



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 5, 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 led 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. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15th, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve the minutes from the August 15th meeting. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 8-24-2018 - \$1,152,143.97 and Miscellaneous - \$2,336,972.76. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheila Brillson - Michigan City resident - Commented on the MOU agreement with Waste Management.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

**Matt Reardon - ED** - Michigan City and La Porte Chamber of Commerce ED worked together to develop a survey for businesses to complete.

**Mike Seitz - ED** - Commented on assisting local businesses.

**Andrew McGuire - EMS** - Stated his department received a grant through the Health Care Foundation of La Porte in the amount of \$37,500 which will be used to purchase video laryngoscopes for the ambulances. Laryngoscopes are devices used to place a breathing tube in a patient's trachea. The devices are considered the most state-of-the-art intubation devices on the market today and will assist Paramedics with difficult intubations. Commissioner Kora stated a letter of Thanks should be sent to the Health Care Foundation.

**Bob Cutler - Coroner** - Reported on training attended in Indianapolis by 6 deputies. Opioid issue was a topic. All deputies currently carry Narcan, a narcotic blocker used to treat drug overdoses.

**Rick Moore - Shared Ethics** - Stated there will be a meeting for Shared Ethics on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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Jack Arnett, Jane Daley and Rick Wright - La Porte County Convention and Visitors Bureau - Reported on the annual Boat Races. Silent Auction brought in \$2,463. Emergency Management volunteers. A press release will be made soon.

### REQUESTS

**Andrew McGuire - EMS** - Requested permission to approach the Council for computer replacements in the amount of \$10,170. Computers being replaced are 7 years old, not working properly and are used for the field training officers. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Considered tabled La Porte Hospital land exchange and purchase of EMS station. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to continue this item as tabled. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Considered Appointment of an authorized representative for US Bank re: KIP escrow account. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to appoint County Auditor Joie Winski as the Authorized Representative for this account. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Gramarossa then motioned for an audit to be done on this KIP escrow account. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

**Mitch Bishop - Planner** - Considered MOU with Waste Management. Mitch reported he has been working on this project for approximately 3 years to get to this Memorandum of Understanding. He said Dr. Kora has attended some of the meetings. A lease agreement would be next after the signed MOU to redevelopment the site. There are a lot of controls involved, certain areas that cannot be disturbed. A post closure plan is in place. Mitch stated an Environmental Specialist has been hired to help with this project, Eric Neagu, with the Antero Group. Waste Management has been getting recognition for converting landfills into golf courses. Mitch stated the vision for this site is a possible "Four Seasons Park" with Alpine Sledding and other recreational activities like Zip Lining. Approximately 100 acres at this location. The next step will be a lease agreement which will allow them to enter the property. Mitch then stated a meeting will take place next Tuesday between his self, Waste Management and Eric Neagu. Commissioner Kora thanked Mitch for all his work on this project. He commented the view from the top of the location is a great one. He said one of the concerns with this site was the quality of the water which was tested and the results were very good. Commissioner Kora did agree with Sheila Brillson that the former landfill is a complex area for environmental law, a specialized area of a closed landfill. Concerns from the community have prompted the idea of having an environmental attorney look into this project before we proceed. County Attorney Doug Biege responded the MOU is only an agreement to talk. President Mrozinski stated he has full trust in both Mitch Bishop and Doug Biege to handle this project correctly. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded the statement of President Mrozinski. No vote was taken for signatures on this MOU at this meeting.

**Bob Cutler - Coroner** - Considered Mutual Aid Agreement between La Porte, Kosciusko and St. Joseph Coroners. Bob stated first counties in the state of Indiana to do this agreement. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

**Guy DiMartino - Attorney** - Considered settlement agreement in the matter of Juaquin Diaz Del Real v. LPCO Sheriff. Settlement in the amount of \$35,000. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Considered American Structurepoint schematics for Michigan City Courthouse renovation. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Considered 2018 General Election polling locations. Two locations will be changed. MC05/MC06 will now be at the Elston Building at 317 Detroit Street and MC22/MC23 will be back at Nieman Building. Both are in Michigan City. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

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Considered Petition for acceptance of county road into county highway inventory. Three interested parties were Terrance and Lisa Scholl, James and Jami Erdmann and Jack and Jill Markiewicz. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kora commented on the Boat Races.

Commissioner Gramarossa stated great activities in our county to enjoy.

President Mrozinski reported on the VSO officers.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE 09/19/2018

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

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