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**Member**

**Minutes**

La Porte County Commissioners meeting held on February 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Richard Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked that all non-essential personnel please turn off cell phones followed by his request for everyone to stand and give allegiance to the flag of our country.

ROLL CALL

Auditor Joie Winski took the Roll Call. Commissioners Richard Mrozinski and Michael Gonder were present. Commissioner Dr. Vidya Kora was absent. A quorum was noted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gonder made a motion to change the agenda by removing items #12 C and D. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gonder made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the Claims of: Payroll ending 2-10-2017 - \$1,123,836.57 and miscellaneous \$6,104,367.29. Of the miscellaneous amount \$4,371,676.00 is for the Motorola 800 megahertz project. Commissioner Gonder made a motion to accept the claims. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

President Mrozinski addressed a few items before Public Comment:

- 1.) The owners of the grinder left on Johnson Road have been notified.
- 2.) The flag at the Michigan City courthouse has been taken down. A new flag, rope and pulley have been purchased but the flagpole base needs to be replaced.
- 3.) The handicap button on the front door to 555 Michigan Avenue has a work order submitted to repair it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

EMS Administrator Andrew McGuire reported they recently received \$175,280.00 from a 2014 Medicaid Reimbursement. Fourth year they applied for it and fourth year for receiving it. A total of \$603,781.00 has been deposited into the General Fund from this Reimbursement Program. He also gave Commissioners a copy of the EMS' year-end report.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## REQUESTS

Pamela Henderson – Dunebrook – Requested permission to use the La Porte County courthouse sign for two promotions. Commissioner Gonder made a motion to approve her request. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney John Espar requested permission for travel to Atlanta, Georgia in June for the 2017 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation. Commissioner Gonder made a motion to allow the travel. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Jeremy Sobecki requested permission for two employees to travel to St. Catharines, Ontario in March for the National Association of Interpretation's Region 4 workshop. Commissioner Gonder made a motion to approve the travel. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Consider Gene Simmons to replace Jim Arnold as the Board of Commissioners' appointment on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Commissioner Gonder moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Consider the execution of the KIP agreement. Commissioner Gonder moved to accept the agreement with approval from both President Mrozinski and Attorney Biege. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Consider the examination of retaining lobbyists. Commissioner Gonder moved to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff John Boyd requested permission to seek bids for police vehicles. Commissioner Gonder moved to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

EMS Administrator Andrew McGuire requested permission to approach the council for new report writing software and tablets. Commissioner Gonder moved to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

## COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gonder added another request from Prosecuting Attorney John Espar for his ICAC Team Investigator to travel to Glynco, Georgia February 27-March 10 for the Digital Evidence Acquisition Specialist Training as well as the Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist Training March 20-31, 2017. Commissioner Gonder moved to allow the travel. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioners' Legal Counsel Doug Biege clarified on the KIP contracts. Both County Commissioners and County Council have approved the agreement. Signatures are required at this time. He also stated in Indianapolis a Bill has been introduced to reduce our county's proceeds from the riverboat. Lobbyists are usually hired to assist us. Senator Bohacek and Representative Pressel recommended an organization that has been hired by the county as well as the City of Michigan City to defeat the bill.

## ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.