



# LA PORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 3, 2020 La Porte County Complex Meeting Room 3 at 10:00 a.m. via ALCO and Zoom

**President** Sheila Matias called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Executive Assistant** Diane Gonzales called the roll: Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Matias - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

**Considered** the agenda. Commissioner Kora motioned to add "Consider resolution regarding La Porte County to circulate Final Report of the President's 2015 Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing." Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora then motioned to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Considered** approval of May 20, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Assistant** Diane Gonzales read the claims with Payroll ending 5/22/2020 - \$1,177,923.78 and Miscellaneous claims - \$1,031,345.90. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

### Public Comment

None

### Department Reports/Department Head Comments

**Andrew McGuire – EMS Director** – Announced the new location for the EMS building. Thanked Larry Levendowski for his help throughout the building phase. Andrew stated he wanted an open house however due to COVID-19 a video tour may happen.

**Barb Mossman – HR Director** – Reported on an upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on June 19 by appointment only. Benefits Fallen Officers.

**Larry Butcher – EMA Director** – Reminded all to get PPE from his office.

**Jason Schadt – Circuit Court** – Inquired the status of the PPE supplies for Circuit Court. Jury trials will begin once the Supreme Court allows it therefore 5,000 masks were ordered but Circuit Court was instructed to return them, the county would not pay for them. EMA Director Larry Butcher provided masks for Circuit staff only. Will there be barriers set up in the courtrooms? Will PPE be provided for the public attending jury trials?

### Requests

**Considered** road closure for Tour De La Porte. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

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**Received** a presentation by Derek Willard, Fleet Management for Enterprise, regarding potential financial and operational advantages to an auto lease program. Derek distributed a Fleet Planning Analysis handout he put together for the Commissioners. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve a pilot program with Enterprise. Next step is to go in front of the Council for approval. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

**Considered** permission to approach County Council to fund Intercept Tek84, a whole Body Scanner – Director Rochelle Brown, Community Corrections. Rochelle introduced herself as the new Director at Community Corrections then gave a brief background of her experience. Rochelle has 14 years in the criminal justice field; 6 years in the DOC and 8 years in probation. Rochelle stated there is a need for a whole body scanner at the facility due to two recent overdoses which luckily to the quick action of the staff they were able to help the two individuals. In order to stop any drugs from coming into the facility she would like to purchase the full body scanner. The cost is \$149,000 which \$75,000 would come from the misdemeanor fund as per Sheriff Boyd. Rochelle said that would leave \$74,000 to be funded which she is requesting to approach the Council for that amount. Included in the amount is installation, calibration, 3 full days of training for the staff, and a 2 year warranty of parts and labor of the entire system. Commissioner Kora asked if a grant is available to which Director Brown stated her predecessor applied for a grant but it was denied. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve Director Brown to approach the Council. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**Bid** opening for the Michigan City Courthouse Renovation Project. Attorney Doug Biege opened bids that were all timely stamped when received. Bids were opened according to category then taken downstairs of the complex for review. Commissioner Kora motioned to accept the bids then hand over to the construction manager for review and recommendations at the next meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\***Bid list attached to minutes**

### **New Business**

**Considered** resolution regarding La Porte County to circulate Final Report of the President's 2015 Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. Commissioner Kora stated, "The death of Mr. George Floyd due to the brutal action by some police officers in Minneapolis has caused pain and outrage which is shared by all of us. A series of events that preceded this in Georgia and Kentucky. There have been some series of events even prior. Our nation is in a crisis after the murder of Mr. Floyd, the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, and the aftermath of the economic crisis following the COVID-19 crisis. I believe we should follow the footsteps of leaders like Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and others who have dealt with such struggles in their own lifetimes by taking positive action and have inspired all of us. In 2014 President Obama appointed a Task Force to address the problems in policing. It came up with a report called the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. I believe we need to do 2 things moving forward, we should ask that the people who are responsible for Mr. Floyd's murder are held accountable and we should change the system moving forward by adopting the recommendations of the Task Force. There are 6 pillars in the recommendations. One is building trust and legitimacy. Second is policy and oversight. Third is technology and social media. Fourth is community policing and crime reduction. Fifth is training and education. Sixth one is office of wellness and safety." Commissioner Kora then read into the record the resolution which is attached to the minutes.

**Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.** President Matias asked both Sheriff John Boyd, present at the meeting and Michigan City Police Chief Dion Campbell, present via Zoom, if they would like to comment on the resolution. Chief Campbell said it was an entire team effort during the protests in Michigan City which included officers from Long Beach, Trail Creek, Indiana State Police and our county Sheriff's department. Michigan City supports the resolution and are ready to adopt the 6 pillars. Officers need to be warriors as well as guardians. Sheriff John Boyd stated his department is ready to embrace the resolution as well. Transparency is one of their pillars. Stated each community is different and his staff are trained to listen. Sheriff Boyd said there is a strong relationship with the community in our county and his department. \*\*\***Resolution 2020-13**

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**Considered** resolution signifying Commission approval regarding applying for COVID-19 Immediate Relief Grant for Lifeline program and authorize signatures on any related OCRA documents including certification of environmental exemption and compliance with federally required four factor analysis as part of applicant review/approvals – Mitch Bishop, Planner; Tony Rodriguez, OCED. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. \*\*\*Resolution 2020-14**

**Update** on Commission's county buildings re-opening plan for June 15<sup>th</sup> including placement/staffing for temperature screening stations recommended by CDC for members of the public - Sheriff Boyd, Health Dept Admin. Tony Mancuso and Larry Levendowski, Facilities Director. **Tony Mancuso**, Health Department Director, said he finalized a contract for the screeners that will be taking temperatures of the public prior to entering the buildings. Contract will be on the next Commissioners' meeting. Tony gave an update on COVID-19. Jenny continues to give an update of cases reported in our county. Restaurants slowly opening at 75%. **Larry Levendowski** reported on status of re-opening the buildings to the public with few delays on material. Attorney Shaw Friedman reported on the PPE committee reported 50,000 masks have been delivered to the county which puts Larry Butcher's supply up to 90,000-100,000 masks in stock. **Auditor Joie Winski** said the PPE committee consists of Randy Novak, Rich Mrozinski, Mike Mollenhauer and Mike Rosenbaum. PPE has been ordered for all county departments and employees. EMA Director Larry Butcher will distribute the supplies.

#### Commissioner Comments

**Commissioner Vidya Kora** stated he spoke with Clerk Kathy Chrobak prior to the meeting and the ballots are still being counted for the election. Usually 500 mail-in ballots are normal but this election, due to COVID-19, there are approximately 4,500-5,000 for this election and it takes a bit longer to count. Attorney Shaw Friedman added that Secretary of State Connie Lawson said several times in the press conferences held by Governor Eric Holcomb that some counties may need a few days to count all mail-in ballots. Results may not be known for 2-3 days. County Election Board released a statement saying results may take 72 hours or less.

**Commissioner Rich Mrozinski** quoted Jon Bon Jovi by saying, "If you can't do what you do; Do what you can." As Commissioners, times are changing how business is conducted. Business still gets done though with paving, storm damage clean-up, Michigan City Courthouse renovation project, the By-Pass, flooding issues, the KIP project and the election. Thanked his fellow Commissioners for their professionalism, perseverance, and patience while working together through it all whether it be remotely or in-person.

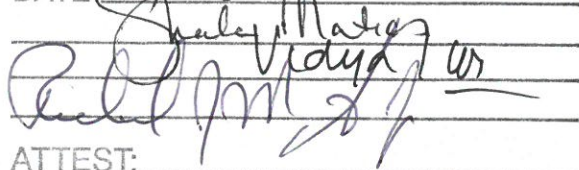
**President Sheila Matias** said it is exciting to see voters use the mail-in ballot method. President Matias also said she saw a comment on social media that Commissioners only show up to two meetings a month and she refrained from responding. Commissioners are the executive branch of the county government, they work together with other elected officials, department heads and staff, sometimes 24/7, to get the work done.

**Commissioner Kora** thanked Darlene and Diane for working all hours as well.

#### Adjournment

**President Matias adjourned at 12:03 p.m.**

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE 11-17-2020

  
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor

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Michigan City Courthouse Renovation Project  
Bid Opening - June 3, 2020 (10:38-11:25 a.m.)

