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**LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, August 5, 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. A moment of silence was heard for former Indiana Governor Joe Kernan and former Georgia US House of Representative John Lewis who passed away.

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

**Considered** the agenda. Commissioner Kora motioned to add 3 items to the agenda: under Old Business '10 b' - Report on Broadband Task Force and '10 c' - Consider opening bids for Michigan City Courthouse Renovation Project then under New Business '11 h' - Report on Covid-19 from Peggy Rose. **Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora motioned to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** approval of July 15, 2020 minutes. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Executive Assistant** Diane Gonzales read the claims with Payroll ending 7/17/2020 - \$1,189,559.94/ ending 7/31/2020 - \$1,199,293.86 and Miscellaneous claims in the amount of \$1,103,767.43. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

**Ryan Miller – 9896 W. 300 N. Michigan City** – Ryan said, "I've approached this council before, it may be a few different members, and asked this same question or made the same statement, once again you have placed me on your agenda by my name and my business name, D&M Excavating, and made no professionalism to reach out to me and inform me that I'm on this agenda. Instead I get informed by other public officials in this county that you have done so. I do not understand how there's an article in the newspaper talking about me and what your issues is with me or my business and I was contacted by that newspaper but nobody on this Commission. I also do not understand how as of that morning when you decided to put a 'stop work order' on my property over a permit that you do not have jurisdiction over, I sent an email and multiple phone calls to this county and have received no return email, no return phone call but I'm yet placed on this agenda by this Commission who doesn't oversee the permit I have from IDEM." **President Matias**, "Thank you, sir." Ryan thanked the Commission. **Attorney Shaw Friedman** said briefly, "Mr. Miller, with the notice that appeared in the public agenda you got more notice then the neighbors and the La Porte County Commission did of the MS4 permit that you submitted to Indianapolis. I've handed you and your attorney today the scheduling order from the - administrative law judge is hearing the case and at this point that's the forum where this is going to be heard." Ryan replied, "That is correct Shaw. I didn't bring that up. The problem there is you didn't notify me that you placed me on this agenda for this meeting nor have you returned any phone calls to explain what justification you have to put a 'stop work order' on a state issued and approved, as of the moment I walked into

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this meeting, still an approved with zero violations permit. This Commission has taken exception to it, not your MS4 Commission, not your MS4 Board in this county, just this Commission.” **Attorney Friedman**, “We beg to differ. We respectfully differ. The MS4 Board Chair has issued a ‘stop work order’ and MS4 has issued a ‘stop work order’ and the forum for this is now in front of the administrative law judge in Indianapolis.”

**Andrew Voeltz, Attorney** representing Ryan Miller and D&M Excavating, echoed the comments of his client, “For me to determine or me to be handed a scheduling order at a Commissioners’ meeting, where the scheduling order is also being handed to members of the general public, without any notice to myself or my office when you are well aware who represents Ryan Miller and D&M Excavating. I find that extremely unprofessional. I find that extremely uncourteous and I think it’s flat out wrong. You know who I am, you know where my office is, no one called. We find out about this in the paper and we find out about this from county officials that aren’t sitting on this board. So I have a problem with that and I think people should have a problem with that, thank you.”

