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**LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 2, 2021 La Porte County Complex Meeting Room 3 at 10:00 a.m.**

**President Rich Mrozinski** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Mrozinski asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ron Clindaniel who was a teacher, coach and for 44 years a driver's education instructor.

**Chief Deputy Auditor Vaughn Galloway** called the roll: Commissioner Mrozinski - Present; Commissioner Haney - Present; Commissioner Matias - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

**Considered the agenda. Commissioner Matias motioned to add a request from EMS Director Andrew McGuire to pay unused sick days to Jeff Matchette who is retiring. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Haney then motioned to accept the agenda. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered approval of May 19, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.**

**Chief Deputy Auditor Vaughn Galloway** read the Claims with Payroll ending 5/21/2021 - \$1,153,804.18 and Operating Expense Claims - \$1,357,568.18. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Prior to Public Comment** President Mrozinski reminded everyone of the Policy to encourage effective, efficient use of public comment/input to aid the Commissioners' at their meetings.

**Public Comment**

**Dr. Vidya Kora** shared his thoughts on the Covid-19 vaccine and vaccine hesitance. We are in a much better place than we were at the beginning of the year but we are not where we need to be due to 'vaccine hesitance.' Currently our County is in 'yellow.' In 2 months he has not seen a patient in the hospital with Covid that had been vaccinated. Dr. Kora said he has seen households with 1 person not vaccinated get seriously ill but other household members who were vaccinated were doing just fine. He has patients that have required oxygen and even go home with oxygen due to the severity of the illness and how it effects the lungs. Some cases are considered 'long haulers syndrome' or 'long haulers disease' where after 3-4 months people are still experiencing fatigue, headaches, body aches, chest pain, difficulty breathing, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, and many patients describe what they call 'brain fog' where they cannot think clearly or think straight. A Yale study showed 'long haulers' feel better once vaccinated. A few social media myths are: changes your DNA which is false and the vaccine contains a microchip which may contain a tracking device - not true. Just a few fear factors as to why people refrain from getting the vaccine. Over 23,000 vaccinations have been given out of the Michigan City hospital and over 30,000 at the County site at the fairgrounds but recently moved to the former La Porte Hospital on Lincolnway. No serious side effects have been reported from the vaccine. No appointments required anymore, walk-ins welcomed. Homebound individuals are being vaccinated by County nurses who go to their homes. Safe, effective and they are **free** vaccines. Choices are now being offered for Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson. Dr. Kora introduced a patient, Norma Anderson, 124 Southwind Drive, Michigan City, who was one of the 'vaccine hesitant' until she got the virus and spent 4 days in ICU in the hospital. Norma joined the meeting via Zoom and stated she was weak, had difficulty breathing and wasn't sure what was happening. Her children tried to convince her to go to the hospital but she did not then when she finally did she was so ill her family didn't think she would survive. Norma was

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released to go home after she recovered but she is still on oxygen and not 100% herself yet. She stated she did not get the vaccine because of stories circulating about the vaccine. 'The virus will be injected into your body' or 'People are dying when they get the vaccine' or 'One person's arm went numb after getting the vaccine.' Norma said once she recovers well enough to get the vaccine she will and has encouraged her family to do the same.

**Rodney McCormick**, 617 Union Street, Michigan City, said as a Commissioner of the Social Status in Michigan City and Commissioner of the Michigan City Oversight Committee, he commented on the need to get vaccinated. Get our City back or at least to normal if possible. Rodney said both of his children, ages 12 and 14, were vaccinated and had no problems or side effects. He thanked Commissioner Haney for visiting the Martin Luther King Center in Michigan City. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, there were concerns about the hiring practices in the County and a meeting was held to voice their concerns. Commissioner Haney attended that meeting as well as a few others. Rodney stated Commissioner Matias gave advice on the Indiana Plan which he said is not working for anyone so they will not suggest or use it. He hopes they can all work together to make things better in our County. "Black, white or whatever. The hiring practice in this County is bad. Lawsuits are popping up. More Tort Claim notices are coming but I think if we all work together and bury our differences for right now, and just take care of our differences at the polling place, we'll be okay." Rodney thanked Commissioner Haney for attending their meeting in April. He said Commissioner Fly wanted to be at the meeting today but could not make it, Commissioners Staci Benning, Pastor Carnes and Briggs and Brett Kelly all thanked Commissioner Haney as well for attending their meeting. Also thanked Commissioner Haney on behalf of the employees for his work on the Whistle Blower Ordinance, said he knows it wasn't what Joe wanted but it is a starting point. Hopefully next year they can take care of their business and get it tightened up. He thanked the Commissioners and said keep up the good work.

