



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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President

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Barbara Huston,
Member

LaPorte County Board of Commissioners Wednesday, January 2, 2008

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., in the LaPorte County Complex meeting room #3.

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

LaPorte County Auditor Teresa Shuter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m...

Attorney Robert Szilagyi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commission President

Mrs. Huston nominated Mr. Hager for President of the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners, second by Mr. Bohacek. There were no other nominations, motion carried with a voice vote.

Commission Vice President

Mrs. Huston nominated Mr. Bohacek for Vice President of the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners, second by Mr. Hager. There were no other nominations, motion carried with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Huston, made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

County Attorney

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Bob Szilagyi and Shaw Friedman as County Attorney's, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Insurance Agents of Record

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Swanson & Swanson as Insurance Agents of Record for the County Liability Insurance, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Switchboard Operators

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Mary Bishop, Eleanor Schnable and Shirley Oberholtzer for the position of Switchboard Operators, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Home Administrator

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Kay Felton, as Administrator of the LaPorte County Home, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Veteran's Service Officer

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint John Wantuch as Veteran's Service Officer, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Museum Curator

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint James Rodgers as Museum Curator, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Assistant Museum Curator

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Susie Richter as Assistant Museum Curator, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

EMS Administrator

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Patricia Pease as EMS Administrator, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

E-911 Director

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Brent Soller as E-911 Director, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Assistant E-911 Director

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Beth West as E-911 Assistant, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Animal Shelter

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Jane Bernard as Director of the Animal Shelter, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Stationary Engineer

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Al Ott as Stationary Engineer, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Assistant Stationary Engineer

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Greg Beaty as Assistant Stationary Engineer, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Emergency Management and Disaster Director

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Paul Young as Emergency Management and Disaster Director, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Inspector of Weights and Measures

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Mike Quinn as Inspector of Weights and Measures, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Highway Engineer

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Rick McVay as County Highway Engineer, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

County Highway Superintendent

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Robert Young as Highway Superintendent, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

General Foreman

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Brian Batchelor as General Foreman, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Garage Foreman

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Steve Cox as Garage Foreman, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Bridge Foreman

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Dillard Lawson as Bridge Foreman, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Rolling Prairie District Foreman

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Lee Wuthrich as Rolling Prairie District Foreman, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Hanna District Foreman

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Cliff Poff as Hanna District Foreman, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Utility Inspector

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Richard Dombrowski as Utility Inspector, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Right to Know Director

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint William Poag as Right to Know Director, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Right to Know Interim Director

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Jeff Hamilton as Interim Director, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008

LaPorte County Public Library

Mrs. Huston made a motion to reappoint Daniel Kaminski to a four (4) year term on the LaPorte County Public Library Board, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Mr. Bohacek, made a motion to appoint Sherman Lute to a one (1) year term on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Animal Control Commission

Mrs. Huston made a motion to reappoint Gerald Wagner, Patty Shivley and Barb Hooper one (1) year term on the Animal Control Commission, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Board of Health

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Doretha Sanders and Michael Jones to a four (4) year term on the Board of Health, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Convention/Tourism Bureau Board of Managers

Mrs. Huston made a motion to reappoint Dave Decker and a new appointment of Marlies Palazzolo to a two (2) year term on the LaPorte County Convention & Tourism Bureau Board of Managers, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Data Board

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Barbara Huston, Melissa Mischke, Carol McDaniel, Barbara Dean and Mark Yagelski to a one (1) year term on the Data Board, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Drainage Board

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Ken Perze three (3) year term on the Drainage Board, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service Council Members

Mrs. Huston made a motion that Robert Cutler, Jr. and Marsha Leonard be reappointed to a four (4) year term and Kevin Kennay be appointed in place of Dennis Goers to the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service Council, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Pioneer Cemetery Commission

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to reappoint Kenneth Baker to a five (5) year term on the LaPorte County Pioneer Cemetery Commission, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Plan Commission

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Edward A. Kogut and Dwayne Hogan to a four (4) year term to the LaPorte County Plan Commission, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Personnel Committee

Mr. Hager this is not our committee to appoint it is the councils.

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Dean Uminski and Joie Winski to a one (1) year term on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

LaPorte County Public Defender Board

Mrs. Huston made a motion to appoint Stan Hynek to a three (3) year term on the LaPorte County Public Defender Board, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to appoint Scott Ford, Jim Sennett, Sam Ferguson, Don Przybylinski and John McDaniel to a one (1) year term on the Redevelopment Commission Board, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

COMMISSION LIASION POSITIONS 2007

County Highway

Commissioner Huston, Commissioner Hager and Commissioner Bohacek

Regional Bus Authority (RBA)

Commissioner Bohacek

County Home

Commissioner Hager

Plan Commission

Commissioner Bohacek

Right to Know

Commissioner Bohacek

NIRPC

Commissioner Bohacek

Animal Control Board

Commissioner Huston

Workforce Development

Commissioner Bohacek

NICTD

Commissioner Huston

Drainage Board

Commissioner Hager

E-911 Board

Commissioner Huston

EMS Board

Commissioner Hager

Data Board

Commissioner Huston

Juvenile Services Board

Commissioner Huston

Solid Waste Management Board

Commissioner Huston, Commissioner Hager and Commissioner Bohacek

Local Planning Council

Commissioner Bohacek

Fair Board

Commissioner Hager

Community Corrections Board

Commissioner Bohacek

DESIGNATION OF PUBLICATION--LEGAL NOTICE- COMMISSION MEETINGS - AGENDA
NOTICE-INSURANCE MEETING NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Designation of Publication

Mr. Hager reads in its entirety.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve the LaPorte Herald-Argus and the News Dispatch, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Legal Notice of Commission Meetings

Mr. Hager reads in its entirety.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Agenda Notice

Mr. Hager reads in its entirety.