**Patrick Meaney – 4078 W. Schultz Road La Porte** – Echoed comments made by Ryan Miller. “I don’t know the legalities about who has control over what but I do know that Mr. Miller said that his operation is a business. And I can read the joint zoning laws as well as anybody else, and in our area, our 1B area, businesses are not allowed. For 5 years we’ve been running with the sand mine operating behind us. In my case it’s in front of us. I will say in court Mr. Voeltz got up and he admitted to the judge, I don’t know what superior court it was but Alvarez or Alevizos or however you pronounce his name, ‘Judge, there’s a sand mining operation just to the north’ more or less indicating that this is basically what Ryan Miller is doing. Ryan Miller also said it’s a business. The forum for Mr. Miller to operate a business in an R1 residential neighborhood is to go in front of the BZA and ask for a variance or ask for a special permit. Which in 5 years he’s never done. Are we to look at the next 5 years which would be total of 10 of him selling sand which is a mineral which falls under mining? I disagree with Mr. Biege respectfully, at an August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2015, Mr. Biege stated that, ‘Sand mining goes on and on year after year after year.’ And his quote was ‘*I don’t think, I don’t think* this is a sand mining operation.’ Or five years into it and he’s asking for another 10 or another 5 for a total of 10. I respectfully disagree with Mr. Biege too. This is a sand mining operation. Now he applies for a permit to clear land in a contour. According to your joint zoning ordinance if he changes the contour of his land by 2 foot compared to his neighbors he has to get a variance, permit, something...but yet we continue to run on what is considered a state permit that you have no control over. The county has the control over Mr. Miller’s operation. He operates in your county. He has to follow the joint zoning ordinance. I believe this county has acted appropriately. I believe after 5 years it’s time to end this and I believe if Mr. Miller wants to run a sand mining operation go get your special permit. Let the court decide it. I thank this body for their support.”

**Randall Veatch – 4177 W. Schultz Road La Porte** – “Many years ago, 2015 to be exact, most of us from the neighborhood in attendance today, approached the then sitting Commissioners after we had already addressed our concerns with the Plan Commission, we addressed D&M Excavating that was moving into the area. At the time D&M was scrambling for permits – reason to start an excavation site. The work began, there were no permits in place but it did get changed to a pond permit, a 1 to 2 years permit. First one year extended to two. Since then many meetings have transpired, many proceedings have happened, many words have been thrown back and forth and one thing that still runs constant are the noises behind my house. It starts off with the sound of vehicles pulling in. I’m not even going to go over the weight problems. The trucks come pulling in, you got to listen to the trucks as they bang over the bumps, and they’re empty because they haven’t been loaded with the first load to sell of the sand they are going to sell for the day. I’ve got to listen to the squeaks and the bangs of the excavator. Now its (audio not clear) sounding like a bulldozer, it sounds the same. So now I listen to those two noises. The first truck pulls out, he’s now loaded with sand. He has a full truck load of sand. Heaping load, over the top up until the county starts coming around, nosing around then the load, the loads gets noticeably lower. He’s running up hill, the truckers are revving the engines. Multiple gears shifting. The driver must increase the speed to make it up the hill. I got to listen to this, now the truck pulls in forward, he empties it and he goes backwards. Slams his tailgate to make sure he shakes all the mineral out of the truck. He just brought in a load of fill. What’s in the fill? I don’t know. Who knows? Nobodies paying attention to it. I got to listen to this loud bang, the vibration to empty out the truck. Five, ten, fifteen, twenty times an hour I have to listen to this all day long. Five days a week, sometimes six days a week. It’s more than five years later. He wants five more years and I gotta listen to this. This is not a man and a dream. This is not a pond and

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a home. It is not a harmed individual. A man follows his dreams and commitments. This is a commercial business that is running an industrialized business operation in a residential neighborhood. Doing this without any local permits for the last 3 years without any local oversight. How? How is he doing this without any local oversight for the past 3 years? Now let's speed forward to today, he's asking for five more years. Twenty one more acres to do what? Just give it a new name and new spin? We gotta listen to the bulldozers and excavators all over for five more years? Trucks rolling up and down the roadways, the road damage, the debris filling the air. A residential neighborhood? That's what we are, can we have it back yet? Five years. Flooding on my property was caused by the blockage of the storm water runoff when this all started five years ago. The sand mining operation installed a driveway that blocked all the water trapping it on my land. They since corrected that flood situation, they never fixed the problem on my land. It created a consistent running stream every time there's a deluge of rain. Why didn't my property ever get addressed? I've addressed it in these meetings many a times. Nobody has once ever addressed my property, what happened to my property. The five to six feet of water that was on my property when this all started, that's what originally had us in here. That's the pictures that everybody saw when we were in here. Now we want to continue for five more years? When's this going to end? Thank you very much for your time."

