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MEETING MINUTES LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Doug Newland to lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the passing of Julie Mancuso, wife of Tony, Director of our Health Department.

ROLL CALL

Chief Deputy Auditor Kristie Deckard called the roll: Commissioner Gonder - Present; Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda by adding under New Business "Training Grant Agreement" presented by Mike Seitz - Economic Development. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora motioned to amend the agenda with this addition. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve the minutes from the January 17th meeting. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Chief Deputy Auditor Kristie Deckard read the claims with Payroll ending 1-26-2018 - \$1,234,629.95 and Miscellaneous - \$1,404,116.98. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORIGINAL

REQUESTS

Rich Gramarossa - Stationary Engineer - Requested permission to travel for HVAC employee Doug Newland to Georgia. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Andrew McGuire - EMS - Requested permission to open bidding for a replacement ambulance and permission to approach the Council for replacing a 2006 GMC Yukon which is used as an ALS (Advanced Life Support) support vehicle. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve replacing the ambulance. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Gonder motioned to approve the request to approach the Council for the replacement of an ALS support vehicle. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Young - Hwy - Requested permission to advertise bids for two front end wheel loaders. One for Rolling Prairie area and one for Hanna area. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Cathy Dye - NewDay Foundation - Requested one lane of traffic to be closed for annual Resurrection Run/Walk on March 31. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

LPCCVB - Rolling Prairie Business & Community Association, VFW Post 9423, Great Lakers Auto Club, and the Downtown La Porte Antique District requested \$500 each for their events during the 2018 year. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the requests. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Considered a **Resolution with the Indiana General Assembly to adopt redistricting reform**. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. **Resolution 2018-1**.

Considered the **Blue-Ribbon Committee's proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws**. County Attorney Doug Biege explained the County Council took the lead in forming a Blue Ribbon Committee to examine the continuing operations of the fairgrounds. The Committee looked at several options and heard public comments as to how to proceed. The Committee decided to form a new **non-for-profit corporation** that would operate subject to the Fairboard and 4-H, would not interfere with either one. The said corporation has not yet been formed, it is being brought to the Commissioners to decide whether or not it should move forward. Commissioner Kora motioned to pass on the first reading then possible adoption on 2nd reading in April or at least 60 days from now. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Jay Sullivan - Engineer - Considered to reduce **speed limit on Otis Road** due to bridge repair being done. Speed will be reduced to 40 mph hour from 45 mph with an Ordinance. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. **Ordinance 2018-1**.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

President Mrozinski reminded everyone it is flu season. Commissioner Kora sated it is not too late to get a flu shot.

RECESS

Lynne Spevak - Secretary Board of Finance.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 2-21-18
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ATTEST: _____
Auditor
LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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