



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### MINUTES LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 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 moves to approve and requests to move Mr. Mazzoni to before public comment. Commissioner Kora adds Jonkind Park Easment, permission for the President to sign. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **December 14, 2016.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
  - A. **Payroll Ending 12/02/2016-\$1,033,171.93 and 12/16/16-\$1,056,792.57  
Miscellaneous Claims-\$2,288,947.51**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Dennis Metheny appeared to indicate that EMS should be at the new Hospital for no charge. He further indicated that HR and the Commission should be doing the job that is proposed to be given to Cender and Company.  
Mike Seitz-Chamber of Commerce-appeared to thank the Commission for working with the Chamber over the years.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**  
David Christian-Economic Development-Appeared to introduce Jocelyn Bayer from Propeller Marketing. Ms. Bayer gave the Commission a preview of the website that they built for the county. Commissioner Kora moves to allow the website to go live. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
**December 12, Letter from Joyanna Kleinmaier, Indianapolis, Chairman of the Board, LaPorte Health System, LLC.**  
The Auditor read the letter for the record.
10. **REQUESTS**
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Present proposals for the 2017 Maintenance Services.**  
Sue Smith-Maintenance-Appeared to request approval for the 2017 maintenance proposals. Attorney Friedman indicated that he has reviewed the proposals and they are in order. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - B. **Robert Young-Hwy-Recommendations for paving and bituminous bids.**  
Robert Young appeared to make recommendations for bids. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - C. **Consider permission for Commission President to sign for Jonkind Park Easement.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to allow the President to sign. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Jole Winski-Consider approval of ALCO contract.

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

B. Discussion with Franciscan Hospital President Dean Mazzoni regarding proposed new Michigan City base for EMS.

Mr. Mazzoni appeared and informed the Commission that the hospital would like to offer approximately an acre of land for the LaPorte County EMS base. He further indicated that the Hospital will pay \$500,000.00 toward the construction of that base.

C. Consider internal controls ordinance on 2nd reading/consider engagement of Cender & Company for assist with compliance issues/training/certifications necessary per State Board of Accounts requirements.

Attorney Friedman indicated that this is a specialized training that cannot be done in house. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Four year Legal Issues Wrap-up by County Attorney/Follow-up on certain issues that were the subject of Commission resolutions/Challenges ahead.

Attorney Friedman gave a re-cap of the issues addressed during his four years as county attorney.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gonder thanked the Commissioners and the county attorney for bringing him up to speed on issues before the Commission. He thanked Commissioner Decker for his service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Kora echoed Commissioner Gonder and also wished Commissioner Decker and Attorney Friedman well. He further extended wishes for a speedy recovery to Jerry Cooley.

Commissioner Decker spoke to some accomplishments that the County Attorney left out. He further indicated that the county employees are the ones doing the work, he said they have always stepped up and done a great job. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to be Commissioner, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and adjourned the meeting.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora moves to adjourn. Commissioner Gonder 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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