



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 10:00 a.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Requested all non-essential cell phones to be turned off.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked John Smith 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 add to the agenda a Resolution under New Business. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora then motioned to approve said agenda. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MAY 16th, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the May 16th meeting. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Auditor Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 5-18-2018 - \$1,159,089.34 - Payroll ending 6-1-2018 = \$1,150,262.31 and Miscellaneous - \$2,546,864.95. Auditor Winski reported amounts are result of 3 weeks between meetings as well as a few items for highway department and renewal for insurance. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

**Rich Gramarossa - Building Maintenance** - Updated Commissioners on Adult Probation project currently at 90% completed, no additional money has been needed and 2 weeks ahead of schedule.

**Mike Seitz - Economic Development** - Stated MOUs have been signed by all property owners along the I-94/421 project for water and sewer hook-up. A Love's travel plaza will be coming to that area along with 2 hotels. Also commented on KIP tax abatements.

**Clay Turner - Solid Waste** - Reported on the need for a legal description for Right-of-Way on Zigler Road.

**Barb Mossman - HR** - Reminded all that the annual Fallen Officers blood drive will be Friday, June 8, 10am-4pm.

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**REQUESTS**

**Jay Sullivan - Engineer - Contract addendum for Johnson Road.** Attorney Doug Biege had approved. No additional money is required. A transfer within the contract will take place. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**Elizabeth Downs - La Porte County Family YMCA - Requesting road closures for Triathlon August 4<sup>th</sup>.** Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Recommendation for Construction Manager for the Michigan City Courthouse Project.** Four bids were opened at last meeting. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve Tonn & Blank as the Construction Manager for the project. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora refrained from voting due to conflict of interest. Commissioner Gramarossa stated Tonn & Blank will use local subcontractors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lisa Pierzakowski - Center Township Trustee - Rod Carrington - Center Township VFD - Requested permission to approach the Council for \$7,000 for Emergency Warning Signs at the new Fire Station on Johnson Road.** Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2018-3 - Approving an amending declaratory resolution & Economic Development Plan of the La Porte County Redevelopment Commission & approving the order of the La Porte County Plan Commission.** Motion made by Commissioner Kora to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kora stated a Redevelopment Commission meeting is set for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Gramarossa reported on a new program in the Building Commission Department that allows permits to be done online. A representative from the company will be here for 2 days for training.

President Mrozinski announced the closing of Highway 35 has been pushed back until July 5<sup>th</sup> for replacing culverts. Paving on Johnson Road will begin June 18<sup>th</sup> and ends July 4<sup>th</sup>. One lane of traffic will be available.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE: 6-20-2018  
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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Auditor

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