



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Member

### MEETING MINUTES LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Chief Deputy Ron Heeg to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda by adding under New Business "appointment for bond counsel." Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 3, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the January 3rd meeting. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Auditor Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 1-12-2018- \$1,238,918.09 and Miscellaneous - \$137,323.38. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

**Larry Butcher - EMA and Darlene Hale - IT** - Requested permission for Jeff Wiatrowski and Darlene Hale to travel to Denver, Colorado in April for the 2018 RAVE (emergency notification system) Summit. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve said request which includes a report upon return arrival. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**Lynne Spevak - Treasurer and Board of Finance** - Reported interest earned in 2017 was \$849,706.02 compared to \$558,363.22 in 2016. Lynne stated interest rates were at 1.0 in January 2017 and ended with 1.6 in December 2017.

**Connie Gramarossa - Shared Ethics** - Reported HR had inquired into the annual Department Heads Shared Ethics training with interested employees. Connie responded every other year that particular training takes place which

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was last year, 2017, therefore not scheduled for 2018. Connie did state March 29<sup>th</sup> in Lake County a summit will take place.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**REQUESTS**

**Kathy Chroback** - Clerk - Considered payment of 60 sick days not used by Tammy Alt. County policy will not be changed. This is done on a case by case only. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Gonder** motioned to approve the requests for \$500 each to American Legion Post 403 Inc., Four A's Car Club, Fish Lake Land Trust and PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) Foundation through the La Porte County Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ron Heeg** - Chief Deputy Sheriff - Considered Sgt. Dallas Smythe to keep K9 Marko who retired December 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion made by Commissioner Kora to allow Dallas to keep Marko. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Kora** motioned to retain Ice Miller for bond counsel for the Michigan City Courthouse renovation project. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kora stated he has met with Ameresco pertaining to the heating issue in the La Porte Courthouse. He will be meeting with Rich Gramarossa and Joie Winski to discuss the matter further. President Mrozinski explained the new heat pumps that were installed in 2015 lose heating capacity as the outside temperature continues to drop.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA

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

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