#### **Department Reports/Department Head Comments**

**Larry Levendowski**, Director of Facilities, said at our last meeting he had requested from the Commissioners to outsource a cleaning company to help maintain the buildings due to a shortage of employees. Larry stated he has 2 companies that he reached out to and received bids. He dropped a copy off to the Commissioners' office. One company is lower than the other one. Larry stated he would like to move forward on this as soon as possible. He currently has one part-timer doing the work of a full-timer. The 2 companies that submitted paperwork is L & K Cleaning and Club Cleaning. One is charging \$15 an hour and the other \$9.48 an hour. Larry feels a good job won't be done at the lower amount. Larry requested approval to move forward and award the cleaning service he recommends. **Commissioner Matias** questioned whether or not the current employees will lose their positions once the cleaning company comes in to do their job. **Larry** said it is only temporary until they can get the positions filled. He will bring the employee who works at the Michigan City locations, 8<sup>th</sup> Street buildings and Brown Mackie, to La Porte to help the staff that works here. Vacations are difficult for the employees to take due to not enough staff coverage for the buildings that require cleaning. Some offices are only being cleaned once a week right now. An open position has been advertised since November of 2020. **President Mrozinski** asked if any additional money is being requested from the Council to which **Larry** replied no, he has the money in his budget. He has scaled back on supplies in order to have money for the hiring of the cleaning crew. Larry said he would like to start with the cleaning company as soon as possible. The company hired will be assigned to the Brown Mackie Building and 8<sup>th</sup> Street offices. **Attorney Friedman** said because this is an 'as needed' service as opposed to a contract with a set term the vote could be taken today to allow Larry to move forward with this company. It is a **month-to-month basis only** until the current open positions are filled. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve Larry to execute a month-to-month MOU for 'as needed' only and no job loss for our employees.** **Commissioner Haney** said at the last meeting the vote was passed for RFPs yet he has not seen any in his email nor his packet for today's meeting. Larry gave a copy of the proposals to Commissioner Haney. **Attorney Friedman** stated it is not a contract but rather an MOU, Memorandum of Understanding that he is more comfortable with for this situation. If this was more of a contract then it would have to go on the agenda but right now it is an **MOU for 'as needed' only** services. L & K Cleaning is the company Larry is recommending to go with today. L & K charges \$15.62 an hour for 8<sup>th</sup> Street building and Club Clean is \$15.56 an hour for 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The Brown Mackie building however was a bigger difference in hourly rate but Larry felt he would recommend L & K Cleaning. **Larry** stated the county will be supplying all of the cleaning supplies. **Attorney Friedman** said the agreement needs to be terminable by either party at any time. This is in the case that Larry feels it isn't working out then he can come to the Commissioners with a different option. **Commissioner Haney** said the proposals also include other county buildings such as the museum, the extension office, as well as the highway department. **Larry** said all buildings were looked at just in case it was needed. For example, last year when his department was hit with a few cases of Covid the department shut down for a few days and he thought then it was best to have a back-up plan or alternative to continue his department's work in case of an emergency.