**Attorney Friedman** with a procedural clarification, "The document I handed Mr. Voeltz was a courtesy today, it was authorized this morning by the environmental law judge who is hearing this case. Mr. Miller has been served by overnight mail on the petition that we filed on Monday in Indianapolis. What I provided to him and Mr. Meaney, who I understand has counsel as well, was a copy of the administrative law judge's prehearing order that issued this morning. So again, it was a courtesy and we'll go from there."

**Commissioner Mrozinski** stated, "Madam President, Point of Order. I was just handed this (holding up a document) as the meeting started, this is an 'administrative judge hearing' on this very issue? So this is going before a judge? **Attorney Friedman**, "Yes." **Commissioner Mrozinski**, "Why are we talking about it now then? **Attorney Friedman**, "We shouldn't and you're right." **Commissioner Mrozinski**, "Well, my understanding since I've been a Commissioner is if something's got - or filed a lawsuit we don't talk about it. In fact, not even me personally talk about it." **Attorney Friedman**, "And that is correct. Mr. Mrozinski, and I was going to indicate this isn't the forum, I said that earlier, it needs now to go in front of the judge. And so we don't need to belabor comment, you're right, thank you" **Commissioner Mrozinski**, "Just wanted clarification, thank you."

**Valerie McCline – 5255 W. 800 N. Michigan City** – "We've addressed this issue last year and we've been addressing this issue the last 20 years. Please let this be the last time I have to come and address this issue. We sent an email out and we've done everything you've asked me to do. I've had the state come out and take a look at my ditches, not once but twice and they did come out and both times they've cleaned the ditches. They took pictures of the ditches and they went way passed what you required them to do. I'm not talking to you (directed to Attorney Shaw Friedman) – I know you got something to say. I sent emails to each one of you regarding this issue and no one responded. The only person responded to this email was Dr. Kora and Mr. Mrozinski. I've seen Mr. Mrozinski two weeks ago and he also sent an email out to you wanting to know where you stand on this issue now that the state has done everything you required them to do. And no one responded. Two trees have fallen on my house. I've had to have my roof replaced. I've had to have pumps replaced and the water is still there because the ditches are not cleaned and they haven't been cleaned in 21 years. I can't clean them no more. So now what we going to do? **Attorney Friedman**, "If I could..."

**President Matias**, "Mr. Friedman?" **Attorney Friedman**, "...briefly address because I believe the Commission President specifically asked after receiving your emails, asked county highway to get back to us. I think we are still waiting for a response from the Superintendent because there is...you've had the state work done which was requested, now the county highway department will assist as well and I think we are waiting to hear back from Mr. Werner on his game plan so I think that is the intent." **Ms. McCline**, "So why is it taking so long because they got the report in April? We've been on 'lockdown' so - since April 'til now...even though we've been on 'lockdown' they've had ample opportunity to come out there and do it." **Attorney Friedman**, "I know, we've got a thousand miles of roads, second largest land mass in the state of Indiana and I want you to know the Commission President specifically requested the highway superintendent to come up with a game plan for your property. I know that went out shortly after receiving the email that you sent to Dr. Kora." **Ms.**

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**McCline**, "On April the 22<sup>nd</sup>." **Attorney Friedman**, "No, I think it was...wasn't there a recent one?" **President Matias**, "Your recent ones." **Ms. McCline**, "No, I sent a recent one two weeks ago because no one responded." **Commissioner Mrozinski**, "I forwarded it to my fellow Commissioners because I am no longer the liaison to the highway department anymore and I haven't heard anything either." **President Matias**, "It was sent on to the highway department for them to schedule that work." **Ms. McCline**, "So now when it rains again..." **Commissioner Kora**, "We'll follow up with the highway department. You know when I looked into it, this is a complicated thing that is stuck between the state and the county and there is a lot of history to it and to figure out who's responsible for what and that is the reason why it is taking a little bit of time. I apologize for the delay but we will then push this as quickly as they can." **Ms. McCline**, "When the state responded, they responded with an email. And when they came out there were 13 people from the state that came out to my property. I had to call someone from the county office to represent the county so they would know exactly what was going on. The only person I could get a hold to was Mr. Hendricks and he dropped what he was doing and he came out and he observed from beginning to the end." **President Matias**, "Thank you. Let's take this conversation offline so Mr. Werner from the highway department can work with you to get this accomplished." **Ms. McCline**, "Is it going to be another 20 years?" **President Matias**, "I trust not, I'll do my best to make sure it's not 20 years, not even one year." **Ms. McCline**, "Thank you."

