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LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 5, 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our 41st United States President George Herbert Walker Bush who passed away November 30th.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda by adding two items: Under Old Business – Appraisal of land attached to the County Home and Under New Business – Modify blood profile fees in the Health Department. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora then motioned to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14th, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the November 14th meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from a Special Meeting held on November 26th to appoint an Interim Director for E-911 center. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 11-30-2018 - \$1,169,772.88 and Miscellaneous - \$1,563,844.42. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Meaney – 4078 W. Schultz Road LP – Commented on the Ordinance for load limits under Old Business. Stated he thought this Ordinance should be under New Business, not Old Business and the permit fees need to be changed in the draft. Mr. Meaney said he is not opposed to the Ordinance.

Rip Ludlow – 1103 W. 19th Street LP – Stated he was with the La Porte County EMS for 35 years then retired 4 years ago. Thanked the Commissioners and the Council for their support for hiring 6 new employees for EMS.

Randall Veatch – 4177 W. Schultz Road LP – Expressed his agreement with everything Pat Meaney stated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Matt Reardon – ED – Updated Commissioners on the project on Hwy 421/I-94 area.

Mike Seitz – ED – Thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to work in the Economic Development office.

ORIGINAL

REQUESTS

Erika Stallworth – JSC – Requested permission to approach the Council for sick days pay for 24 year employee Cary Mosher who is resigning December 27th. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Dick Buell – Community Corrections – Requested permission to approach the Council for sick days pay for his 27 years of service. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Considered Ordinance designating load limits on county highways. Commissioner Kora stated after hearing comments from both Mr. Meaney and Mr. Veatch he motioned to table this item. Commissioner Mrozinski did not second the motion but asked legal counsel as to his opinion. Attorney Doug Biege stated he did not go back and look at the minutes from the April 2017 meeting but if the subject in question was tabled then it would remain under "Old Business." Procedurally it is correct to be placed under Old Business. Commissioner Kora said there are a few concerns in the current draft that should be cleaned up. Attorney Biege commented it is properly drafted and could be reconsidered. Commissioner Kora stated to leave the item on the table for now but modify it and bring it back at a later meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski agreed to leave it on the table for now. No motion taken.

Considered appraisal of land around the County Home. Commissioner Kora motioned to get separate appraisals from the current three that were only for the building and five acres around the building. Motion is made for two appraisals. One for the remaining land outside of the building and five acres then one appraisal for 20 acres. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Considered Certification of La Porte County Plan Commission of Proposed Recommendation for Re-Zoning. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. **Ordinance 2018-5**

Considered Agreement for Property Tax Legal Collection Services. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Considered establishing minimum bids for upcoming Commissioners' sale. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Clarification of appointment of Interim Assistant Director for E-911 center. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Considered Health Department blood fees increased. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora stated President George Herbert Walker Bush was the youngest pilot to fly in WWII and he also skydived at age 90 years old. President Bush also promoted "a kinder and gentler nation."

Commissioner Mrozinski agreed to the "kinder and gentler nation. Announced the Photos with Pets at the small Animal Shelter. Commissioner Mrozinski commented on the decorations outside the courthouse.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 12-19-2018

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ATTEST: _____
Auditor

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