**Commissioner Haney** asked if any contracts have been executed yet. **Larry** responded he is waiting to get the approval and signature at this meeting. **President Mrozinski** asked if it is only Brown Mackie and 8<sup>th</sup> Street that will be signed today and Larry said yes. **Commissioner Haney** said he is not comfortable seconding paperwork he has not seen yet, he only sees proposals and not an actual contract. He also doesn't see anything pertaining to the courtrooms, judges' rooms and adult probation in the Brown Mackie building with privacy or confidentiality statements. Has this been addressed with the companies? **Larry** said he will get that from L & K. **Commissioner Matias** asked Attorney Friedman if the company would be bonded and insured. Yes, they would need to be. **Attorney Friedman** suggested an MOU including this information. **President Mrozinski stepped down and seconded as Commissioner. Motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Haney a nay.**

**Barb Mossman**, Human Resources, stated the annual Red Cross Blood Drive will be Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Complex rooms and is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Appointments are still available.

**Amanda Lahners**, Health Department Director, gave a huge thank you to Larry Levendowski and his staff for making the move of the vaccination clinic from the fairgrounds to the former La Porte Hospital in one day. Thanked Northwest Health for allowing them to use the facility. She also thanked Attorney Friedman and his office over the last several months for helping them through the process. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. All 3 vaccines are available: Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson. Walk-ins and appointments are available now. Pfizer has been approved for children 12-17 years of age. Johnson & Johnson is a one-time vaccine where the other 2 are administered in a two-dose process usually 28 days apart. The Homebound Program is going well with thanks to Andrew McGuire and his EMS crew. Currently our County is at 44 1/2% vaccinated which is ahead of the State average which is great but we need to get to 70% of our population to get to the 'herd immunity' level. For all County level information on the vaccine go to [ourshotlpc.com](http://ourshotlpc.com). Amanda reported for the first time since the end of last year the Health Department is finally *fully* staffed and she thanked both Barb and Monique in Human Resources for their assistance.

#### Requests

**Considered** permission to pay 19 shifts of unused sick days to Jeff Matchette who is retiring after 20 years of employment with EMS. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** contract to hold highway trucks at quoted price and seek permission to approach the Council for funding - Duane Werner, Highway Superintendent. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** Zigler Road closing during the week of the Fair. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** permission to approach the Council for 10% or \$3,620 grant match for ROW acquisition for Lofgren/150 North/250 East intersection safety improvement - Mitch Bishop, Planner. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** permission to approach the Council for 20% local grant match or \$100,000 for Bridge 512 Superstructure Replacement - Mitch Bishop, Planner. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded but stated her concerns are with Michigan City acquiring Michigan Boulevard (where the bridge is located) from INDOT yet the County is to maintain it. Commissioner Matias did say she understands the County does maintain all the bridges in the County. Motion carried.**

**Considered** permission to approach the Council for additional appropriations in the amount of \$60,000 for autopsy fund - Lynn Swanson, Coroner. Lynn said she currently has \$20,000 in that fund. Thirty two autopsies have been done so far this year at \$2,500 each. State has reimbursed the County for 8 of those autopsies. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** permission to approach the Council for replacing old analog T1 lines. Barb reported Miner Electric suggested replacing the old lines. County 911 has 4 towers which wireless will replace the current lines. Also adding a tower in Long Beach to help with the spotty transmitting during communications with dispatch. **Commissioner Matias**

questioned the 2 vendors, Miner Electric (\$104,037.12) and Motorola Solutions (\$21,370.40), if they were the lowest price or not. Barb replied both vendors are the usual 'go-to' for work done at the center. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** moving dispatcher consoles. Director Huston showed drawings of the current set-up for the dispatchers' consoles or work areas and during her interviews with the employees it was suggested that it might help for better communications among themselves by moving the consoles around. She pointed out on the displayed drawings of 4 consoles: Front Console handles La Porte City Police/Long Beach on one side with the Sheriff's Department on the other side; Middle Console has EMS on one side and Fire call takers on the other side then in the Back are 2 Consoles with Michigan City. Barb gave an example if a call came in to the Sheriff's Department side of the front console but Michigan City needed to be aware as well the dispatcher would have to speak loud enough from Michigan City to hear at the Back Consoles and over the Middle Console. After much consideration and discussion on how to improve the layout it is recommended to move the consoles in a square shape with dispatchers' backs to each other so-to-speak. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.**



