PGI brings to the County.
Jeremy Sobecki-Parks-Appeared to update the Commission about a grant they just received.
Jeff Mitzner-Fair Board-Appeared to express how pleased and proud they are to have the PGI.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. Mike Schultz-Assessor-Request for travel to Tampa, Florida.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. Consider emergency funding request of \$15K for removal of hollow tree on courthouse lawn requiring crane removal per Building Maintenance and replacement of adjoining light post.
Addressed in Department Head Comments.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Conduct public hearing regarding 6th batch of parcels for Hoosier Homestead Program.**
Dennis Metheny appeared to ask a question about a vacant lot, he did not understand that the Hoosier Homestead Program does not utilize vacant lots. There was no public comment on the Program.
- B. **Consider resolution assigning 6th batch of parcels for Hoosier Homestead Program.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Update on County Commission/Citizens Action Coalition (CAC) Joint Request for Reconsideration by IURC of language in July 16,2016 order on customer satisfaction issues in NIPSCO rate case.**
Attorney Friedman gave an update on the case.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consider property damage settlement recommendation of county's third party claims adjuster to Gregory Monnier in the amount of \$3,104.64.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Mike Yacullo-Highway Engineer-Request approval of the INDOT/LPA Agreement for the Countywide Bridge Inspection Contract.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Presentation by representatives of LaPorte Co. Special Ed. Co-op regarding transition program.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve subject to attorney approval of MOU. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Consider request for approval of IDEM letter in connection with sidewalk project in Hanna, Rolling Prairie and Union Mills.**
Informational purposes only.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Bohacek thanked everyone for participating in the events of the weekend.
Commissioner Kora thanked everyone involved in all of those events. He said thousands of people turned out and some from out of the county and he thanked everyone who was involved.
Commissioner Decker thanked the Fair Board for putting on the most successful County Fair we have had in a long time, and turning around two weeks later and putting on the PGI fireworks.

14. ADJOURN

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

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

ATTEST: _____

Auditor
LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA