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MINUTES

LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Marine/County Attorney Biege to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Auditor Andrea Smith called the roll: Commissioner Kora – absent. President Mrozinski - present. Commissioner Gonder – present. Quorum with two present, meeting commenced.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gonder moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2017 MINUTES

Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve the minutes from the April 19th meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Chief Deputy Andrea Smith read the claims with Payroll ending 4-21-2017 - \$1,108,331.79 and then Miscellaneous - \$1,397,653.09. Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

President Mrozinski stated he was misquoted (the meeting on April 19th) at the first meeting in January, under Public Comment he would prefer that the items on the agenda be discussed, however, if the public wants to talk about something not on the agenda they may bring it up but he will not allow people to line up and say the exact same thing. If anyone is attending the meeting about the “gun ordinance” – there is no gun ordinance, does not exist. It will not be discussed. President Mrozinski then opened the floor for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Metheny - 6757 W. 450 N. MC - Thanked President Mrozinski for the clarification of Public Comment. Apologized for the last meeting, apologized to the Commissioners’ Secretary, the flack she took from the meeting held on the 19th of April. Apologized for the meeting that got out of hand. Inquired about the piece of machinery on Johnson Road. President Mrozinski replied that the issue has been turned over to the attorney therefore no comment can be made from the Commission. Dennis also commented on phone issues when calling the Secretary. IT Director Darlene Hale replied issue is being worked on. Stated 135 calls/messages that came in to the Secretary’s extension during a 48 hour period before, during and after the April 19th Commissioners meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Tony Mancuso and Patty Nocek - Health Department - National Drinking water week. Free In-home well water screen testing kits this week available while supplies last. Test for bacteria, iron, copper, lead, pesticide, total nitrates, and chlorine. Patty thanked Commissioners for allowing the Bake Sale that took place in April. \$1,341 was raised for Worthy Women Recovery home.

John Boyd - Sheriff - Attorney General Curtis Hill will be the Speaker at the La Porte County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony where fallen officers are honored May 12th in Michigan City at 312 Detroit Street, formerly Elston School, at 12pm.

Bob Cutler - Coroner - Reported 6 coroners will go to Indianapolis in June for training. Thanked Commissioners for the use of a second vehicle – it has been very helpful with the job.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Boyd - Sheriff - PROCLAMATION - CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK - MAY 6-13, 2017. President Mrozinski read the Proclamation. Sheriff Boyd commended the jail administration and staff with 5 being present for the meeting. Sheriff Boyd stated the first full week of May was designated by President Ronald Reagan as Proclamation 5187 and enacted on May 5, 1984 as National Correctional Employees Week. He then proceeded to read it. Commissioner Gonder moved to adopt said Proclamation. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. President Mrozinski thanked them for their commitment to the job.

REQUESTS

John Espar - Prosecuting Attorney - Requested permission for two IV-D Child Support Staff Members to attend the National Child Support Enforcement Association Leadership Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona August 6-10, 2017. Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve the travel request. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Mrozinski announced there will be a rededication ceremony for the plaque on the flag pole base located at the Michigan City courthouse on Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2017 at 10:00 am. The Plaque reads: "Presented by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War – 1861-1865 – in memory of our fathers and The Grand Army of The Republic – June 12, 1939."

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gonder thanked Sheriff John Boyd and his jail staff for doing a great job.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.