### Department Reports/Department Head Comments

**Barb Mossman – Human Resources – via Zoom.** Reported August 24-26, 2020 her department will be attending a virtual HR seminar for a statewide conference. Conference runs majority of the day so her office will not be available however they will keep an eye on emails and phone calls if urgent. Wellness Days for employees will be August 18, 19 and 20 by appointments only. Barb also stated she is researching cloud based online training platforms for employees on diversity and inclusion and harassment prevention.

**Larry Butcher – EMA Director – via Zoom.** PPE supply is good. Checked with the area schools on re-opening. Michigan City will do virtual learning for the first quarter. La Porte will be going back to school on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Larry was able to provide PPE to La Porte area schools. New Prairie schools will be going back. St. Stan's will be going back full time. Director Butcher publically thanked Mark Francesconi for providing a school bus to transport Community Corrections members for testing.

**Jeremy Sobecki – Parks Dept – via Zoom.** Updated the Commissioners on: Healthcare Foundation Grant came through to revitalize the shared bike ways. Luhr County Park Project is almost completed from a DNR Grant, new shelter, new parking, new trails from an almost \$400,000 project. La Porte High School building trades class helped build the new shelter. Working on accepting credit card payments in the Parks Dept office.

### Requests

**Considered** authorizing external monitoring of computer system to additional protection against unauthorized entry - Darlene Hale, I.T. **Attorney Shaw Friedman** stated this is 'cyber hygiene' offered by Department of Homeland Security. Reviewed and approved. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** request of La Porte Co Parks Supt to approach county council regarding paving of Red Mill Park lot - Jeremy Sobecki, Parks Dept. Parking lot has cracked over the years but then recently damage was done by a vehicle 'doing donuts' which caused more damage. Jeremy stated total cost will be approximately \$84,450. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** re-directing \$175k training grant previously approved/appropriated for CareEnroll to new firms identified by Office of Community & Economic Development as inducement needed for company's final siting decision - Tony Rodriguez, OCED. **Commissioner Kora motioned to authorize \$175,000 not used by CareEnroll to be split between two potential companies interested in locating to our county. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried**

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### Old Business

**Considered** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> reading ordinance for favorable recommendation for vacated portion of Beach Drive - Attorney Andrew Voeltz and Attorney Nick Otis. After discussion with County Attorney Friedman and the attorney representing neighbors of Don and Catherine Boody who reside at 115 Maple Drive in La Porte Andrew requested readings to be tabled until the meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request for tabling the readings. Attorney Shaw Friedman** stated an attorney was present and wished to be heard for the record. **Lisa Schoetzow**, attorney representing Mr. and Mrs. Stine, stated she spoke with Attorney Voeltz on tabling the readings however Mrs. Stine will be having knee surgery on August 11<sup>th</sup> and requested readings not take place until September's meeting. **After discussion with Attorney Friedman Commissioner Kora motioned to table until August 19<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> reading then second reading September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Reported** on Broadband Task Force – Tony Rodriguez, OCED. President Matias said calls have been coming in due to the need for internet connection especially during the Covid pandemic with more people working from home and students doing homework. Commissioner Kora asked if President Matias had a premonition for Broadband prior to Covid-19. GEERS, GLPIT, Rural Tech Project and Broadband Readiness Certification - **Progress to date:** Complete existing conditions map - 80%; Prepare Topology and density maps - 45%; Complete structures map - 75%; Complete agriculture assets map - 50%; Complete business map - 90% Complete Educational resources map - 70%

