



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY

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## MINUTES

### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 5, 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 were present.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. September 21, 2016  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. CLAIMS
  - A. Payroll Ending 09/23/2016-\$1,046,804.87  
Miscellaneous Claims-\$750,017.52  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Miller appeared to request clarification of Ordinance 97-9. This item was not on the agenda. There was discussion between Mr. Miller, the Commissioners, and the County Attorney regarding the permit process. Attorney Voeltz, Howes & Howes, appeared to request clarification on public comment and how to be placed on the agenda.  
Dennis Metheny appeared to request that the Commissioners deny Barb Mossman's continuing education request.
8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Darlene Hale-IT-appeared to give the list of direct phone numbers for all of the county offices. She also indicated that the numbers are listed on the website. She also brought extra lists for the people who attended the meeting. She further indicated that the Problem Solving Court Graduation was in the meeting room and that the ceremony was very nice.  
Tony Mancuso-Health Department-appeared to discuss the Property Transfer Ordinance. He gave the Commission the stats of the work that has been done to ensure compliance to the ordinance. He indicated there is an issue with the Realtor's Association and they have invited everyone to a town hall meeting. Commissioner Kora suggested that the committee that worked on the Ordinance be reconvened and discuss any issues regarding the ordinance. Commissioner Kora said that any changes need to be presented to the Health Board and then brought back to the Commissioners.  
Commissioner Bohacek requested information on a non-compliant septic system in his neighborhood.  
Jerry Cooley-Maintenance- appeared to inform the Commissioners that the tree is coming down on the Courthouse lawn. He stated that a lot of the trees on the courthouse lawn have been put in by organizations and that maybe they could get an organization to put a tree in the place of this tree that was cut down.  
George Watkins-Veteran's Services-appeared to inform the Commissioners of the Breaking Down the Barriers event for the veterans to be held at the Blue Chip Casino. He said there is a motorcycle ride and dinner and live entertainment. He said Nov. 5 Michigan City Laporte County Veterans parade honoring Vietnam Veterans starts at noon. On Franklin between 10<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be breakfast that day at the VFW in Michigan City. The service medal award this year is on November 12 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room.
9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. REQUESTS

A. **Barb Mossman-Human Resources-Request permission to travel to Washington D.C.**

1. **Request signature on New Avenues contract.**

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

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the Contract and allow Commissioner Decker to sign. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Consider approval of damages settlement in the amount of \$2,928.25 to Erin Musgrave.**

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

B. **Consider resolution regarding alternative route proposed by Great Lakes Basin Railroad.**

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

C. **Lynne Spevak-Clerk-Request approval of polling places.**

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

D. **Request approval of ordinance for a temporary All-Way Stop condition at the intersection of County Road 900 West and County Road 375 South.**

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

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Bohacek thanked the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department for giving his guest a tour of their facilities.

Commissioner Kora indicated that they have been meeting as a group with PAARRI to help develop a plan to address the opioid problem in LaPorte County. He said he met with the Sheriff to discuss instituting a program for the jail so they have a plan there for those in need. He said the drug court graduation was a very inspiring ceremony. He thanked everyone involved.

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

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