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MINUTES
LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
Held at 10:00 a.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**
Followed by a moment of silence for Superior Court Judge Donald Martin who passed away January 31st.
3. **ROLL CALL**
All Commissioners present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora moved to amend the agenda by adding under New Business item “C” which will consider a Task Force for lead levels. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **January 18, 2017**
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 1/27/2017 - \$1,123,790.44**
Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,171,964.91
Commissioner Kora moved to approve the claims. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Jacqueline Thomas, 3484 N. 400 W., appeared asking permission to attend a closed or executive session meeting on an issue pertaining to her neighborhood. Attorney Biege stated there was no such meeting scheduled for only her particular issue – a meeting will take place with certain individuals, not all three Commissioners, about various issues within the county.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Bob Young – Highway Department - Updated Commissioners on the grinder located at Johnson Rd and 400 W. site. Notification will be sent via certified mail to the owners- Franklin Rock and Recycle, LLC in Bloomington, Indiana, giving them until February 28, 2017 to remove equipment from the site or be fined a charge of \$10,000 for back storage and \$100 every day thereafter.

Jeff Wiatrowski – EMA - Updated the Commissioners on the 800 megahertz radio project, should be completed by March or April. Rolling Prairie tower is done and the KIP is completely done. Delays have been with the State. Radios will have IDs assigned to them so if there is a need to shut one off that can be done.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Jane Bernard** – Small Animal Shelter - Requested permission for two staff members to attend a free seminar in South Bend on Dog Fighting. The seminar will be February 10, 2017. Also requested permission to go to the County Council for remodeling the Shelter’s reception area. Commissioner Kora moved to approve both requests. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Cathy Dye** – NewDay Foundation - Requested permission for lane closure on April 15, 2017 during the 5K/10K Resurrection Run/Walk which starts at 10:00am. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **LPCCVB requests:** La Porte County Master Gardener Association requested \$500; Door Village Harvest Festival Requested \$500 and the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra requested \$500.
Commissioner Kora moved to approve all three requests. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Bob Young** – Highway Department – Recommended Riggs, out of 2 bidders for new mowers, as his choice for 2 Boom mowers and 8 Side mount mowers, 10 new mowers total. All mowers made in the state of Georgia. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the bid by Riggs. Seconded by Commissioner Gonder. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Andrew McGuire** – EMS – Permission to place bids for a new ambulance. Commissioner Kora moved to allow the bids to be published. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Consider the grant agreement with INDOT concerning the wayfinding signage project in KIP.** Commissioner Kora moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider a Task Force with Commissioner Kora and the Health Department on the recent lead levels.** Commissioner Kora moved to approve the Task Force. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

President Mrozinski congratulated newly elected Recorder Lois Sosinski. Also commended George Watkins, Veterans Service Officer, on the Veterans Treatment Court program.

14. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.