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LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on June 5, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Layton, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Gabrielle Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Huston, under new business please add D. 2012 LaPorte County Fair/EMS Agreement and E. Community Corrections Appointment.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 15, 2012, Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Special Meeting May 22, 2012, Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

WEEKLY REPORTS

Commissioners review and sign the weekly reports during the meeting.

CLAIMS

Payroll Ending June 8, 2012, Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Miscellaneous Claims—\$1,757,847.44, Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve in the amount stipulated, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

Mr. Layton, for the public's edification, \$630,000.00 of the claims are transfers within the Auditor's office on monies that were approved by the council at their last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bret Slater, 3118 E. 100 S., LaPorte, IN. I am here in regards to the county right of way along our property. A little over a year ago it was purposely destroyed. We asked for a vacation shortly after that, it was denied. During that meeting it was asked that the gentleman who destroyed it to fix that property. It was attempted to be fixed and it was again destroyed and continues to sit that way today. I am here today to see what we could do to get that fixed. It is an eye sore for the neighborhood and a hazard for the kids.

Mr. Layton, I spoke to Mr. Koehn and he did come out and do some reparation on that. Although from the photographs you provided us it seems that we need to readdress the issue. We aren't prepared to do that this evening.

Mr. Milsap, I received the documentation. Is there anything else you can elaborate on?

Mr. Slater, we are still interested in the vacation if that is an option. It was nice when we moved in, nice for the neighborhood, nice for the kids to play on and it has been over a year now that it has been unusable. The way it lays now, there are about one foot ruts with grass on top. I can't run my lawn mower over it, the ruts are too big. They used commercial mowers and mowed it once.

Mr. Layton, Mr. Koehn did make an attempt to reseed it and everything.

Mr. Slater, the first attempt was not very good, about a hand full of grass seed. The second attempt was great and it would have taken but harvest time came and they decided to use that easement, it was wet and they got a semi stuck in it and had to use a tractor to pull it out. He finished harvesting his field from an easement he claimed was not useable. He is doing malicious things like blowing grass in our direction when he does come out.

Mr. Layton, are you related to the Koehns?

Mr. Slater, my wife is a second cousin to Mr. Koehn.

Mrs. Huston, we will take it under consideration.

Mr. Dan Adams, 5252 North Fail Road, LaPorte, IN. I have a letter to read. (Please see attached)

Mr. Milsap, you attended their May meeting and you shared your concerns at that meeting?

Mr. Adams, yes, they said they would look into it. I will go back to the June meeting. I think it is a timely thing that needs to be addressed now.

Mr. Milsap, since the fair board is independent entity what authority do we have over the fair board?

Mr. Braje, none. We have lease agreements that define our authority. We have no ability to restrict how they decide to charge or how they set their policies; no legal authority.

Mr. Layton, I will go to the fair board meeting.

Mr. Earl Cunningham, 6311 W. Shiva Drive, LaPorte, IN. I saw the last meeting on a replay and at some point, Mr. Layton, you were asked some questions about what has happened in the past. I want to reflect on your experience with the LaPorte County Government and ask if you have ever seen LaPorte County's General Fund \$16,000,000.00 to \$18,000,000.00 in the red as it is today?

Mr. Layton, no sir.

Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Milsap mentioned the fact that he wanted to thank the Recorder's Office for turning in \$182,700.00; it is my understanding that money has never been transferred and will not be transferred to the General Fund, is that correct?

Mr. Hinchman, no it has not been transferred, the state had a ruling that said they could not do that.

Mr. Layton, for the record I must say I have never seen the General Fund in the shape it is in currently. However, annually it would run between \$5,000,00.00 and \$8,000,000.00 in the red prior to

taxes being distributed in June and in December. It always came out in the black at the end of the year which was mandatory.

Mr. Cunningham, my concern is that not only are we showing a General Fund at one meeting, \$16,000,000.00 and one meeting \$18,000,000.00 in the red but we have already borrowed the \$10,000,000.00 from the rainy day fund. So in my head I am thinking it is more like \$26,000,000.00.

Mr. Dave Berecz, 0043 W. Greenlawn Drive, LaPorte, IN. I am here about the litter law. I talked to Mr. Milsap and Anne Polan. I am just curious to see what the situation is.

Mr. Milsap, we had two brainstorming sessions, the third one is June 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's conference room and you are invited. We are gathering information and putting it together to see if we make something to fit our county.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer, I would like to commend and praise four of my jail deputies publicly. The first incident occurred on April 26, 2012, Deputy Jason Speakman who was assigned to security detail at the Michigan City Courthouse. He was notified by a person there that a woman was not breathing in a vehicle in the parking lot. He immediately responded and found the woman to be semiconscious but having great difficulty breathing. He notified an ambulance and was able to help her breathe. I wanted to commend him for his actions and we hope she is doing well. The second incident was brought before our merit board and the three deputies were awarded certificates for their live saving attempt. They did save the life of a 17 year old boy that was in jail and attempted to hang himself with a sheet. The commendations went to Mike Jones, Matt Watson, and Matt Benninghoff. I am so proud of them and they are trained so well to work as a team.

