

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LA PORTE COUNTY

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> Dr. Vidya Kora, Member

LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 1, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked David Renz to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JULY 18th, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the July 18th meeting. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 7-27-2018 - \$1,183,817.44 and Miscellaneous - \$1,467,939.90. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Renz - Door Village Fest - Requested materials from the highway department for annual festival held September 8-9. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Senator Mike Bohacek presented an award to Dr. Kora on behalf of Governor Holcomb - Order of the Corydon. Sheila Brillson - Michigan City - Commented on two subjects. Commissioners should look in accounts to fund parttime Veterans Service Officer. Create a line item on agenda for Public Comments on items on the agenda.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Matt Reardon - Economic Development - Stated site selectors were having a conference at Blue Chip. Tours would be given at the new Michigan City hospital. KIP area would be featured as well as 39 North district. Matt also said an online survey will run for two months.

Jeremy Sobecki - Parks Dept - Reported Lincoln Memorial Trail is finally completed between Westville and Bluhm County Park. Improvements added at Red Mill Park. Jeremy thanked the highway department for taking down trees.



Joe Golec - Veterans Service Officer - Reported on an upcoming event for Veterans at the La Porte National Armory on State Road 2. Military Veterans Stand Down will offer free haircuts, lunch, assistance, transportation and other services. Please bring DD214, Military ID or VA health card.

REQUESTS

Lois Sosinski - Recorder - Requested permission for two employees to travel to Iowa for training Sept. 24th - 25th. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Taylor O'Heran - Rolling Prairie - Requested permission to close one block of Depot Street December 1st.

Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

Andrew McGuire - EMS - Requested permission to approach the Council for additional appropriations.

Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Considered INDOT project at Creek Ridge Park. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Considered Agreement between Pictometry International Corp. and La Porte County Assessor. A fly-over will be done to look for damage from recent floods. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

Considered Ordinance to vacate alleyways/roadways for VFW in Kankakee Township, Rolling Prairie. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Ordinance 2018-2

Considered Approval of Tonn & Blank Construction for the Construction Manager contract for the Michigan City Courthouse Project. Commissioner Kora abstained. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried with two votes. Attorney Doug Biege approved the contract but Exhibit A will need an amendment.

Barb Mossman - HR - Considered Approval for Drug Screen Policy revision. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to table this revision so she could compare the changes from the current policy. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion to table item carried. Drug Screen Policy revision tabled until next meeting on August 15th at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora thanked the Home Team for interest in the County Home. He also thanked Joie Winski and committee on the Michigan City Courthouse Project then reminded all of the Michigan City boat races. Commissioner Gramarossa stated to eat at "A Taste of Michigan City."

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

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