



**LA PORTE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Sheila Matias  
President**

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Vice President**

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Member**

**LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 La Porte County Complex Meeting Room 3 at 10:00 a.m.  
via Zoom Only**

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

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

**Considered the agenda. Commissioner Kora motioned to add under New Business item 'f' - consider hazardous duty pay for county employees. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kora then motioned to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered approval of November 10, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Auditor Joie Winski** read the claims with Payroll ending 11/20/2020 - \$1,497,425.23. Miscellaneous claims in the amount of \$910,658.14. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

None

**Department Reports/Department Head Comments**

**Tony Mancuso - Health Department Director** - Peggy Rose, Amanda Lahners and Danielle Glasgow in attendance. **Amanda Lahners** reported on retail inspection compliance for Covid-19 policy. County divided into 4 sections: northeast; southwest; Michigan City and La Porte. Additional inspectors will be 3 from La Porte and 1 from Michigan City. Bars will close at 12:00 a.m./midnight, masks are required as well as Social Distancing. **Peggy Rose** stated contact tracing is being done by the state. Our county is currently 'orange.' **Danielle Glasgow** spoke on the testing sites - Michigan City located at the Michigan Township Trustee's office is doing great and the La Porte site located at the Civic Auditorium will be expanding. She also stated a vaccine is in the works.

**Tony Rodriguez - OCED** - Gave Commissioners a progress report from his office. Sixty businesses have been assisted with the small business OCRA grant.

**Barb Mossman - Human Resources** - Open enrollment will be extended until December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Larry Butcher - EMA Director** - Contact Larry if you need any PPE.

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### Requests

**Considered** 5 vacation days to be paid to employee Angela Pearce in Superior Court 1 - Michael Bergerson, Judge. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** 5 vacation and 60 unused sick days pay for retiring employee, Roberta 'Bobbi' Hartz in the Clerk's office - Kathy Chroback, Clerk of the Circuit Court. Bobbi has 30 years with the county. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

### Old Business

**Considered** awarding annual highway material bids for 2021 year - Duane Werner, Highway Superintendent. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**\*\*\*Bids attached to minutes.**

**Considered** 2021 Insurance Renewal - Barb Mossman, HR. Berkley Stop Loss Proposal has been reviewed by insurance committee and GIS. United Health Care has been reviewed. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

### New Business

**Considered** public hearings for Covid Grant – Mitch Bishop, Planner/Tony Rodriguez. No one from the public commented. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.** **Considered** resolution authorizing application submission and local match commitment of the state community development block grant (CDBG) Covid-19 response program. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\*Resolution 2020-25**

**Considered** NIPSCO temporary easements for county road 300 North – Jay Sullivan. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** resolution to conduct Commissioners' Deed Sale. **Deed sale will be held March 4, 2021. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\*Resolution 2020-24**

**Considered** resolution for transfer of property to Solid Waste – Doug Biege, Attorney. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\*Resolution 2020-26**

**Considered** resolution for CARES Reimbursement (CRF) for Public Health and Safety Payroll Costs. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\*Resolution 2020-27**

**Considered** hazardous duty pay for county employees. **Commissioner Kora** considered awarding a hazard duty bonus of \$1500 to front line employees and a pandemic stipend to non-front line employees of \$500. He suggested forming a committee to determine the qualifying employees. **Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.**



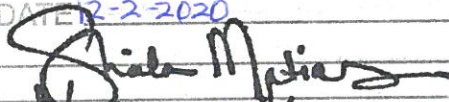
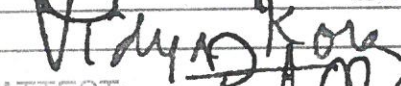
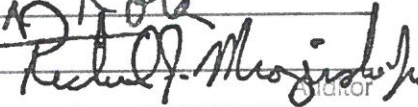
**Commissioner Comments**

**Commissioner Vidya Kora** stated these are difficult times especially during the holidays. There have been positive developments for a vaccine. Commissioner Kora spoke on civility and public discourse especially on social media.

**Commissioner Sheila Matias** thanked Council President Randy Novak for conducting the weekly zoom meetings.

**President Sheila Matias adjourned at 11:03 a.m.**

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COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA  
DATE 2-2-2020

  
  
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1805 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
LaPorte, Indiana 46350

November 16, 2020

RE: LaPorte County Highway Annual Material Bid Recommendations for 2021

## Class 1 - Crushed Limestone

### Three Bidder:

US Aggregates Inc.  
South Lake Stone  
Ozinga Materials & Logistics

We will accept US Aggregates and South Lake Stone bids. We will reject Ozinga's bid because their prices are high.

## 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 because prices vary.

## 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

### Three Bidders:

Triple J-Mar Petroleum, Inc.  
PetroChoice / Rackham Service  
Pinkerton Oil Co., Inc.

We will accept all bids. We call for daily prices when fuel is needed.

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**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.

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

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