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Minutes

La Porte County Commissioners meeting held on March 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. Secretary Diane Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Gonzales took the Roll Call. Commissioner Mrozinski - present. Commissioner Gonder - present.
Commissioner Kora - present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Kora made a motion to amend the agenda by adding road closures in Hanna for the Hanna Fest August 11-12, 2017 under Requests. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gonder made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2017 meeting.
Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Secretary Gonzales read the Claims of: Payroll ending 3-10-2017 - \$1,088,020.00 and miscellaneous \$555,205.64. Commissioner Kora made a motion to accept the claims. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Derek Frazier - Operations Director for Frontline - Gave a great presentation on the Certified Substance Abuse Treatment Center In both La Porte and Chesterton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sara Zawacki - 5365 Pawnee Trail, La Porte - Requested a follow up on the New Lead Task Force Committee. Ms. Zawacki asked about a HUD grant with the Health Department and possibly a county ordinance to protect young children from lead exposure in rental homes. Commissioner Kora gave his response - high lead levels found in the paint of older homes, not the water. Commissioner Kora stated working together with the county health department and Board of Health to determine the options for both the grant and the county ordinance.

Terry Ritter - 175 Country Club Drive, La Porte - Questioned the pile of scrap at the highway department. When is the sale?
Commissioner Mrozinski responded no date set yet.

Robert Johnson - 106 Garden Trail, Pottawattamie Park - Follow-up question to Sara's on the Lead Task Force. Ordinance in Chicago could be looked at for our county when determining the county's options on this issue. Attorney Doug Biege stated no lead found in the water in La Porte County.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Jane Bernard - Animal Shelter and Duane Werner - Highway Dept - Reported a partnership between the departments for retrieving deceased dogs and cats from the side of the county roads that are potentially pets. County highway will take the animal to the shelter to be scanned for a microchip or possible description from an owner if it is a missing pet. If no owner then the shelter will cremate along with the other dogs and cats.

John Boyd - Sheriff - Reported on the passing of employee Linnoah Byrd, she was a 7 year employee in the kitchen at the jail. A town hall meeting is scheduled March 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fish Lake Community Center at the request of the residents. Next week will be an annual jail inspection by the Indiana Department of Corrections. Sheriff Boyd also gave his 2016 annual and jail reports. Reports will be available online. Commissioners thanked Sheriff Boyd for the great job being done.

Mike Seitz - Economic Development - Reported on his trip to the Broker-Developer-Site Selector forum luncheon in Indianapolis earlier in the day.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

LPCCVB - La Porte County Draft Horse Association, Union Mills for Mill Pond Festival, Westville Tri Kappa for Westville Pumpkin Festival and the Rolling Prairie Business and Community Association all requested \$500 for their event. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the request. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Hanna Lions Club - Requesting road closures in Hanna during the Hanna Festival August 11-12. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the request. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

John Boyd - Sheriff - Opening of bids for police vehicles. Attorney Doug Biege opened bids submitted before the deadline of 3:00 p.m. on March 14, 2017. One bid from Best Ford in Knox, Indiana came in on the morning of the 15th therefore past the deadline – not opened or accepted. Bids were given to Sheriff John Boyd. Commissioner Kora made a motion for Sheriff Boyd to approach the Council with the bids. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora commented on a meeting with GIS earlier in the day. Encouraged employees to use Vitals – smart shopper. Commissioner Mrozinski spoke about his tour last Friday pertaining to suburbs around Chicago – transportation oriented developments. Also his trip to Indianapolis on Monday for funding of the Double Track. KIP Project that was signed on Thursday, March 9, 2017, will be very good for our county.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.