



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 19, 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 that all non-essential phones be turned off.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Ashley Dickinson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to remember Ralph E. Howes, a WWII veteran who was at the Battle of the Bulge.

#### ROLL CALL

Secretary Diane Gonzales called the roll: Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Present; Commissioner Gramarossa - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda by adding under New Business - Consider Historical Society Board of Directors recommendation for curator at the county museum. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 5th, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the September 5th meeting. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Secretary Diane Gonzales read the claims with Payroll ending 9-7-2018 - \$1,162,741.24 and Miscellaneous - \$884,909.89. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

President Mrozinski welcomed students from La Porte High School, Miss Kuta's class.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Bob Cutler - Coroner - Thanked Commissioners for signing the Mutual Aide agreement with St. Joseph and Kosciusko counties. Bob reported on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Frontline located at 714 Lincolnway, 12-1pm, a free NARCAN training will take place. Commissioner Kora thanked Bob for his work. Stated prescription drug overdoses are down compared to heroin and fentanyl. Commissioner Gramarossa said she attended the AIC (Association of Indiana Counties) conference and took a class on drug abuse in the state.

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**Mike Seitz - Economic Development** - Requested permission to approach the Council for \$14, 144.66 for US 30 Coalition. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**Joe Golec - Veterans Service Officer** - Reported that Del Lindsey was nominated Veteran of the Year for La Porte County from Post #1130. Joe thanked the Commissioners for their support of the veterans.

### REQUESTS

**Andrew McGuire - EMS** - Requested permission to approach the Council to spend funds for a new ambulance. Commissioner Kora thanked the "anonymous" donor for purchasing a new ambulance in the amount of \$196,110 for the EMS department. Gratitude for an extraordinary gift. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**John Dudek - E911** - Requested permission to approach the Council for additional appropriations for server replacement. Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

**John Espar - Prosecuting Attorney** - Requested permission for travel to Redmond, VA for ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) conference. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**Maggie Fritzen - LP Family Advocates** - Requested permission for road closures October 6th - Superhero 5K race. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Considered tabled La Porte Hospital land exchange and purchase of EMS station.** Commissioner Kora motioned to remove this item from the table. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Ashley Dickinson, CEO of La Porte Hospital, reported two parcels are currently being looked at for new location for the EMS building. Both parcels are undergoing environmental exams. Results should be in next week. Commissioner Gramarossa thanked Ashley for the report then motioned to table this item once again. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.

**Considered MOU with Waste Management.** No vote was taken on this issue at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Kora motioned to not adopt this MOU as written, move MOU to RDC and use an environmental lawyer. No seconded so motion failed. Commissioner Kora then motioned to move the MOU to the RDC. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Considered Sheriff Department's lease agreement with FARO.** Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

**Considered proposed Ordinance to Amend La Porte County Zoning Map.** Commissioner Gramarossa motioned to approve. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried. **Ordinance 2018-3**

**Considered Supporting Historical Society's Board appointment of Kerin Teller-Jakubowski for the position of Museum Curator after resignation of Susie Richter who will be retiring November 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora stated an issue in Voter Registration has been brought to the attention of the Commissioners. Although both co-directors are appointed by the county chairmen of the Democrat and Republican parties, there is no on-site supervisor. Voter Registration should be under the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. President Mrozinski said he is aware of the problem and will continue to work on the issue. Both Commissioner Gramarossa and President Mrozinski reported on the AIC conference that they attended.

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**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

\*\*\* Let the record show acceptance of Ordinance 2018-4 which was approved at September 5<sup>th</sup>'s meeting without stating Ordinance number and road name of Dr. Scholl Lane. Petitions for acceptance of this road added to the county highway inventory by Scholl, Erdmann and Markiewicz parties were presented.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE 10-3-2018

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

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