



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY

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LaPorte County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, January 16, 2007

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 in the LaPorte County Complex meeting room. #3.

Present at the meeting were Commission President Barbara Huston, Commission Vice President William Hager and Commission Member Mike Bohacek. Also present, were LaPorte County Auditor Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Attorney Robert Szilagyi and Executive Secretary Linda Arnett.

Commission President Barbara Huston called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m...

Commissioner Bohacek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Huston, under "New Business" section "A" is to be deleted and add "C" Ken Layton Board of Finance.

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve as amended, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bohacek, made a motion to approve as presented, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

#### Weekly Reports

The Commissioners review and sign weekly reports during the meeting.

#### Claims

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve Payroll Ending January 26, 2007, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

#### Miscellaneous Claims

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$1,703,048.42, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

#### Request

##### Fish Lake Festival & Bike Ride/ Request for Funds

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve the request of \$500.00 from the LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau Fund, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Michael Mollenhauer, LaPorte County Sheriff/ Request for CCD funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 for Vehicles

LaPorte County Sheriff Michael Mollenhauer, I am requesting funds to purchase 16 vehicles of which 14 of them would be marked and 2 unmarked and one would be replacing an SUV.

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Tim Morgan, LaPorte County Park Superintendent/ Request for CCD or Win Tax funds in the amount of \$28,081.48

LaPorte County Park Superintendent, Tim Morgan you have my request for \$28,081.48 the two are for data items and the Data Department are recommending the items need to be replaced. The next is a copy machine and the next is adding an additional small truck to our fleet.

Mr. Bohacek, questions Mr. Morgan on the need for a copy machine.

Mr. Morgan, the copy machine has over one-hundred thousand copies on it and is a small unit and it is a 1997 model.

Mrs. Huston how many trucks do you have at this time.

Mr. Morgan, we have six you have the list and only one is a take home vehicle which is the one that I drive.

Mrs. Huston, are you going to have a trade in?

Mr. Morgan, no we are not trading anything in.

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve the request out of CCD, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Old Business

Attorney James Kaminski/ Scipio Sunrise (tabled)

Mr. Hager made a motion to remove from the table, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Kaminski, we are requesting final plat approval and questions were raised regarding the status of the subdivision. I proposed to Mr. Szilagyi a memorandum of agreement where Mr. DeYoung would post a one-hundred thousand dollar performance bond to ensure completion of the road ways and repairs to 75 West and 400 South. I received a letter from Hass & Associates that there would be no final drainage approval; until the retention pond is completed there would not be a final drainage approval for the subdivision so the bond would be tied into that. In respect to the pavement, that will be done by May 30<sup>th</sup> to get that done, we realize that any permits issued by the Building Commission will be contingent on where the subdivision sits at that time.

Mr. Bohacek, Mr. Hass recommend that ~~silk~~<sup>silt</sup> fence will go up and they will be put in.

Mr. Kaminski, my understanding is that ~~silk~~<sup>silt</sup> fence will go up as each homeowner begins to build.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the plat with the condition that there will be no building permits be issues until approval of the final drainage, second by Mr. Hager.

Mr. Hager, Mr. McVay you are satisfied with the one-hundred thousand bond?

Mr. McVay, it seems low, I am recommending two-hundred and eight thousand dollars for the road, drainage and signage.

Mr. Bohacek, I want to amend my motion to increase the bond amount two-hundred and eight thousand dollars and that no building permits be issued on the property until the subdivision is in compliance, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

#### Commissioners Appointment to PTBOA BOARD

Mr. Bohacek, I want to make a motion to appoint Dean Uminski to the PTBOA, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0

#### New Business

#### Appropriation for 911 Center Remodel in the amount of \$2 million dollars

Mr. Soller we are having equipment problems and the parts are not available any more and if it goes down it will stay down. Our equipment was purchased in 1989 and it needs to be stepped up.

Mrs. Huston, have you had any equipment failures recently?

Mr. Soller, two weeks ago we had equipment shut down in the middle of it for unknown reasons.

Mr. Hager, I would make a motion to declare this an emergency and that the cost not exceed \$2 million dollars and send it to the council to get the equipment ordered and have the engineering firm and get two proposals and have the engineering firm DH2W assigned to the project, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

#### Kenneth Layton, LaPorte County Treasurer/ Finance Report

Mr. Layton, the first order of business annually is a Board of Finance Meeting, it is a state ordered meeting. The first order of business is the election of officers and if I may, the President of the Board of Finance has always been the president of the Board of Commission and the secretary has always been the Treasurer if there is any change that the commission wants I have no problem with that.

Mr. Hager, I will make a motion to appoint Commission President Barbara Huston, president of the Board of Finance and to make LaPorte County Treasurer Kenneth Layton secretary, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Mr. Layton, secondly I need to have approval by the Board of Commissioners per statute for the financial institutions that are used by the County of LaPorte for the year 2007. Historically it has been all of the financial institutions within the county perimeters of the County of LaPorte and any and all financial institutions that are approved on a list by the State Board of Accounts.

Mr. Hager made a motion to approve Mr. Layton's request, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Layton, next on the agenda is presentation of a written report; I have furnished you a copy. We in the Treasures Office are pleased for what has been able to be accomplished due to a couple

of things, competitive bidding and diligence on the part of Ms. Mauer in the Treasurers Office. We have combined for a total of interest earned and into the county coffers this year four-million four hundred and seventy eight thousand four hundred and fifty three dollars that is one-million nine hundred and fifty three thousand dollars more then we were able to accomplish last year and in the past two years since I have been associated with the Treasures Office we have been able to return over seven million dollars in interest to the county coffers. I think that is a combination of the staff that I have in that office and they are totally dedicated to what they are doing for this county. We were able to use the total of investing, collecting and reinvesting over nine-hundred & thirty million dollars that we invested and reinvested and basically it was in cd. As far as the Auditors Office, Mrs. Shuter and myself as far as the form 2 for 2007's budget we only projected a million-two but as you can see we brought in almost \$4.5. Last year we only made investments with five different financial institutions and in 2005 we used five and in 2006 we used eleven. I also need a motion for acceptance of the financial report.

Mr. Bohacek, what is the term on the cd?

Mr. Layton, anywhere from 30 to 180 days.

Mr. Layton, I have conversation with Carl Cender and found out that we were making better on the short term loans than that would allow me and the tops was 5.1.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to accept the financial report, second by Mr. Hager. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Public Comment

None

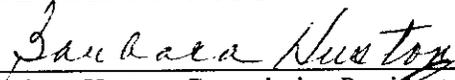
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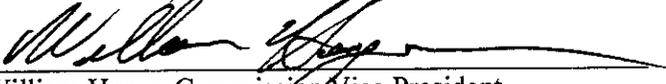
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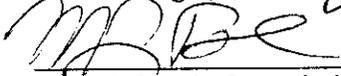
Adjourn

Commission President Barbara Huston adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m...

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Barbara Huston, Commission President

  
William Hager, Commission Vice President

  
Mike Bohacek, Commission Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Auditor