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Laporte County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. County Complex Room 3 & via Zoom

President Connie Gramarossa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance** led by **Danny Davis**.

Roll Call

Auditor Tim Stabosz called the roll: **Commissioner Rich Mrozinski - Present; President Connie Gramarossa - Present; Commissioner Joe Haney - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.**

Consider Agenda

President Connie Gramarossa asked was there any additions, solutions or corrections to the agenda. ****Commissioner Rich Mrozinski** stated under new business item "a" it should read "resolution" and not "ordinance". **Commissioner Rich Mrozinski made a motion to approve agenda as corrected. Commissioner Joe Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider Approval of Minutes

President Connie Gramarossa suggested approval of the May 3, 2023 minutes. **Commissioner Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Joe Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consideration of Claims

Auditor Tim Stabosz stated Payroll ending 04/28/2023 in the amount of \$1,468,005.71. Operating Expense Claims in the amount of \$4,527,074.39. **Commissioner Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Joe Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment

Steve Holifield, La Porte stated he hopes to see the county move forward. He said the bickering and pettiness still continuing, and needs to be put aside. His other concerns were hostile annexation and possible bypass will put a burden on the highway. The county take home vehicle policy should hold everyone more accountable. The fence at the fair ground was deteriorating and the county should not have to spend any monies to repair it.

Department Head Comments

Commissioner Rich Mrozinski stated that if anyone was interested, they are welcome to come out to the Rolling Prairie EMS Station on May 24, 2023. They are having an open house and flag dedication.

Requests

None at this time.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Consider request to revoke ordinance 2023-01 reinstate ordinance 2021-07 – Rich Mrozinski, Commissioner.

****Correction - should state: Consider** request to revoke resolution 2023-01 reinstate resolution 2023-06.

Commissioner Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve. President Connie Gramarossa seconded.

Commissioner Joe Haney stated nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Consider contractual services agreement with Purdue University. **Commissioner Joe Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Rich Mrozinski seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider permission to travel to the National Association of Drug Court professionals from June 26-29 in Houston, Texas for Judge Freidman, C. Strader, E. LaRue, and A. Ortega – Greta Friedman, Judge.

Commissioner Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Joe Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Consider permission to host a blood drive on June 15, 2023 in the Annex meeting room – Monique Thomas, Interim HR. **Commissioner Joe Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Rich Mrozinski seconded.**

Motion carried 3-0.

Consider the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal – John Jones, Michiana Insurance.

Commissioner Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve the adoption of plan #1. Commissioner Joe Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Consider Attorney Certification for the Finding of Fact regarding the Love’s Travel Center. **Commissioner Joe Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Rich Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consider permission to travel out of State to APS Training in Pittsburgh, PA June 5, 2023 thru June 7, 2023 – Sean Fagan, Prosecutor. **Commissioner Rich Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Joe Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Per President Connie Gramarossa she would like to take this time to introduce and welcome Attorney Pejic who is now the new county attorney. She asked Attorney Pejic if he had any comments at this time. **Attorney Pejic** expressed his appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for allowing him to have the privilege to be of service to La Porte County. He stated that he was a local attorney. He hopes that we can work together to become our best selves. He’s committed to working with each of the Commissioners to obtain the goals of the Board. Attorney Pejic expressed thanks again to the Commission for giving him this opportunity to serve.

Adjournment

Commissioner Rich Mrozinski motioned to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Commissioner Joe Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 6/12/23

Rich Mrozinski
Connie Gramarossa

ATTEST: _____ Auditor

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