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MINUTES AGENDA

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, November 16, 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 moves Todd Williams from Hoosier Start to new business. He also adds item F, change the date of the first Commission meeting in December. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **November 2, 2016**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 11/04/2016-\$1,044,394.00**
Miscellaneous Claims-\$2,256,029.43
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Dennis Metheny appeared to request that bid amounts be read at the meetings.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Barb Mossman and Craig Menne appeared to inform the Commission of the rates for the health insurance and to give her recommendation to the Commission regarding the increase amount. Mrs. Mossman recommended that the percentage remain the same for the employees at 85/15 which would represent only a small increase in premiums on a monthly basis. Commissioner Kora moves to accept the recommendation. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Kristina Armstrong-Child Support-Appeared to request a vehicle for their process server, who was recently in an accident and was left with his county vehicle. She further requested information on how to start the process of requesting another vehicle. Commissioner Bohacek indicated that the process server can drive his car as of Monday. Commissioner Kora moves to give the process server Mr. Bohacek's vehicle next Monday. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Jerry Cooley Maintenance-Appeared and indicated that there is an extra van at the county home if they need to use it. Attorney Friedman indicated that there will likely be a new County Attorney and that he intends to work with whomever is chosen to make a smooth transition. He spoke about the things that have been accomplished since he was county attorney, he also entered into the record the monies spent on attorney fees for the 2016 budget, broken down by attorney.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
10. **REQUESTS**
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Bob Young-Hwy-Recommendations for material bids.**
Bob Young appeared and listed the recommendations for material bids in several different classes.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Barb Mossman-Human Resources-Approval of policy language change.**
Barb Mossman appeared to request approval on a policy change regarding breaks and lunch. Commissioner Bohacek moves to adopt the changes. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Jeremy Sobecki-Parks-Request signature on contract for work on Trail Creek at Creek Ridge County Park.**
Jeremy Sobecki appears to request signature on a contract for work on Trail Creek at Creek Ridge County Park. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider Resolution urging transparency from LaPorte Hospital's new for-profit corporate parent CHS, Inc on future plans for community.**
Attorney Friedman read the Resolution into the record.
- D. **Consideration of various documents necessary to transfer all pertinent easements at Kingsbury Industrial Park to County Redevelopment Commission from Halfwassen Group including corrective deed, quit claim deed, assignment of easement agreements, KIP agreement and the declaration of Restriction and Covenants – attorney Mike Hardy, Barnes & Thornburg.**
Attorney Mike Hardy and Phil Facenta appeared to inform the Commission of the details of the Resolution and Corrective Deed, Quit Claim Deed, and assignment of easements. Dave Christian also indicated that all of this restructuring of the loan is at no cost to the tax payers. Commissioner Bohacek moves to execute the Resolution. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Auditor Jole Winski/HR Director Barb Mossman-Consider Hoosier Start agreement permitting additional retirement investment option for county employees in state administered program.**
Mr. Williams appeared and gave a presentation on a new retirement benefit that can be offered to the employees. Commissioner Kora moved to add this to the current benefit package. Commissioner Bohacek seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moved to allow the President to sign on behalf of the board, Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. **Change the date of the first December meeting from the 7th to the 14th.**
Commissioner Kora indicated that there will not be a replacement for Commissioner Bohacek in time for the meeting of the 7th so he moved to change that meeting to the 14th. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Bohacek indicated that this is his last meeting as a county commissioner. He thanked everyone who voted for him both for Commissioner and for Senate. He said he will miss working in the county, but he will be around and very accessible.
Commissioner Kora also thanked the voters in LaPorte County for their support and he thanked Commissioner Bohacek for the wonderful work he has done over the last two years.

14. ADJOURN

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

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

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ATTEST: _____ Auditor

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