**Considered** upgrading phone system - Barb Huston, E-911 Director. Barb stated this system should have been upgraded last year but no funds available. She said she has chosen the 1-year contract with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$274,868. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

#### Old Business

**Considered** Second/Final reading Ordinance to vacate unimproved public way on Pine Lane in New Carlisle Chuck Watterson, Attorney. No remonstrators were present to oppose. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried. \*\*\*Ordinance 2021-4**

**Considered** Second/Final reading of Updated Responsible Bidders' Ordinance - Marci Kunstek, IN/IL/IA Foundation for Fair Contracting. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. President Mrozinski stepped down and seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Haney - nay. \*\*\*Ordinance 2021-7**

**Considered** recommendation from County Highway Engineer on contract for Cougar Road repaving - Jay Sullivan, Engineer. Jay stated 2 bids were received, one from Milestone and the other from Rieth-Riley and he recommends Rieth-Riley with a bid of \$238,632.56. Funds will be taken from the Dedicated Highway Funds account. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** final draft drawing cover page for Otis Road Bridge - Jay Sullivan, Engineer. These are the final plans adopted by INDOT and created through USI Consultants. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

#### New Business

**Considered** contract between Sheriff and the Fair Board during Fair Week - John Boyd. John reported language is the same as the past 6 years but the amount of deputies has changed due to the different events scheduled at the Fair this year which is 8 days instead of 7 days. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** contract between EMS and the Fair Board during Fair Week - Andrew McGuire. Andrew said same contract as previous years as well with 8 days instead of 7 this year. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** appointment to Kankakee River Basin Commission. **Commissioner Matias motioned to appoint Dick Welsh to the Commission. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**

**Considered** Resolution to acquire real property parcel next to Michigan City EMS base on Coolspring Avenue.

**Attorney Friedman** explained the area at the EMS Base in Michigan City on Coolspring Avenue is currently landlocked and additional space is needed for expansion for potential housing and possibly an additional vehicle. There were no public remonstrators. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.**  
**\*\*\*Resolution 2021-9**

