



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Dr. Vidya Kora,  
Member

### MINUTES

#### LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 18, 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 6:00 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Mike Seitz to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Secretary Diane Gonzales called the roll: Commissioner Gonder - Absent; Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Present. Quorum therefore meeting commenced.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve an amended agenda by adding under New Business insurance committee report. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2017 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the October 4th meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Secretary Gonzales read the claims with Payroll ending 10-6-2017 - \$1,122,712.69 and Miscellaneous - \$413,033.81. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

**Jerry "Jay" Sullivan** - County Engineer - Presented an INDOT Bridge Rehabilitation Plans cover sheet requesting Commissioners' signatures for Bridge #18. Announced the Rolling Prairie "LUST" project came back good. Jay informed Commissioners Franklin Street bridge repair will start on Monday. Commissioner Kora asked Jay to perform a study on the new road on Ohio St. and 400 N. to be sure of a smooth flow of traffic going to the new hospital. Jay replied a stop light may have to be installed at that intersection. He also stated a yellow caution light at the intersection of Highway 20 and 400 W. may become a stop light.

**George Watkins** - County Veterans Service Officer - Announced beds are still available at the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette for any veterans needing a place to live. The Brick dedication for next June have to be turned in to the La Porte Mayor's office by January 1, 2018. George stated Home Depot offers grants to veterans up to \$5,000. Events coming up are Remembering Our Veterans will be hosting a breakfast to all veterans at the DAV, 2301 Ohio St, Michigan City on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Parade will be at 12 noon.

**ORIGINAL**

La Porte Mayor's Veterans Day Ceremony at the Civic Auditorium 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. La Porte Patriotic Service Medal and Lapel Pin Ceremony will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at the County Complex 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Mrozinski stated Blue Chip Casino encourages veterans to apply with their company for a job.

**Darlene Hale** - County IT Director - Announced RAVE, the emergency notification system, is now open for the public to register for notifications in La Porte County. Commissioner Kora asked what type of notifications are being offered. Darlene replied road closures and emergencies are just a few whether by phone call, email or text.

**Lynne Spevak** - County Treasurer - Informed Commissioners of the upcoming Tax Sale on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Currently have right under 1100 parcels. SRI will be helping with the sale. Property owners have until October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to pay the judgment amount in full in order to not have parcel listed at the time of the sale.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### REQUESTS

**Jeremy Sobecki** - County Parks Dept - Requested permission to approach the Council for quotes to replace two vehicles. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Doug Biege** - County Attorney - Consider Ordinance Establishing and Adopting a Conflict of Interest Policy. Commissioner Kora asked Doug if there was any recommendation to which Doug replied yes, AIC or Association of Indiana Counties recommended our county adopt a form of a Conflict of Interest Policy. Ordinance 2017-2 was read by title only. Commissioner Kora moved to approve said Ordinance 2017-2. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Kathy Chrobak** - County Clerk - Considered upgrading Microvote voting machines. Steve Shamo, Microvote Representative, presented the Commissioners with an upgrade option for the 325 machines used for voting. Steve said the upgrade - Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Certified Infinity 4.1 Version Upgrade - is not an immediate need but by the 2020 Presidential Election it is strongly suggested to complete this update. La Porte County bought the 325 machines in 2005 with a HAVA grant and Riverboat money. Commissioner Kora asked if ALL machines were working properly. Yes. Are they certified? Yes. Are all machines secure from hacking? Yes. Machines are NOT hooked up to the internet at all. Steve asked if he could approach the council with information only on the upgrade - not seeking funds at this time. Both Commissioners agreed he could give this information to the council. Commissioner Kora motioned to take this information under advisement. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Barb Mossman** - HR - Informed Commissioners that the county's health insurance will not see a rate increase for the 2018 year. Anthem will be the provider for medical and dental. Open enrollment will start November 6<sup>th</sup>. Barb requested permission to approach Council with the insurance rates for the 2018 year.

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve her request. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

#### ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

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EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 11-1-17

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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