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LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

President Vidya Kora called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Madison Wiatrowski.

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

Considered the amended agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered approval of August 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 8/16/2019 - \$1,227,350.92. Miscellaneous claims of \$802,472.42. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rodney McCormick – 617 Union Street Michigan City – Inquired on locations of Polling Places for the General Election including the Michigan City Courthouse used for Absentee Voting. Rodney commented on court hearings not being recorded.

Jim Kimmel – 1015 S. Westwood Drive La Porte - Supports PGI. Attorney Shaw Friedman stated it would be the FMEC that determines whether or not PGI returns to the County.

Debbie Jerkins – 5913 N. 450 W. (N. Nowak Road) La Porte – Presented petitions from her neighborhood against a “Base” competition that has been held on Wildwood Inn property on weekends the past 3 years. At times it is until 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. Sheriff has been called but nothing has been done. No “noise” ordinance in the county. The property owner has been confronted but she states it is her property and she can “rent it out to whoever she wants to.” President Kora directed Debbie to approach the Plan Commission.

Louie Spear – 6434 S. 3rd Line Road La Porte – Commented on the Shurz Ditch off Ohio Street in La Porte. Handed out copies of the Indiana Drainage Laws to the Commissioners. Louie has attended meetings with the Drainage Board to solve the issue on the Spear Farm. City of La Porte has been pumping water on to the property. Louie has requested a “stop work order” issued on the pumping due to a back-up of 54 inches of water, 2700 feet from the Spear Farm.

Department Head Comments:

None

Requests:

Considered permission to install galvanized barbwire to the fence at Community Corrections – Rob Neary. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered use of Superior Court 3 at the Complex beginning September 9th – Judge Michael Bergerson. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

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Requested permission to procure Sentinel One anti-virus software for all county owned pcs; Permission to approach Council for Microsoft E1 and Permission to use .Gov Domain Registration for email – Darlene Hale, IT. Funds have been designated for 911, Sheriff's Dept and the IT Dept. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve Sentinel One. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve permission to approach the Council for Microsoft E1- not to exceed \$65,000. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve .Gov Domain Registration for the County's email. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Considered re-zoning Ordinance to permit siting of Dollar General Store in Stillwell – Tony Rodriguez. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried. **Second/Final reading.** There was no public comment heard on this request. *****Ordinance 2019-15**

New Business:

Considered local match for county sign replacement – Mitch Bishop, Planner. Mitch stated it was an 80/20 grant at first but he was able to negotiate it to a 90/10. Originally only enough money for 13 Townships to get warning signs replaced. Approximately 5000 signs left to do in 8 Townships – Center, Clinton, Coolspring, Michigan (listed twice), New Durham, Scipio and Springfield. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve Mitch to approach the Council for the 10%. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered nominal lease with La Porte Hospital for use of former House of Fara location as temporary base during EMS base move – Andrew McGuire, Admin., EMS/Jillyn Heck, RQAW and Received bids in connection with EMS base move project – Andrew McGuire, Admin., EMS/Jillyn Heck, RQAW. Andrew stated with the cost savings by moving the EMS location one block east instead of building a new facility a few more projects will get done. He also said while the move is in progress that EMS location will need to be housed somewhere else temporarily. The Fara family has agreed to the use of their facility behind Kabelin's on the west side of La Porte on Eggebrecht Road for approximately 10 weeks. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried. **Attorney Shaw Friedman** opened the only bid from Larson Danielson which was in compliant with the time and date received. Shaw requested the bid to be given to Andrew and RQAW for evaluation. Bid amount for the move was \$457,336; Foundation issues at \$291,816 and site improved listed was \$191,527. Motion made by Commission Matias to give lone bid to Andrew McGuire and RQAW. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Question was asked as to how much was the total bid - \$1,482,951.00 with options.

Considered Franklin Street Bridge Repairs – President Kora stated there was an accident on the Franklin Street Bridge August 2, 2019 when a vehicle went through the arm gate as it was coming down. There was significant damage to the bridge. Andy Skwiat and Marquiss Electric will do the repairs. Possibly some of this will be paid by the owner of the vehicle's insurance company. Auditor Joie Winski stated there is a fund to cover the cost of repairs. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Matias reported the Commissioners have requested the Human Resources Director, Barb Mossman, to create mandatory training around performance management for all Supervisors, Managers, Elected Officials and anyone in charge of discipline for managing performance. Commissioner Matias stated the county website update is in progress. Currently two surveys on the county website for input.

Commissioner Mrozinski attended Problem Solving Court graduation with Coroner Bob Cutler as the speaker. He thanked both Judge Greta Friedman and Steve Eyrick for their hard work. Commissioner Mrozinski said new legislative law out for drivers to stop when a school bus stops. Rich is working on the Golf Court Ordinance.

Commissioner Kora reported that due to the renovation of the Michigan City Courthouse the Work One Office will have to be relocated. Linda Woloshansky, President/CEO of the Center for Workforce Innovations will attend a meeting to update the Commissioners. Commissioner Kora spoke on the recent Legionella cases. A CDC company from Louisville, Kentucky took samples from the Hiler Building. A positive sample came back from the cooling tower on the roof of the building with negative findings from the samples taken inside the building. Larry Levendowski, Director of Facilities, corrected the issue and another sample was taken which came back negative. Commissioner Kora reported he made a recent visit to the White House in Washington, DC where cyber security was discussed. Small business administration, FEMA funding, Rural Broadband and Opioid prescriptions were discussed as well. Commissioner Kora met Vice President Mike Pence.

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President Kora adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

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

DATE 9-4-2019

Richard M. Roginski

Shalee Harris

ATTEST: [Signature]

Auditor

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