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

Public Notice of LaPorte County Board of Commissioners Executive Session

Mr. Hager reads by title only.

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

WEEKLY REPORTS

Commissioners review and sign the weekly reports during the meeting.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the Weekly Reports, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

CLAIMS

Payroll

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve Payroll Ending January 11, 2008, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

Miscellaneous Claims

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$1,087,383.20, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid Openings/ LaPorte County Farmland

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to close the bids on LaPorte County Farmland, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Szilagyi, we have three bids, the first one is from Tom Parker, Parker Farms 125 acres at \$171.00 per acre one half paid before planting and one half paid after harvest, the second one is from James Minich at \$18,000.00 per year and the third one is Rob Lawrenz Farms for \$206.00 per acre.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to turn the bids over to the LaPorte County Attorney Robert Szilagyi for his recommendation, second by Mr. Bohacek. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Szilagyi, I will have these back for your next meeting with my recommendation.

Allen Ott, LaPorte County Stationary Engineer/ Bid Recommendations

Mr. Ott you all have a copy of my recommendations on the trash we had two bids which were Able Disposal at \$1,464.58 and Waste Management at \$1,466.00 per month, I recommend Able. The second recommendation is for pest control had three bids Franklin Pest Control at \$616.00 per month, Hatfield Pest Control at \$475.00 per month and Terminix at \$455.00 per month I am recommending Hatfield at \$475.00 per month. The third recommendation is for telephones we had four bids, Verizon was \$26,716.08 per year, AT & T was \$26,083.44 per year, Front Runner was \$21,148.50 per year and Herrman & Goetz was \$26,694.00 per year and I am recommending FrontRunner. The last bid was for elevators which we had two bids the first is from Kone for \$1,642.47 per month and Abell Elevator at \$1,344.00 per month I am recommending Kone.

Mr. Bohacek, Al how much does a load test cost with Abell.

Mr. Ott, about \$750.00 and the both give a discount if you sign a three year contract but we have never signed a three year contract. Abell is out of Indianapolis and they do have techs in this area but nothing in the immediate area.

Mr. Bohacek, what is the discount Abell would give us if you signed a three year contract.

Mr. Ott, they both would give a free months of service.

Mr. Bohacek, even with the load testing which looks to be \$9,700.00 which would offset the cost.

Mrs. Huston, Kone has it projected in its price.

Mr. Ott, yes Kone's is included in the price.

Mr. Hager, have we ever done business with Abell before?

Mr. Ott, no we have not.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve Mr. Ott's recommendations, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a roll-call vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission consideration of Architect Agreement/ "New LaPorte County Office Building"

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve dh2W as Architect for the New LaPorte County Office Building and allow the President of the Commission to sign the agreement, second by Mrs. Huston.

Mr. Hager we are looking into building a new building out at the LaPorte County Fair Grounds which will house Soil & Water, Solid Waste and the Purdue Extension Offices. Also in meeting with the County Council they are going to try to incorporate a basement in this that we can use for youth organizations.

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

Allen Ott, LaPorte County Stationary Engineer Request for CCD Funds

Mr. Ott, this is a request from what was removed from the budget at the budget hearings in August, these are the differences from what I requested and what I was given in the budget. I am requesting what we had back in 1999.

Mrs. Huston, on this request trash that you have for \$10,000.00 is that over and above is that additional or what.

Mr. Ott, this we requested what you are seeing here is what they deleted out of my request.

Mrs. Huston, what is major building?

Mr. Ott, any additional repairs or remodeling that we do.

Mrs. Huston what about the elevators?

Mr. Bohacek, are you planning on replacing some doors and windows this year?

Mr. Ott most of the windows and door replacement is from damage and our insurance does not cover that but the money would be used for replacement.

Mrs. Huston, what about equipment, what does that include?

Mr. Ott, most any of our equipment snow blowers and such.

Mr. Bohacek, what I would like to see what the council gave you for these line items.

Mr. Ott, what this request is, is what was taken out of the budget at budget time.

Mrs. Huston, all of this expense is what they removed from your budget.

Mr. Bohacek, I would feel if you deplete the account then come and ask for an additional appropriation for that account.

Mr. Hager, are you going to need some of these right away?

Mr. Bohacek, what did they give you for trash?

Mr. Ott, they gave me \$15,000.00 and it was \$25,000.00 which is for trash and if we need additional service they charge additional.

Mr. Bohacek, what did you request for Pest Control?

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to table this request until our next meeting and what I would like to see is what the council allocated and what you requested and what the difference is, second by Mrs. Huston. Motion carried with a voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Hager we will set this for a workshop for this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Huston I would like to welcome everyone back on board, all of the officials that we have reappointed and to a good 2008 and hope everyone had a good holiday.

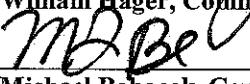
Mr. Hager, I would like to thank the Highway Department for what a great job they have done this last weekend and I would like to welcome the Mayor of Michigan City and thank him for coming over here.

ADJOURN

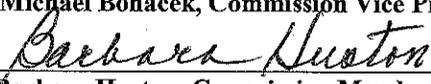
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ATTEST: _____
Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Auditor