



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LA PORTE COUNTY

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## MINUTES LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
Held at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**  
Commissioner Mrozinski called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**  
All Commissioners present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the agenda with the exception of adding under New Business changes made to appointments for the BZA and Planning Commission. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **January 4, 2017**  
Commissioner Gonder moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
  - A. **Payroll Ending 1/13/2017 - \$1,132,476.61**  
**Miscellaneous Claims-\$0**  
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the claims. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Dennis Metheny** appeared to voice his opinion on Agenda item #10-B and #12-B & C. Dennis also asked about ownership of a grinder located at Johnson Road and the Toll road – who owns it? President Mrozinski stated the grinder will be looked into with the highway department.

**Gregory McNair** appeared to reject items #12-B & C on behalf of him and his family. Owns commercial property that will eventually be developed and believes the Lincoln Trail interferes with it. Secondly, the pedestrian/bicycle path proposed along Hwy 421 is 5 feet to the traffic on 421. County Planner Mitchell Bishop stated items #12 B & C will follow through regardless of whether or not an agreement is made at tonight's meeting – the route of the Lincoln Trail is already set. Attorney Biege confirmed the comment.

**Terry Ritter** appeared asking if the new Board of Commissioners will adhere to the Book of Ethics that the county spent tax dollars on to produce?
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

**George Watkins** - Veterans Service Officer announced on January 31, 2017 at 6pm in Judge Thorne's Superior Court 3 courtroom will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Treatment Court graduation. Everyone is invited.

**Lynne Spevak** – Treasurer announced a tentative date of August 10, 2017 for a Tax Sale. Also requested a Board of Finance meeting which consist of the three Commissioners and the County Treasurer. Date set was February 15, 2017 at 5:30pm.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Patrick Meaney** appeared on behalf of the residents on Schultz Road with a petition for two items – 1: Truck traffic on Schultz Road and 2: 3 Borrow Pits on Schultz road-400 W area. Due to timing issues Mr. Meaney withdrew the petition at this time.

10. **REQUESTS**

- A. **Dick Buell** – Community Corrections-Requested signatures on Grant Authorization. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the grant. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Barb Mossman** – Human Resources – Requested travel to New Orleans for the SHRM National Conference. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the travel. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Erika Stallworth** – Juvenile Center – Requested travel to New York for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Juvenile Justice Conference. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the travel. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **LPCCVB** Request: PKD Foundation requested \$500; Fish Lake Festival requested \$500 and American Legion, Post 403, Wanatah, requested \$500. Commissioner Kora moved to approve all three requests. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Bob Cutler** – Coroner – Requested the need of another vehicle and permission to approach the Council for funding. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the request. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Consider appointment of Stationary Engineer/Head of Maintenance.**  
Commissioner Gonder moved to appoint Richard Gramarossa as Head of Maintenance. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried by 2 – yes votes; 1- no vote. Commissioner Kora stated he voted no due to Jerry Cooley being out on medical leave and would have preferred the board waited until he came back to work.
- B. **Consider appointment of Highway Engineer.**  
Commissioner Kora moved to appoint Jerry Sullivan as the new County Highway Engineer. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Consider approval of Resolution adopting Interlocal Governmental Agreement with the Building Department of LaPorte County for Building Inspection Services.**  
Commissioner Kora moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Consider approval of Supplemental Agreement with INDOT Lincoln Trail.**  
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider approval of Contract Inspection Consulting Contract Lincoln Trail.**  
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Consider appointment changes on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission Board.**  
Commissioner Kora moved to appoint Earl Cunningham to both the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. Previously Jim Lefeber was appointed to the Planning Commissioner. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

14. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.