



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LA PORTE COUNTY

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MINUTES LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Was held at 10:00 a.m. in the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Auditor Joie Winski called the meeting to order. After Pledge of Allegiance she asked for a moment of silence for WCOE/WLOI founder Ken Coe who passed away December 29th and Al Davis who was known as Banana Bread Man who passed away December 30th.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Followed by a moment of silence.
3. **ROLL CALL**
All Commissioners were present.
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
Commissioner Kora nominated Commissioner Mrozinski for President and Commissioner Gonder for Vice-President. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Auditor Winski turned the meeting over to President Mrozinski.
5. **APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora adds item B under New Business as “Double Tracking”, item C La Porte County Planning Commission AnneMarie Polan and item D Pat Stayback, Field Officer for Community Corrections, will be retiring. Requesting sick days to be paid. Commissioner Kora moves to approve as amended. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
December 21, 2016
Commissioner Kora moves to approve minutes. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **CLAIMS**
Payroll Ending-12/30/16-\$1,097,605.47
Miscellaneous Claims-\$304,441.98
Commissioner Kora moves to approve claims. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**
 - A. **Department Heads.**
 - B. **Commission Liaisons.**
 - C. **Board and Commissions.**Commissioner Kora asked to read the list of appointments and approve them all with one motion.
Department Heads
County Attorney – Firm of Drayton, Biege, Sirugo & Elliott
Executive Secretary – Diane Gonzales, effective January 18th
Insurance Agents of Record – General Insurance and Michiana Insurance
County Planner – Mitch Bishop
County Highway Superintendent – Bob Young
IT Director- Darlene Hale
County Financial Planner – Carl Cender
Veterans Service Officer – George Watkins
Museum Curator – Sue Richter
EMS Administrator – Andrew McGuire
E911 Director – John Dudeck
Animal Shelter Director – Jane Bernard

Stationary Engineer – Jerry Cooley, currently indisposed. Decision to be confirmed once his health issue has been resolved.

EMA Director – Larry Butcher

Director of Weights & Measures – Mike Quinn

Right-To-Know – Jeff Hamilton

Commissioner Kora moved to appoint/re-appoint the above positions. Commissioner Gonder seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commission Liaisons

County Highway – Commissioner Mrozinski

Regional Bus Authority – Commissioner Mrozinski

County Home – Commissioner Mrozinski

Plan Commission – Commissioner Gonder

Right-To-Know – Commissioner Gonder

NIRPC – Commissioner Mrozinski

Animal Control – Commissioner Kora

Workforce Development – Commissioner Kora

NICTD – Commissioner Gonder

Drainage Board – Commissioner Gonder

E911 – Commissioner Gonder

EMS – Commissioner Kora

Data Board – Commissioner Gonder

Juvenile Services Board – Commissioner Gonder

Solid Waste – All three Commissioners

Emergency Management Council – Commissioner Mrozinski

Local Planning Council – Commissioner Kora

La Porte County Fair Board – Commissioner Mrozinski

Community Corrections – Commissioner Kora

Congressional Liaison – Commissioner Mrozinski

County Council Liaison – Commissioner Kora

Commissioner Kora moved to appoint the above named liaison positions. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Gonder read the list of appointments to the Boards and Commissions.

Board of Trustees La Crosse Public Library – Angela Vernon

Board of Trustees La Porte County Public Library – Dava Buell

Board of Trustees Michigan City Public Library – Sam Melnick

Board of Trustees Wanatah Public Library – Kelly Scurlock

Board of Trustees Westville Public Library – Thomas Hannon

Alcohol Beverage Commission – Jim Arnold

Animal Control Commission – Dr. Kora, Lisa Polazzi, Dr. Patrick Dorrah and Pat Shively

Board of Construction Review – John Carr

Carpenter’s Local – Jim Lefebber

Board of Health – Alexandra Laun, Lauren Arnold and Dr. Richard Houck

Board of Zoning Appeals – Earl Cunningham and Johnny Stimley

Community Corrections Advisory Board – Dennis Metheny

Community Right-To-Know Planning Committee – Ron Miller – Wefm

Convention/Tourism Bureau Board of Managers – Eugene Shurte

Drainage Board – Steve Mrozinski, District 1; John Coulter, District 2 and Ken Purze, At-Large

Park and Recreation Board – Jon Nebelung

Pioneer Cemetery Commission – Richard Lute

Plan Commission – Jim Lefebber

PTABOA – Matt Bernacchi, Hassan Dabagia and Roger Miller

Redevelopment Commission – Jim Arnold, Joe Coar, Jeff Johnson, Dr. Vidya Kora and Terry Larson

Commissioner Kora moved to approve the list of appointments. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Meaney, 4078 W. Schultz Rd, LP questioned how will “Public Comment” be handled by the new board.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. REQUESTS

A. John Boyd-Sheriff-Request signature on lease agreement.

Commissioner Kora moved to accept lease agreement with Enterprise Car Rental Company for Narcotics Investigators fully paid for entirely by Indiana HIDTA. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Erika Stallworth-Juvenile Services-Request signature on agreement to provide Residential Treatment Services to DCS.

Commissioner Kora moved to approve President's signature in blue ink on agreement. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Kathy Chrobak-Clerk-Request approval for payment of sick days for retiring employee Renee Madaus.

Commissioner Kora moved to approve 60 sick days paid out to employee Renee Madaus who is retiring. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Commissioner Kora moved to approve meeting dates for the 2017 year with the exception of March 1st for Commissioner Mrozinski who will be in Washington DC. List approved as presented. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

**14. DESIGNATION OF PUBLICATION—LEGAL NOTICE-COMMISSION MEETINGS—
AGENDA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Commissioner Kora moved to approve the list of notice to the public. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

15. OLD BUSINESS

A. Robert Young-HWY-Accept mower bids.

Commissioner Kora moved to allow Bob Young to look over the bids submitted and report back to commissioners. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

18. ADJOURN