**Considered** Ordinance to rezone from B2 to M2 in Washington Township. **Commissioner Matias** requested both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading take place during this meeting. **Anthony Novak**, Attorney for Edgar K. and Yvonne L. Lindborg, Petitioners, gave a brief background on this rezone request near the intersection of Highway 35 and Hupp Road from B2 to M2. A favorable recommendation was received by the Plan Commission on May 25<sup>th</sup> after a public hearing was held. This property is located in the Kingsbury Industrial Park in Washington Township. Numerous properties in KIP are zoned M2 with numerous properties **adjacent specifically** to this parcel are zoned M2. Kingsbury Elevator, Inc. is a full service grain elevator feed mill and trucking company, buying and selling grain and fertilizer. Request today is to construct a fertilizer facility that can receive fertilizer products specifically agricultural ammonia by rail and truck with the fertilizer ultimately being used by area farmers to grow corn crops. Anthony stated after consulting with the county engineer and the Plan Commission Attorney Doug Biege, it was determined that this fits in to the broader category of 'chemical storage' which is permitted as a special exception in M2. Agricultural Ammonia is regulated by the Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner. There is an Indiana Agricultural Ammonia Law that must be complied with that has many requirements including minimum distances from certain things; 400 feet from residents; 1,000 feet from public buildings and 2,000 feet from hospitals and nursing homes. Kingsbury has worked with the State Chemist, has found a location that meets the requirements and has been approved. Other safety precautions have been implemented such as contacting the Chief of the Kingsbury Fire Department. A fire hydrant had to be installed near the storage containers and tanks. A 24/7 wireless monitoring system has been installed. Canadian National Railroad has imposed regulations as well. This property is included in the KIP rail connection plan, the rail will pass right through this property. This is not considered spot zoning, it is an industrial use in an industrial park. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in a 2-step process. **President Mrozinski** said the fertilizer has a 2 week life and will result in loss of money if not used within that time frame so it is on the Commissioners to keep moving this process along. **Commissioner Matias motioned to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.** **Commissioner Haney** asked Anthony Novak if both readings are heard at this meeting will there be enough time to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the next step then time to apply the product once it arrives at the facility. **Attorney Novak** requested the petitioner, Ed Lindborg, to reply to Commissioner Haney's question. **Ed Lindborg** responded that the application needs to go on the crops in the next two weeks which will basically be a conflict with the June 15<sup>th</sup> BZA meeting. Ed said at that point the corn will be too tall and the equipment cannot get across the field to apply the fertilizer. The product cannot be returned to Chevron, the supplier out of Mississippi. Local farmers are asking every day for the product. **Commissioner Haney** asked Ed what happens to the product if it is not used or applied to the crops and cannot be returned to the factory, especially environmentally, what happens then to the fertilizer? **Ed** replied if it is not used then it sits in storage until next year, next spring and the cost will be different. There are two application seasons, one is pre-plan in the spring and the other is called side dressing in the June time frames. This product was ordered in December of 2020 on a yearly contract. The product is scheduled to come in throughout the year. Two companies involved are Chevron, one of the largest oil companies in the country, and Gavelon, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest agri-business company in the United States. Ed feels fortunate to be able to bring this product to our county which will be a major hub for this product and to be able to supply our farmers within a couple hundred miles with a cheaper source of product. Commissioner Haney thanked Ed for his answers and said it would be a hardship not only on Ed but also the farmers in our area to not get this product on their crops in time. **Commissioner Matias** asked Attorney Novak why this has to go to the BZA if already approved and permitted by the State Chemist. **Attorney Novak** replied based on the classification, approximately 6 months ago when Mr. Lindborg/Kingsbury Elevator started working with the State Chemist and received approval, the product was ordered but it was brought up at the county level that this could be classified as 'chemical manufacturing and storage' which is a part of the zoning code and therefore requires a special exception approval from the BZA even though it is a use regulated by the State. Once this was brought to their attention, Attorney Novak said in February he filed a petition with special exception with the BZA but on property immediately adjacent to the South which is already zoned M2 unfortunately it was discovered that there was a potential at that location would not meet the minimum setback requirements in the Indiana Agricultural Ammonia Law. After discussion a different location to the North was suggested only to find out that parcel is zoned as B2. Both a rezoning request and a special exception request is being filed simultaneously to meet the requirements of both the state and local JZO. **Commissioner Matias** said it doesn't sound like anything is being manufactured, only stored, so why is the zoning being considered? **Anthony** said the

classification is chemical manufacturing **and** storage so the 'chemical storage' is what will be under the zoning. **Commissioner Haney** stated several questions like this came up during the Plan Commission meeting and one discussion was the original location adjacent to the South had a 1,000 foot buffer between the parcel and a church. A church service took place for the first time in possibly 10 years. **Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.** **Commissioner Matias motioned to suspend the rules. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried.** **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Commissioner Matias seconded. Motion carried.** **\*\*\*Ordinance 2021-8**

**Attorney Shaw Friedman** clarified on the record on a couple of items that were raised during Public Comment. County hiring was brought up and the Board of Commissioners has gone on the record unanimously in support of an EEO Compliance Officer in the Human Resources office. Attorney Friedman urged Mr. McCormick and others to approach the Council in support of the Commissioners to seek funding for this position. The Commission has been committed to the notion of increasing hires in underrepresented segments like communities of color and veterans. The EEO Compliance Officer will assist in investigations. The Commission has also been in support of the Indiana Plan which is an effort by construction firms to work with organized labor to increase hires in apprentices. Organized labor and various companies involved with the Indiana Plan have made a commitment to increase diversity in the hiring in the building trades. **Commissioner Matias** thanked Attorney Friedman for his statements on the Indiana Plan. She said when the Blue Chip Casino was being built in Michigan City the Indiana Plan was in full force and helped many with a career as a union tradesman.