1. Green Demolition Contractors – Cat 1 - \$178,800
2. Alpine Demolition Services, LLC – Cat 1 - \$130,000
3. Gibson-Lewis, LLC – Cat 2 - \$1,174,000
4. Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc. – Cat 2 - \$1,188,392
5. Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc. – Cat 4 - \$1,067,200
6. Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc. – Cat 6 - \$297,505
7. Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc. – Cat 9b - \$449,153
8. Green Demolition Contractors – Cat 2 - \$856,800
9. Gibson-Lewis, LLC – Cat 2; 9a; 9b; 22 - \$3,871,000
10. Tonn and Blank Construction, LLC – Cat 4 - \$1,413,961
11. Dukane Precast, Inc – Cat 5 - \$1,268,000
12. Lombard Architectural Precast Products Co – Cat 5 - \$1,499,000
13. Kerkstra Precast – Cat 5 - \$1,448,200
14. High Concrete Group LLC – Cat 5 - \$1,438,100
15. Gough, Inc – Cat 6 - \$455,500
16. Kwiatkowski Masonry, Inc – Cat 6 - \$471,500
17. Indiana Steel Fabricating, Inc – Cat 8 - \$1,574,000

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18. Affordable Welding, US, Inc – Cat 8 - \$1,392,000
19. Wilson Iron Works – Cat 8 - \$1,458,000
20. Tonn and Blank Construction, LLC – Cat 9b - \$455,437
21. Ziolkowski Construction, Inc – Cat 9b & 21 - \$598,000 & \$860,800
22. Gough, Inc – Cat 9a - \$1,797,000
23. Kleckner Interior Systems – Cat 9a - \$1,643,370
24. Gibson-Lewis, LLC – Cat 9a - \$1,928,000
25. Gibson-Lewis, LLC – Cat 9b - \$538,000
26. Tonn and Blank Construction, LLC – Cat 10a - \$222,774
27. F. E. Hale Manufacturing – Cat 10b - \$97,606.70 benches; \$114,804.94  
furniture and \$113,766.39 walls
28. Office Interiors – Cat 10b & 12 - \$166,713.42
29. Tonn and Blank Construction, LLC – Cat 12 - \$118,052
30. E. C. Babilla, Inc – Cat 15 - \$359,330
31. \*\*\*LaForce, Inc – Rejected – was not Pre-Qualified
32. Allied Door and Hardware – Cat 16 - \$205,000
33. Lazarro Companies, Inc – Cat 19 - \$368,800
34. House of Doors Inc – Cat 18 - \$55,486
35. Meyer Glass & Mirror Company, Inc – Cat 19 - \$334,000

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36. Midwest Tile & Interior, Inc – Cat 21 - \$740,499
37. Master Tile, Inc – Cat 21 - \$758,860
38. Stan's Painting & Decorating, Inc – Cat 22 - \$232,420
39. Gibson-Lewis, LLC – Cat 22 - \$435,000
40. Oosterbaan & Sons Co – Cat 22 - \$329,450
41. Lee Company, Inc – Cat 12 - \$95,400
42. Allied Door and Hardware LLC – Cat 23 - \$25,800
43. Schindler Elevator Corporation – Cat 26 - \$240,000
44. Otis Elevator Co – Cat 26 - \$354,120
45. Valley Fire Protection Systems – Cat 27 - \$367,563
46. Shambaugh & Son, L. P. – Cat 27 - \$580,625
47. Ryan Fire Protection – Cat 27 - \$429,981
48. State Line Fire Systems – Cat 27 - \$399,965
49. Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc – Cat 28 - \$661,780
50. LGS Plumbing, Inc – Cat 28 - \$667,237
51. Circle 'R' Mechanical, Inc – Cat 28 - \$710,000
52. Arctic Engineering Company, Inc – Cat 28 - \$766,000
53. Circle 'R' Mechanical, Inc – Cat 29 - \$3,149,700
54. Arctic Engineering Company, Inc – Cat 29 - \$2,977,000

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- 55. DA Dodd, LLC – Cat 29 - \$3,580,875
- 56. Midwestern Electric, Inc – Cat 30 - \$2,149,317
- 57. Circle 'R' Electrical, Inc – Cat 30 - \$1,592,115
- 58. EMCOR Hyre Electric Co of Indiana, Inc – Cat 30 - \$2,082,200
- 59. Sweney Electric Company, Inc – Cat 30 - \$1,842,570
- 60. Continental Electric Company, Inc – Cat 30 - \$1,740,000
- 61. Martell Electric, LLC – Cat 30 - \$1,950,000
- 62. Indiana Earth, Inc – Cat 1 - \$98,700 and Cat 31 - \$649,700
- 63. Delta III, Inc – Cat 31 - \$653,500
- 64. Site Services, Inc – Cat 33 - \$218,029
- 65. Walsh & Kelly, Inc – Cat 33 - \$280,000
- 66. Rieth-Riley Co – Cat 33 - \$224,140
- 67. Lakeshore Landscaping, Inc – Cat 35 - \$84,086.83

No bids in category 34.

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