

# LA PORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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> Joseph Haney Member

La Porte County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 15, 2024 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. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Deputy Auditor Rhonda Graves called the roll: Commissioner Rich Mrozinski - Present; Commissioner Connie Gramarossa - Present; and Commissioner Joe Haney - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

Considered the agenda. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to add to the agenda: Consider permission for La Porte County Project Management team to proceed with priority repairs in the Complex and coordinate the repairs with the Sheriff's Department then motioned to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered approval of the May 1, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered approval of the May 6, 2024 Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deputy Auditor Rhonda Graves read the Claims with Payroll ending 5/3/2024 - \$1,472,253.96. Commissioner Haney motioned to approve payroll. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deputy Auditor Rhonda Graves read the Operating Expense Claims - \$1,150,846.06. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Public Comment**

Steve Holifield, 6782 E. 100 S., Mill Creek, Tuesday evening, 6:00 p.m. BZA will be holding a meeting with RWE applying for a special exception for the Bluestem Solar Project. Urged Commissioners to attend to hear the citizen's concerns.

### **Department Reports/Comments**

None

## Requests

Considered permission to close Zigler Road between State Road 2 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street during Fair week, Steve Mrozinski. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered permission to conduct Wellness Days for Employees, Monique Thomas, HR. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered permission to approach the Council for additional appropriation to pay invoice for completed work on Sewer Pipe Replacement Project, Sheryl Lestinsky, Director of Facilities. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.



#### **Old Business**

Considered tabled Nyhart contract for Auditor's office, Tim Stabosz, Auditor. Commissioner Haney motioned to 'untable.' Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Mrozinski, we had this contract a few meetings ago. Commissioner Haney motioned to table it, Commissioner Mrozinski seconded it, all were in favor yet a few days later the contract was signed by Commissioner Haney, which is illegal because it was tabled and the contract required one signature, the Commission President. The contract has been reviewed by County Attorney Scott Pejic. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **New Business**

Considered contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc (SEH) for Auditor's office. Commissioner Haney, this is for the annual GAAP reporting, information needed for DLGF. Commissioner Haney motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered permission for La Porte County Project Management team to proceed with priority repairs in the Complex and coordinate the repairs with the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney, this is an emergency repair for water pipe issues. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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