



**LA PORTE COUNTY
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LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, September 4, 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. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Eugene Shurte, former county employee; Odessa, Texas shooting victims; boat fire victims off Santa Cruz Island, California and victims of Hurricane Dorian.

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 accept the agenda. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered approval of August 21, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 8/30/2019 - \$1,221,885.05 and Miscellaneous claims of \$1,002,418.99. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rodney McCormick – 617 Union Street Michigan City - Attended the County Election Board meeting. Rodney would like to see Absentee Voting moved out of the Michigan City courthouse and out of the schools.

Dennis Metheny – 6757 W. 450 N. Michigan City – Stated Indiana Code states public schools “shall” allow polling at their locations. President Kora replied if suitable locations are found then that route will be taken. Dennis said he would like to see Vote Centers in our county.

Phyllis Marks – 118 Sagamore Pkwy La Porte and Steve Jensen – 6718 W. 50 S. La Porte - Spoke on the Indiana Barn Association tour in our County on Saturday, September 28th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Begins at the County Museum on Indiana Avenue with the Round Barn, Ault residence (Dinwiddie Barn) at 1801 S. I Street next, County Home Barn on State Road 2 then on to 969 S. Forrester Road to the Kurth Barn.

Louie Spear – 6434 S. 3rd Line Rd La Porte – Gave a hand out to the Commissioners. Brief information on the drainage issue on Boyd Blvd in La Porte.

Department Head Comments:

None

Requests:

Considered permission for travel to the IAAO Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario – Mike Schultz, Assessor. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

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New Business:

Considered expert appraisal services agreement for County Assessor’s office by Team Consulting, LLC, and Mike Schultz, Assessor. Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Considered HealthLinc dental services contract for Juvenile Services Center – Beth Wrobel, CEO, HealthLinc and Erika Stallworth, JSC Director. Motion made by Commissioner Matias to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Considered GovPayNet at Community Corrections - Rob Neary, Director. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered interlocal cooperation agreement between the City and County regarding county building dept assistance for inspections/permitting of new La Porte Hospital – Doug Biege, Attorney for County Building Department/Plan Commission. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered request of NIPSCO to use Fairgrounds for emergency staging area - Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered engaging Christopher Burke Engineering for preliminary research/evaluation of options to remedy/reduce flooding in Meadowview Estates – Al Walus, CBE. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Matias reported she attended the County Election Board meeting held on Friday. Commissioner Matias stated after the Primary Resolution 2019-13 was passed by the Commission in regards to increasing convenience and hassle-free access for voters.

Commissioner Mrozinski attended the County Election Board meeting. Patriots Day will be on September 11th. Commissioner Mrozinski said he had a meeting with Jon Kenworthy, Senator Mike Braun’s military and veteran’s affairs liaison and field rep. Congress woman Jackie Walorski met with Commissioner Mrozinski on August 27th. Governor Eric Holcomb was in Merrillville on August 30th at a “One Region” meeting at NiSource. Governor gave a presentation on “Double Tracking.” Commissioner Mrozinski stated he is still working on an Ordinance for Golf Carts.

Commissioner Kora reported he spoke to Don Glossinger, Director at Michigan City Public Library, in regards to possibly holding Absentee Voting at the library. The library is currently under construction so it is not possible to conduct voting this November at the library. Commissioner Kora said he also reached out to Fonda Owens, Director of the La Porte library. Voting by mail is big in several states. Possibly a Resolution can be drafted then sent to the state in support of voting by mail only. Healthcare Foundation held a meeting in which Commissioner Kora attended pertaining to infant mortality.

Commissioner Matias said she would like to comment on one more item. She is in her 9th month of being a County Commissioner which is considered a “part-time” position. Using technology today via emails, cell phones and text messages allows the Commissioners to work “full-time” on county issues 24/7.

Commissioner Mrozinski replied he will continue to do his job as Commissioner.

Commissioner Kora stated he would not be able to do his job as a Commissioner if it were not for technology of today.

President Kora adjourn at 10:56 a.m.

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

DATE 9/18/2019
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Auditor
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