

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# LA PORTE COUNTY

555 Michigan Avenue, Suite 202 La Porte, IN 46350-3400 Phone: (219) 326-6808 ext. 2229 Richard Mrozinski, President

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# LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Rich Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Teresa Ludlow, Clerk/Treasurer for the City of La Porte.

#### 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 OCTOBER 3rd, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the October 3rd meeting. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

## CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 10-5-2018 - \$1,160,240.92 and Miscellaneous = \$1,166,761.74. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

## PRESENTATION BY MALCOLM SMITH ON FOLDING BRIDGES

Carter Simonson and Malcom Smith gave a presentation on behalf of their company "Dependable Tree and Maintenance Service LLC." DTM is a Bridge Tending Service for movable bridges.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Lynne Spevak - Treasurer - Reported on the Tax Sale scheduled for October 18th. Began with approximately 1700 parcels on the list but has gone down to 899 due to payments made or arrangements by taxpayers. Treasurer Spevak reminded everyone that fall taxes are due November 13th. County is closed on Monday, November 12th for Veterans Day.

Mike Seitz - Economic Development - Reported on water and sewage hookup along highway 421/I-94. Added two new properties in Kingsbury on the Zoom prospect list, a state website.



Kathy Chroback - Clerk of the Circuit Court - Requested signatures on Malcon Consulting contract for monthly Title IV-D services. Clerk Chroback stated the Indiana Department of Child Services periodically will do quality assurance reviews. In March a review was done in Kathy's office and it was recommended to use a consulting firm. The consultant company will be paid from the Clerk's Title IV-D account. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the contract with Malcon. Commissioner Gramarossa stated she did not know enough about it to vote so President Mrozinski stepped down and seconded the motion. Motion passed with two yes votes and one no vote.

Joe Golec - Veterans Service Officer - Announced three upcoming events for the month of November for veterans

November  $3^{rd}$  - Dr. Daniel Freed 1200 Andrew Avenue LP - Offering free dentist work to low income veterans. Time will be 8am-1pm.

November  $12^{th}$  –  $31^{st}$  annual Veterans Day Ceremony, Presented by the Mayor's Veterans committee at the Civic Auditorium in La Porte. Ceremony begins at 9:30am with coffee and donuts served 8-9:15am on the lower level. November  $17^{th}$  – La Porte County Patriotic Service Medal – 10am at County Complex room #3 in La Porte. Commissioner Kora stated a "Thank you" card should be sent to Dr. Freed.

# **REQUESTS**

None

### OLD BUSINESS

Considered tabled La Porte Hospital land exchange and purchase of EMS station. \*\*\* Remained Tabled Considered tabled Employee's health insurance for the 2019 year. Commissioner Kora motioned to take this item off the table. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Motion made by Commissioner Kora to accept the health insurance for the 2019 year. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Considered tabled New Avenues contract renewal for employee assistance program. Commissioner Kora motioned to remove this item from the table. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora motioned to accept the contract with New Avenues. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of 2019 Holiday schedule. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the schedule. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Jay Sullivan - Engineer - Considered Roadsoft pavement asset management contract. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora commented on Rich's tie.

Commissioner Gramarossa stated she has been very busy.

President Mrozinski reported on the USS Indiana navy ship that was commissioned.

#### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Commissioner Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

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