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MINUTES

LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the 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 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Ron Heeg to lead the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora moved to approve the agenda by adding under New Business Juvenile Detention Center paving parking lot. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2017 MINUTES

Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve the minutes from the August 16th meeting. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 8-25-2017 - \$1,115,029.13 and Miscellaneous - \$1,781,143.27. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. Let the record reflect that Auditor Winski stated the claims are advertised in the newspaper the Thursday before each meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Metheny - 6757 W. 450 N. Michigan City - Stated he had two questions: Open Door Law I.C. 5-14-1.5-5 on agenda items being added after they have been posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and Human Resources request for Travel to Washington, D.C. Legal Counsel responded for Commissioners' meetings it is legal for agenda to be amended. President Mrozinski replied that Barb Mossman, Human Resources Director, is always in her office every day to work. At times she is required to attend conferences for her job.

Davis Bush - 417 Butler St. Michigan City - Concerned citizen on "possible encroachment on Walt Bukva's property on 400 North next to the new road the hospital is building." Claimed 59 feet of Bukva's property is being taken for the road. Takes out his mailbox. Mr. Bush stated it has come to his attention that the "road" is owned by the County Commissioners, said Mr. Bukva has a subdivision called Quail Run. Mr. Bush stated he could find no permits except a Michigan City sanitation permit. His question is why would property owned by the County Commissioners

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be allowed to build a private road on it? Attorney Biege replied that the information Mr. Bush had or was going off of was wrong. Stated the road or easement does not belong to the county. Mr. Biege said, "This is a Right-of-Way that was formed when the subdivision was created. No violations were found. It is a designated Right-of-Way and they are building a road." For Mr. Bukva it is a private issue not a county issue. County doesn't necessarily own the road, they have the right to put a road in.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

George Watkins - Veterans Service Officer - Announced the yearly La Porte County Patriotic Service Medal and Lapel pin ceremony will be November 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the county complex meeting room. An application and a DD214 form is required for the recipient. Dr. Kora stated foot traffic has picked up at the Michigan City office according to the report given by VSO Joe Golec.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

Jeff Thorne - Superior Court 3 Judge - Requested 60 sick days pay approval for Doris Krenzke who is retiring September 29th after 25 years of service to the county. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

John Dudeck - E911 - Requested travel to Chicago (Aurora, Il.) for a one day training class on September 18th. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Barb Mossman - HR - Requested permission to travel to Washington, D.C. for the Volunteer Leader Conference November 15 - 17. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Gonder. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

John Boyd - Sheriff - Consideration of contract with Tiger Commissary Company. Had been with previous company for 21 years. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.
Consideration of Resolution 2017-6 to amend La Porte County Employee manual regarding mileage reimbursement. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration of Commissioners' appointment of Thomas Walter to the Johnson Township Board replacing Roy Williams. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Doug Biege - County Attorney - Consideration of proposed settlement in La Porte County v. Nivas, LLC. Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

David Jones - Attorney - Consideration of proposed settlement in Kulbacki v. La Porte County Sheriff et al. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Orr - Juvenile Detention Center - Parking lot needs paving. Two bids are in with one more expected any day. Attorney Biege stated he will check with the Highway Department to see if it is a budgeted item. Commissioner Kora motioned to allow legal to pursue existing contract for this project, if it is in a line item budget, versus going to the council for funding. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora stated the people of Houston are in our thoughts and prayers. Hurricane Irma is approaching and our thoughts and prayers are with Florida and South Carolina.

President Mrozinski reminded everyone that school is in session and please stop for the school buses when the arm is out.

ADJOURN

President Mrozinski motioned to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

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**EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
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DATE 9-21-2017
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ATTEST: _____
Auditee

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