### Commissioner Comments

**Commissioner Haney** commented on the Responsible Bidders Ordinance and some of the 'barriers for entry' or the pros/cons, not just here in Indiana but other states as well. He said for item '1 e' under Bid Submission Requirements - Evidence of participation had 5 graduates with apprenticeships for 5 consecutive years and some of the barriers were with small and minority owned businesses and female owned businesses. It is difficult for them to compete in this requirement for bids at least \$150,000. Joe said he is in support of the union worker and all labor. He also reported on the vaccine clinic that has moved from the fairgrounds to the former La Porte Hospital and thanked Building Maintenance for their support in the move. Joe attended an FMEC meeting and Council meeting which were both productive. He gave a 'shout out' to the Parks Department who has been short-staffed. Currently positions are open for employment in EMS, Clerk's office, Community Corrections and other departments. Jeremy Sobecki, Parks Superintendent, and his staff rescued the gazebo located at the Michigan City Courthouse location and moved it to Red Mill Park. June 5<sup>th</sup> at Creek Ridge will be Story Walk 1-3p.m. Bluhm Park is being upgraded. Hoped everyone took time to commemorate Memorial Day, not just mourn the losses but celebrate the lives that were lived and gave their lives for our freedoms and liberties. Joe quoted Henry David Thoreau, 'Be true to your work, your word and your friend.'

**Commissioner Matias** said there is a 4-H issue in this county, and she joins her colleagues in saying to the 4-H families, 'We hear you, we hear you loud and clear and we are moving internally to address the issues.' Sheila reminded all listening about water safety especially with all of our pools and lakes in the county including Lake Michigan in Michigan City. Shared a memory from years past when a pair of men's shoes showed up next to her beach chair and stayed there all day long. The owner of the shoes perished in Lake Michigan that day. Although the lake is beautiful it can also be dangerous especially to visitors to our county. Sheila encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. She stated Dr. Kora gave a great report on the vaccination hesitation and Ms. Anderson with her experience after having Covid is a reminder to get vaccinated. Commissioner Matias spoke about the month of June and it is to recognize our differences and sameness. June is Pride Month and is a month to challenge our thinking because across our county, cities, towns and country side, with many families in our community, there are sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and moms and dads who have the courage to love who they love and to be who they are and we need, as a community, to have the courage to recognize them and to love them back. Gay rights is human rights and while we may all be different in our own beliefs and our own ways, we all share humanity and that's the great equalizer. Sheila took the time to speak for those who may not have a voice. Hate is destructive in any way to all that it touches and we need to stick with love.

**Commissioner Mrozinski** stated after spending 37 ½ years as an employee with Nipsco as a union member, he understands the Responsible Bidders' Ordinance and said for example, if the project manager needs to hire electricians, instead of hiring individuals without any certifications, the intent with the ordinance is to have companies with apprenticeship programs bid on public works projects. He also said if you were driving through La Porte on Lincolnway you would have seen all of the flags on the poles for Memorial Day. The flags were put up by Jim Roy who owns The Floor Store on Boyd Boulevard in La Porte. Five hundred flags were displayed and it is the 20<sup>th</sup> year Jim Roy has done this for La Porte. This year he included flags for all 6 branches of the service including the Space Force, fire fighters, and law enforcement with the American Flag. Rich said Jim Roy is a true patriot. Rich also attended the Problem Solving Court with Judge Greta Friedman, a great job she does with the participants who often struggle with their issues. Commissioner Mrozinski had a quote from Trey Gowdy who quoted Oliver Cromwell in 1650 in his book, 'I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ, to think that you may be mistaken.' Consider the possibility that you may be wrong.

**President Mrozinski adjourned at 11:32 a.m.**

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

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