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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 21, 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 Kora adds correspondence from Scott Pelath and a Resolution regarding the Bicentennial celebration and a Resolution honoring Kenny Massengil and moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek removes item B under requests.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **September 7, 2016**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Endng 09/09/2016-\$1,045,550.48**
Miscellaneous Claims-\$591,249.26
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Mr. Meancy spoke about changes to the zoning ordinance for ponds.
Joe Haney-PGI Convention, Fair Grounds, and County owned property used to host the event.
Several remonstrators spoke of their concerns and their complaints about the PGI Fireworks show being hosted in their neighborhood. They presented a petition with 100 signatures and suggestions on guidelines to set if the fireworks come back. The Commissioners set up a committee, pursuant to a motion made by Commissioner Bohacek and amended and seconded by Commissioner Kora, to discuss any guidelines to make the event better for all if they return to LaPorte in four years.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Ron Heeg appeared to remind everyone of their town hall meeting.
Lynne Spevak appeared to give voters dates to register to vote and to vote absentee. She also indicated that you can register to vote online.
Mitch Bishop appeared to discuss the Bicentennial torch run and requested that the Commissioners adopt a proclamation to be read at the run.
Jerry Cooley appeared to request an emergency appropriation for the repair of grinder pumps.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Ms. Surber read a letter from Scott Pelath regarding road funding solutions.
Commissioner Kora moves to support that a task force meeting on road funding should be open to the public and should not be held behind closed doors. Commissioner Bohacek said he supports the motion but does not support the letter in its entirety. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **John Espar-Prosecutor-Request for travel to New Orleans.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Mr. Espar then discussed a need for more phones for his department.
Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow Mr. Espar to ask IT to order the phones. Commissioner Kora adds that the Auditor will find the funding for the phones and seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Barb Mossman-HR-Request for travel to Washington DC.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider approval of amendments to Joint Zoning Ordinance.

Attorney Beige indicated that he has modified the proposed amendments to the Joint Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to give final approval. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mike Schultz-Assessor-Request approval of Beacon-Schneider support contract.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve and to allow Commissioner Decker to sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Resolution Honoring Ken Massengill.

Commissioner Kora read the Resolution and moved to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Decker indicated that the USDA visited the County Home 2 days ago and they were impressed with the building and they may have some idea about what it could be used for.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bohacek moves 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