



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 10:00 a.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Rich Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Bob Young to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda by removing two items: Jeff Thorne under Requests and Changing Meeting time under New Business. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora then motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17th, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the October 17th meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 10-17-2018 - \$1,155,064.71 and 11-2-2018 - \$1,147,429.71 and Miscellaneous - \$1,121,063.65. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Matt Reardon - Economic Development - Reported the frontage road along Highway 421 in Michigan City, leading to the new hospital, will be milled and resurfaced by the highway department. Also reported work is continuing in the Kingsbury Industrial Park.

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## REQUESTS

*Jeff Thorne - Judge Superior Court #3 - Requesting permission to approach the Council for 60 sick days pay for employee Cathy Butiste who is retiring after 22 years of service. \*\*\*Removed*

*Steve Eyrick - Adult Probation - Requested permission for travel to Las Vegas Nov 14-16 for a conference. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.*

*Steve also inquired about the tunnel connecting the Courthouse and Complex in La Porte if he could approach the art department at La Porte High School for students to possibly paint murals on the walls that are currently plain. Both Commissioner Kora and Mrozinski agreed.*

*Keith Swanson - Fairgrounds Management and Events Corporation - Requested permission to approach the Council for sewer and water at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve.*

*Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Keith gave hands outs to the Commissioners on the work that has been done at the fair grounds. Electric updated. Sewer and water will be next. County Building Inspectors went through each building at the fairgrounds and a report was made. Each barn/building is listed with recommendations. Four wells sit on the property. Three are tied together. One is for the campground. Keith stated the plan is to tie into city water with La Porte. He has been working with La Porte City Engineer. He is working with both Tony Hendricks, County Surveyor and Jay Sullivan, County Engineer, to upgrade the sewer lines. The four wells need to be capped off.*

## 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 Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.*

*Commissioner Kora motioned to approve land swap on State Street behind the Post Office with La Porte Hospital for the new location of the EMS Building. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.*

*Each entity will own the land. A restriction with the first right of refusal for the hospital for the land that the county will own. A license agreement for the current ambulance location to stay where it is at during construction of the new building. All agreements have been approved by Attorney Biege. He suggested if Commissioners chose to approve all agreements then add "subject to change in the traffic pattern for Chicago Street."*

*Currently it is a one-way street. County will be asking the City of La Porte to make Chicago Street a two-way street. A red safety signal will be installed to be used only when the ambulances exit the building. The hospital will be paying for the construction of the new EMS building.*

*Commissioner Kora thanked Ashley Dickenson, CEO of La Porte Hospital, Commissioner Connie Gramarossa, and Attorney Doug Biege for working hard to come to the agreements on this project.*

*Bob Young - Highway Dept - Open 2019 Material Bids. Attorney Doug Biege opened the bids for material and read the names of the bidders into the minutes. Commissioner Kora motioned to accept the bids, present them to Bob Young for review, then Bob will bring his recommendations back to the Commissioners. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Bob stated he would take the bids to the room next door for public review. Bidders listed here:*

*Cold Patch: Phend & Brown, Inc; Walsh & Kelly, Inc.; Rieth-Riley Construction Co, Inc.*

*Traffic Signs & Posts: Osburn Associates; Hall Signs*

*Blast Furnace Crushed Slag: Beemsterboer Aggregates; Phoenix Services, LLC*

*Crushed Limestone: South Lake Stone; Ozinga Materials & Logistics; Material Service Corp (Hanson);*

*US Aggregates, Inc.*

*Diesel Fuel & Gas: Triple J-Mar Petroleum, Inc.; Co-Alliance; Superior Petroleum Products (Rackham)*

*Metal Culverts: Metal Culverts, Inc.; Debco Metal Culverts*

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NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution Establishing Commissioners' Certificate sale. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the sale for February 22, 2019. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 2018-5

Consideration of changing meeting time from 6:00pm to 10:00am on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*\*Removed

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

President Mrozinski reminded everyone that Veterans Day is Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA

DATE 11-14-2018  
[Signature]  
Vladimir

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

Auditor

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