



**LA PORTE COUNTY
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LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

Vice President Sheila Matias called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor Joie Winski called the roll: Commissioner Kora - Absent; 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 November 6, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Auditor Joie Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 11/8/2019 - \$1,225,833.23 and Miscellaneous claims of \$1,145,071.47. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Charlie Morgan – 6252 W. 400 N. La Porte – Requested the need for a turning lane light at Johnson Road and 400 North going south on Johnson road but turning left or going east on 400 N. Commissioners replied they will have an employee look into it.

Department Head Comments:

Darlene Hale – IT Director - Reported on Microsoft 365 which will be implemented. New email address coming soon. Laporteco.in.gov.

Tony Rodriguez – Office of Community & Economic Development – Super user group meeting held which was a great success.

Larry Levendowski – Director of Facilities – Gave Commissioners a year-end report. Funds spent on safety, mechanical, cosmetics and leak repairs.

Requests:

Considered permission to approach Council for additional funds for utilities and office supplies – Steve Alt, E911 Director. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered permission to approach Council for funds for easement acquisition, utility relocate and road construction – Jay Sullivan, Engineer. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered request of LADS program for office space on the second floor in the courthouse near courts/consider plan by Facilities Director to accommodate request. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered request for approval to post/advertise for 2020 fuel bids – John Boyd, Sheriff. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

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Old Business:

Considered recommendations for bid material for county highway – Bob Young.

Class 1 - Crushed Limestone

One Bidder: US Aggregates Inc.

We will accept US Aggregates bid and they will be our primary bidder.

Class 2 – Bituminous Patching / Rap Materials

Four Bidders: Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. Walsh & Kelly, Inc. Phend & Brown, Inc. Central Paving Inc.

We will accept all bids.

Class 3 – Blast Furnace Crushed Slag

Two Bidders: Phoenix Services Beemsterboer Aggregates

We will accept both bids. Phoenix Services will be our primary bidder and Beemsterboer Aggregates will be our secondary bidder.

Class 5 – No-lead, Diesel and E-85

Two Bidders: Triple J-Mar Petroleum, Inc. PetroChoice / Rackham Service

We will accept both bids.

Class 6 – Signs and Sign Posts

Two Bidders: Hall Signs Osburn Associates

We will accept both bids.

**Prices vary from product to product and we will use whoever is cheaper on the products purchased.

Class 7 – Culvert Pipe and Guardrail

Two Bidders: Debco Metal Culverts Metal Culverts, Inc.

We will accept both bids.

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Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered 1st reading on ordinance permitting use of golf carts and off-road vehicles on certain county roads. Public Comment: John Matwyshyn from Hudson Township asked about motorized wheelchair. Allen Stevens – 5277 W. 1475 S. Hanna – Thanked Commissioners for their help. Questioned the speed limit. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Received responses to RFP's for EAP (Employee Assistance Program) services – Barb Mossman, HR Director. New Avenues at \$1.25 per employee and Deer Oaks EAP Services - \$1.31 per employee. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve two bids to be given to Barb Mossman for review. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing to consider approval of Disposition of real property. There was no public comment heard when Commissioner Matias asked the public if anyone wished to speak. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Considered Resolution approving the disposal of real property (County Home and adjacent 5.39 acres) pursuant to I.C. 36-1-11-3 et seq. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

*****Resolution 2019-17**

New Business:

Considered appointment of Michelle Shirk to La Porte Public Library Board to fill vacancy created by Sean Quinn's election to County Council. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

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Considered temporary license to permit access by Nipsco crews onto county parking lot to permit upgrades to adjoining Nipsco substation – Kevin Warren, Attorney. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Sheila Matias reported on the final phase for the new county website. Launch date is November 25th. Commissioner Rich Mrozinski reminded everyone to thank a Veteran for their service.

Vice President Matias adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 12-11-2019



Sheila Matias

Rich Mrozinski

ATTEST: _____

Auditor

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