**Considered** opening bids for Michigan City Courthouse Renovation Project. **Attorney Doug Biege** was present to open 'rebids' due to non-compliance in bid documents and no bids came in previously in a few categories. Two bids came in for today's meeting under category #16 Door Materials. First bid opened: \$300,340 Lazzaro Companies, Inc. Second bid opened: \$379,000 - \$74,000 Allied Door and Hardware (timestamp will be verified) Attorney Doug Biege stated he is happy to report construction and bonding are both on schedule. **Commissioner Kora motioned to receipt the additional bids then referred them to Attorney Biege and the construction committee for final recommendation. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

### New Business

**Considered FSSA Contract - John Lake, Prosecuting Attorney.** John Lake stated this a professional services contract which covers Adult Protected Services by the Indiana Family & Social Services and is done on a yearly basis. The contract allows the Prosecutor's office to provide Adult Protective Services for La Porte, Jasper, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke counties. After negotiating for the last year and a half they were able to increase the amount of the grant which allows two additional part-time investigators to be hired. Once signed Prosecutor Lake will be responsible for supervising the APS unit within those six counties which form a 'hub.' The whole process of this is that APS is responsible for initiating consistent and efficient procedures to protect the endangered adult through intake investigation, protective services, care planning and the facilitation of medical, social service, legal, economic and other support of services. Whereby the least restrictive protected services necessary will be made available to the endangered adult.

**Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** Bridge Inspection Contract - Jay Sullivan, Engineer. Jay stated this is the LPA contract with INDOT which is 80% paid by INDOT and 20% by the county. Funds have already been appropriated for this contract. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the bridge inspection contract. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** approving environmental restriction covenant (ERC) for former County Highway garage site in Rolling Prairie which with only limitation that water wells be deeper than 12 foot depth - Jay Sullivan, Engineer. Jay reported the depth is actually deeper than that which they suggested to IDEM 25 feet but IDEM had requested information on some of the surrounding wells and locations. We provided that information to

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them with the average depth being 115 feet. The existing onsite water well is between 74-78 feet. IDEM came back and put in the restriction 90 foot depth rather than 12 or 25 feet. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Kora seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** ratifying action of Commission President as MS4 “Permit Operator” to authorize filing of administrative appeal to IDEM by County Attorney and Indianapolis co-counsel regarding issuance of NOS stormwater permit by IDEM to Ryan Miller/D&M Excavating regarding ‘commercial’ project in residentially zoned area near 400 West. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request. Attorney Shaw Friedman** said, “This is just putting into the record ratification by the Board of the Commission’s President’s direction to myself and the co-counsel on Friday which you know we were under a 15 day limitation under the statute to get an appeal on file. We did everything we could to try to communicate with IDEM Thursday, Friday seeking some sort of stay or revocation of the permit once the MS4 operator had indicated that he was going to impose a ‘stay’ on the site and there was a ‘stop work order’ posted on the site. The formal petition was filed Monday, it was served on Mr. Miller as required on the statute. As I indicated the environmental law judge hearing the case has this morning issued a scheduling order, a prehearing order, all of this will then come in front of the judge in terms of both our petition and the ‘stay’ request and so we are simply asking for ratification by the full board of the Commission President’s direction to us last Friday.” **Commissioner Kora motioned to ratify the action regarding the item between IDEM and D&M Excavating. Commissioner Mrozinski** asked for further clarification saying, “As we sat down for the meeting I was handed this (holding up paperwork), is this what we are talking about?” **Attorney Friedman** said, “That’s right. If you recall receiving various emails from me last week. In fact I sent emails out on Monday to the Commission, on Wednesday, on Thursday, as we did everything we could to get a voluntary compliance by IDEM to declare the permit null and void. And when we did not hear back from them we had no choice then but to prepare our petition. This is unique in that the Commission President under the law serves as the MS4 permit holder and so that’s why the direction came from Ms. Matias, we’ve got it on file, there will be an opportunity as part of this proceeding, any kind of settlement discussions, scheduling of discovery, but at this point...and again, I try to keep the Commission fully informed of where we’re at but we were left with no alternative but to get this timely filed on Monday in order to meet the 15 day requirement under the statute.” **Commissioner Mrozinski**, “Without making a big deal out of it but I’m not comfortable with filing an action and then afterwards coming back and asking that we ratify it. This was the first I’ve heard of this when I sat down here today. I’m familiar with the situation because I’ve been keeping up with that when I checked with MS4 on a daily basis to hear what is the latest with IDEM and it doesn’t sound like to me that IDEM is in a mood to entertain this but to file an action and then come back and ask us to ok it I’m not comfortable doing business that way at all. And if it is going to go before this administrative judge, as I stated earlier I don’t think it’s proper that we are even talking about it.” **President Matias**, “Well I, as Council Chair and MS4 permit operator, I would beg to differ. We were under a limited time period and in order for this to be filed timely with the opportunity for La Porte County to be heard on this we needed to have that done so as MS4 permit operator I chose to take that action and then come to this Commission to have you ratify that action. If you chose not to I’d be happy to be the second on the motion. Alright I’m second on the motion to consider ratifying the action of the Commission President as MS4 “Permit Operator” to authorize the filing of administrative appeal to IDEM by our County Attorney and our co-counsel to IDEM regarding ‘commercial’ project in residentially zoned area.” All those in favor signify by saying ‘aye’ – Commissioner Matias – aye; Commissioner Kora – aye. Commissioner Mrozinski – nay. Motion carried 2-1.

