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Member

LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 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. Requested all non-essential cell phones to be turned off.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked John Jones to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Auditor Joie Winski called the roll: Commissioner Gramarossa - 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 opening RFQs (Request for Qualifications) for construction manager on the Michigan City Courthouse Project. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Motion made by Commissioner Kora to approve said amended agenda. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2nd, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the May 2nd meeting. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kora welcomed Connie Gramarossa as the new Commissioner replacing Mike Gonder who resigned. Commissioner Kora motioned to nominate Connie as Vice President. Seconded by Commissioner Mrozinski. Connie accepted. Motion carried.

Liaison positions for Commissioner Gramarossa are Plan Commission, Right-To-Know, NICTD, Drainage Board, E-911 Board, Juvenile Services Board, Solid Waste Management Board and the Kankakee River Basin Commission.

CLAIMS

Auditor Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 5-4-2018 - \$1,152,883.71 and Miscellaneous - \$709,454.66. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Voice of Democracy essay winner Keeley Higley read her winning speech.

ORIGINAL



ALL RISE

Proclamation in Support of National Drug Court Month

- WHEREAS** there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts have served more than 1.4 million individuals; and
- WHEREAS** they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and
- WHEREAS** they save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free.
- WHEREAS** treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and
- WHEREAS** treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise; and
- WHEREAS** the time has come to put a treatment court within reach of every eligible person in need.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LaPorte County Board of Commissioners declares that Drug Court Month be established during the month of May 2018.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
 COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
 DATE 5-16-18

ATTEST: _____
 Auditor
 LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND AWARDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATUS BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires a CEDS as a prerequisite for designation as an Economic Development District (EDD), and

WHEREAS, EDA requires submittal of a CEDS to qualify for assistance under its Public Works, Economic Adjustment, and Planning Programs, and awarding of grants to eligible communities, and

WHEREAS, district status would make communities in LaPorte County that do not meet the distressed community requirements eligible for EDA funds, and

WHEREAS, under IC 36-7-7.6-12 one of the stated purposes of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is to institute and maintain a comprehensive planning and programming process for economic development policy and provide a coordinative management process for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties; and

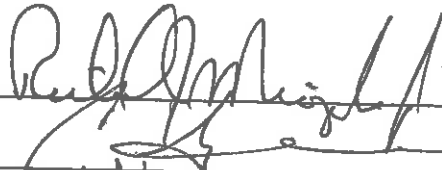
WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties is the recognized regional organization responsible for updating and applying the programs set forth in the CEDS; and

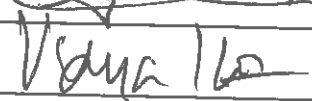
WHEREAS, this body has previously supported the establish of an Economic Development District broadly representative of the principal economic interests of the Northwestern Indiana region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LaPorte County Commissioners:

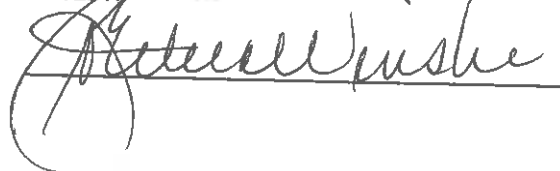
1. Support the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission as the designated Economic Development District of Northwest Indiana and
2. Support and endorse the request to the Economic Development Administration.

Approved this 16th day of May, 2018





ATTEST:



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