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LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Monday, July 1, 2019 La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 10:00 a.m.

President Vidya Kora called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He asked Steve Grott to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Sheila Matias announced Steve Grott as Amvet of the 2018-2019 year. He served our Country as a Marine 1962-1965. Commissioner Matias then presented Steve with a plaque.

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

Considered the agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to remove item "11 a". Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Mrozinski then motioned to accept the agenda minus the item. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered approval of June 19, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 6/20/2019 - \$1,243,771.92 and miscellaneous claims of \$2,477,396.57. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried. All 3 Commissioners reviewed the claims.

Public Comments:

Joe Haney – 2695 W. Joliet Road – La Porte – Urged the Board of Commissioners to revisit the prior years when PGI was held in our County. President Kora stated he spent time at Mr. Haney's home previously and thanked him for speaking today. Commissioner Matias thanked Joe as well. Attorney Shaw Friedman said it is the decision of the FMEC not the Fairboard.

Jerry Williams – 1338 S. Redbud Drive – La Porte – Distributed photos of the PGI fireworks display. Jerry reported on the air quality with toxic soot and smoke during PGI. Chemicals such as barium and other poison ingredients have caused both his wife and his self to have watery eyes and coughing. The animals in the area are affected as well. The egrets, blue herons, ducks, geese and deer.

Larry Salzwedel – 1325 S. Redbud Drive – La Porte – Voiced his concern for pets during the PGI fireworks. Suggested using KIP area instead for fireworks display.

Dale Applegate – Too loud, too late. Stated he was concerned for the veterans and pets. Commissioner Matias stated all comments pertaining to PGI should be transcribed in detail and given to the FMEC.

Department Head Comments:

Mitch Bishop – County Planner – Requested permission from the Board of Commissioners to approach the County Council for Phase 2 of the Community Crossings Grant. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Butcher – EMA Director – Informed the Commissioners the original 2019 vehicle he had permission to purchase is no longer available but a 2020 vehicle is however at \$100.00 less. Larry requested permission to purchase the 2020 vehicle. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

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Joe Golec – Veterans Service Officer – Reported on upcoming events for Veterans. Fair week is July 7-13. VSO will be manning a booth in Community Building 2. The Pottawatomie Zoo in South Bend on July 20th will be offering Free admission for all Military and \$5 tickets for family members 10:00am-4:30pm. Stand Down will be August 2nd at the La Porte Armory on State Road 2. Free haircuts, free lunch and educational information will be available.

Requests:

Considered possible use of a courtroom for scenes in a movie. Brandon Riley, Producer with Graham Family Films – Requested permission to use a courtroom during production of a low-budget movie called Pardoned by Grace on Sunday, July 21st from 11:00am – 10:00pm. Attorney Shaw Friedman requested Consent of Liability and cover the cost to pay security and maintenance for opening the courthouse on Sunday. Brandon replied yes, his company would cover the cost. Shaw asked how many people will be participating in the film. Brandon stated 20-30 crew members and 40-50 extras. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Considered post-session opt-out language in contract of lobbyist Marissa Lynch with potential renewal for 2020 legislative session. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Considered proposed environmentally restrictive covenant requested by IDEM in connection with Rolling Prairie – County Highway LUST site – Jay Sullivan, County Engineer. *Removed**

Considered permission for EMS to approach the Council for additional appropriation for Image Trend and Physio Control Maintenance contracts – Andrew McGuire, EMS Administrator. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Matias said FMEC will hear concerns pertaining to the effects of the PGI fireworks. Sheila also said there are openings on state level Boards and Commissions if anyone is interested.

Commissioner Mrozinski attended the Farm Bureau picnic, great organization. During Independence Day remember to salute the flag and veterans.

Commissioner Kora stated the Fair Management and Events Corporation will handle the PGI inquiries. He said if you are interested in applying for the Boards and Commissions on the state level give your information to Diane. Happy 4th of July to everyone.

Commissioner Kora adjourn at 10:40 a.m.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 7-17-2019

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ATTEST: _____ Auditor

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