**Considered** resolution honoring Congressman John Lewis. Commissioner Kora read into the record the resolution for John Lewis. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\*Resolution 2020-17**

**Considered** resolution honoring Governor Joe Kernan. Commissioner Kora read into the record the resolution for Joe Kernan. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the request. **Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\*Resolution 2020-18**

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**Human Resources Director Barb Mossman** stated she is reaching out to other governmental entities as well as private to see what their current practices are on hiring policies, if they follow something similar to our county or advertise in a different format. Once she has the information she will forward it to the Commissioners. **President Matias** thanked Barb on new methods being used to advertise or spread the information widely when positions come open for county employment. The goal is to have the demographics of our county employee pool match the demographics of our community.

**Report** from Peggy Rose, County Health Officer, on Covid-19. Carried over until the next meeting. **President Matias** asked Commissioner Kora to update the public on the coronavirus. **Commissioner Kora** said our numbers have gone up compared to mid-June where they were coming down. In July numbers started going up. Thanked the efforts of EMA Director Larry Butcher for arranging the Optum testing sites in our county. Two teams are testing about 200 people per day. Numbers of positive cases are going up however more testing is being done. School Boards are taking the virus serious, looking at the data to determine if/when school will start in our county. As for treatment, therapeutics have improved so the death rates have come down. The unknown with this virus has been why some people have no symptoms, some have mild symptoms and then others have such severe symptoms that it can become life threatening often ending in death. Although majority of the death cases are elderly there have been deaths ranging for ages 30 – 40 as well. Wearing masks should be a continued practice, hand hygiene and social distancing too.

**Commissioner Comments**

**Commissioner Rich Mrozinski** reported on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the La Porte County Fairgrounds will be the annual *Stand Down* for veterans with proper documentation. This year will be a drive-thru only event 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Commissioner Vidya Kora** said recently attended a neonatal health task force meeting organized by the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte County. Vibrant Communities held a zoom meeting last week. Centers for Workforce Innovation in regards to Workforce Development which is moving along nicely. Commissioner Kora stated he spoke to our County Surveyor Tony Hendricks pertaining to Valerie McCline’s water issue on 800 North in Springfield Township. He said it is a complicated issue and suggested possibly meeting with the surveyor, highway department and legal counsel to determine what responsibility each the state (INDOT) and the county may or may not have on the property.

**President Sheila Matias** had no comments and with that she **adjourned at 11:31 a.m.**

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