



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 10:00 a.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Andrew Voeltz to lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Martin Luther King, Jr. who was assassinated April 4, 1968, fifty years ago.

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda by tabling the fourth item under Old Business, Appointment to NICTD Board. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21st, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the March 21st meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Auditor Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 3-23-2018 - \$1,158,215.60 and Miscellaneous - \$1,211,972.11. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Holifield - 6782 E. 100 S. Mill Creek - Commented on the 3<sup>rd</sup> appraisal done on the County Home.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

John Dudek - 911 - Commissioner Kora motioned to declare the week of April 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> as National Public Safety Dispatcher Week. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Proclaimed by Governor Eric Holcomb as Public Safety Telecommunications week. John also sated in 2017 27,000 911 cell line calls came in. 17,000 911 landline calls were made to his department and 221 "text the 911 center" came in.

Bob Young - Hwy Dept - Updated the Commissioners on the Franklin Street bridge inspection. Parts ordered from Chicago. Bridge should be working by this weekend. The depth of the inspection has not been done in approx. 40 years.

Barb Mossman - HR - Part time positions are still open. Online applications are up and running.

Connie Gramarossa - Shared Ethics - Reported on the Shared Ethics Summit held in March. Over 200 people attended. David Link was the guest speaker.

**ORIGINAL**

**Bob Cutler - Coroner** - Bob reported the State is demanding toxicology tests to be done on just about every death. Looking for synthetics. He reported our county currently complies. He introduced Bob Lewis, a dog trainer, who is willing to offer his services with a cadaver dog. No cost to the county. Funded by donations. Bob Cutler stated Porter, St. Joe, Starke and Lake Counties all agree it would be an asset. Use can be for a missing person, example of a resident from a nursing home that walks away from the facility. Contract approved by Attorney Doug Biege. Will be considered a lease with no additional premium under our insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Kora to approve the use of the cadaver dog. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**REQUESTS**

**Andrew McGuire - EMS** - Requested travel for required ambulance inspection in Lynn, Missouri. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**John Espar - Prosecuting Attorney** - Requested travel for training in Atlanta, New Orleans and Pittsburgh. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Kathy Chroback - Clerk** - Requested approval for \*polling locations for the May 8<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*Attached to minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bob Young - Hwy** - Annual material bid recommendations were: Class 4 Sand - one bid, Area Excavating. Class 11 Bituminous - liquid asphalt - 2 bidders: Bit Mat Products of Indiana and Asphalt Materials in Indianapolis. Asphalt Materials will be used first - .9 cents cheaper. Bit Mat will be used second. Bit Mat will also do chip seal for .25 cents a gallon. Class 12 Hot Asphalt, Paving - Two bidders - Reith-Riley and Walsh Kelly. Reith-Riley came in at \$1.25 less per ton so they will be first then use Walsh Kelly second. Walsh Kelly does have the Johnson Road Project that begins in June. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**John Boyd - Sheriff** - Attorney Doug Biege opened sealed bids for vehicles. Best Chevrolet Buick, Best Ford and La Porte Chrysler were the bidders. Commissioner Kora motioned to give the bids for review with recommendation to Sheriff Boyd. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Rich Gramarossa - Building Maintenance** - Attorney Doug Biege opened one sealed bid from Skwiat Electric for rehab in the basement of the county complex. Commissioner Kora motioned to give the bid to Rich Gramarossa for review with recommendation at the next meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Appointment to the NICTD (Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District) Board.** Motion made by Commissioner Kora to table this item. Seconded by Commissioner Mrozinski. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Juvenile Court Services** - Considered Facility Use Agreement with Purdue University. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Proclamation - World Creativity and Innovation Week April 15-21.** Cindy Hedge. Motion made by Commissioner Kora to adopt the Proclamation. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Mrozinski stated John Mills name was omitted during the last meeting when recognizing the Friends of the Barn committee.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE 4-18-18

Michael J. Kora  
V. Kora

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

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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