



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LA PORTE COUNTY

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## MINUTES LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

President Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Dave Renz to lead the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Auditor Joie Winski called the roll: Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Gonder - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Present. Quorum therefore meeting commenced.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora moved to approve the agenda by adding under Request Jane Bernard - Animal Shelter. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

### APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2, 2017 MINUTES

Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve the minutes from the August 2nd meeting. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

### CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 8-11-2017 - \$1,112,398.79 and Miscellaneous - \$1,072,333.93. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Metheny - 6757 W. 450 N. Michigan City - Thanked the highway department for paving and striping his road.

Dave Renz - Door Village Harvest Festival - Requested materials to be used during the two day event held on September 9 and 10. Celebrating 25 years. Letter request included 18 road cones, 6 handicap signs, 4 stop signs, 2 road barricades and 2 speed limit signs. All which will be provided by the highway department. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the request. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None

**ORIGINAL**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**REQUESTS**

Jane Bernard - Animal Shelter - Requested permission to approach the Council on replacing a vehicle. Jane has money in the spay/neuter fund - not to exceed \$25,000. Surveyor's office may purchase vehicle being replaced, 2007 GMC Sierra with approximately 89,000 miles, which was valued at \$13,000 from Sauer's for a trade-in. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business was moved after New Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Doug Biege and Sheriff John Boyd - Considered the Agreement between La Porte County and the Town of Wanatah for Law Enforcement Services to Assist with Town Ordinance Violations. Sheriff Boyd reported talk began in 2015 on the expired contract, which had not been renewed since 1987, with the Town of Wanatah for Sheriff's department to enforce ordinances. They do enforce Indiana Code. Prior agreement originated since July 6, 1978. President Mrozinski asked if any other towns have the same agreement and Sheriff Boyd replied La Crosse but their contract expired in 1987 as well. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution 2017-5 Honoring and Recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa in Michigan City, Indiana. Secretary Diane Gonzales read the resolution. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. The Commissioners then presented Assistant General Manager Jack Elia with the recognition. Jack thanked everyone. Stated he moved here from Boston 20 years ago, made a home here in La Porte County. Blue Chip will be having new and exciting events coming up. Thanked everyone again.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

President Mrozinski reminded everyone that school has started for this year. Be prepared to stop for school buses.

**ADJOURN**

President Mrozinski motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE 9-6-2017  
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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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