Mr. Jeff Wright, LaPorte County Highway Engineer, we are in the process now of acquiring the right of way to do the project next spring at Pahs and Johnson Roads. There are a number of parcels that need to be acquired. We have a purchaser on board, Mr. Jones to purchase the right of way, all the appraisals are done, and everything is in place. The question came up of whether or not the purchaser should pursue getting waivers or partial releases of mortgages. Mr. Jones is recommending we pursue getting waivers in lieu of partial release mortgages. I have talked to the right of way department at the state and they note that for parcels up to \$20,000 the state pursues getting waivers, however, that \$20,000 was modified back to \$10,000. All of our parcels range from \$200 to \$5,000. The state is recommending getting the waivers. This is not my decision to make.

Mr. Milsap, for the record we should get a legal opinion of waiver vs. partial release.

Mr. Braje, we are using some terms interchangeably. If you have a piece of property that you owe and you have it mortgaged and you are looking to sell portions of that property, really, what goes on is like any other parcel that someone would own. They would tell the bank that we are going to sell a portion of this right of way and would you release your mortgage on that and if you will, what will you charge? Routinely what would happen, the bank would then say if you are getting paid some number we would like a portion of that number in order to release the mortgage on that property. Generally speaking, that would be the responsibility of the owner of which is selling the property and may or may not have an effect on him as to whether or not he is willing to sell it. There is no waiver, the term waiver is not appropriate here. What you are seeking is a partial release so the question is whether or not you want to pay additional monies to the bank to reduce the owner's loan in order to get a release of mortgage. Hypothetically, the loan and mortgage documents require that owner to inform the bank and pay that money to them when they go to sell the property. What really should happen is once the price is negotiated, they should contact the bank and they are prepaying on their mortgage. In my opinion, I have a hard time seeing the benefit of paying additional money to do something the owner should do when he negotiates the deal with the county.

Mr. Wright, this is a federally funded project and there are T's to cross and I's to dot.

Mr. Braje, let's remember that right of ways are permission for the county to build and to use that parcel. The owner's own the property all the way up to the middle line of the road. Everybody uses things interchangeably. Right of Entry is a temporary term for the right to enter on that property during the term of the construction. Sometimes you pay for that and sometimes you don't. Right of Way is a right to maintain the road but the ownership is still with the owner. Sometimes we actually

purchase property in which then we have the fee interest in that property. When we are pursuing this property, if it is a right of way, it is a right to enter on that property on a permanent basis for the road. If we are purchasing it outright, it is an ownership interest for the county. Ownership interest is more of a circumstance where then the subject to the third party mortgage is more of a concern. Right of Ways are less of a concern. We are not the owner of the property we are establishing the right to use that property in perpetuity for a road. Because this is a federal project there is more detail in what we have to do.

Mr. Milsap, I am concerned about the risk.

Mr. Braje, if you are concerned about the risk and you want to have zero risk, as Mr. Jones goes out to purchase the property, the basis of the contract and bargain should be that if we buy this property from you at this price, we expect you to secure a mortgage release from your mortgage company. What you are seeking is a partial release of mortgage on the legal description of the right of way.

Mr. Layton, you will instruct Mr. Jones to take care of this issue?

Mr. Wright, yes.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to concur with legal counsel and our engineer to proceed with Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

LaPorte County Family YMCA/LaPorte Triathlon Road Closure

Mr. Layton, we have a letter from Ms. Danielle Kessler.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer/Carol Bridegroom Retirement Request For Unused Sick Days

Sheriff Mollenhauer, Carol Bridegroom has retired and she was here just shy of 28 years. We wish her well but we are missing her.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners Appointment/Ethics Board (tabled)

Mrs. Huston made a motion to take off the table, chair seconded the motion.

Mr. Milsap, due to the fact that our IT Dept. has not properly advertised the appointment for people to apply on the web site and our HR Director has not had a chance draft her proposal it would be my recommendation that we keep this on the table.

Mr. Layton, five weeks ago at this very meeting we tabled this issue because it had not been advertised at your request. You were going to take care of either notifying HR or IT to have it immediately placed on the web site. In that five week period we have received correspondence from your attorney stating that he is against a possible nomination to the Ethics Board and in this communication he goes on to say he believes that the reason the gentleman shouldn't be appointed is because he is a Libertarian. I find that offensive. It is the same gentleman, Mr. Greg Kelter, from Union Mills that I nominated the first time and then pulled the nomination back because you requested it to be tabled. I find nothing wrong with Mr. Greg Kelter. I could care less if he is a Libertarian, Democrat or Republican, I find him to be a perfect gentleman that has the conscious and wherewithal. I gave you copies of his letter of request and copies of his clearance from the Indiana State Police along with a

resume on everything he has done, his education, his management skills. I find him to have very good qualifications for someone that could be as unbiased as anyone I know to set on this new board that we are attempting to put together to handle the ethics complaints of this county. I am going to step down as chairman and re-nominate Mr. Greg Kelter for the ethics board. I am also going to nominate another fine young man out of the Michigan City area by the name of Dion Campbell. I also gave you his resume, he is a Michigan City police officer, a leader in his church, a marriage counselor, and an Indiana State graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication. He graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and he was placed on the Human Rights Commission by Mayor Oberlie in Michigan City. I am going to nominate Mr. Greg Kelter and Mr. Dion Campbell to the board.

Mr. Milsap, let's set the record straight. I spoke with the HR Director and she has not had an opportunity to grasp all the information necessary to develop an effective and fair board. Secondly, it took us 15 months which you and the other commissioner did not want to accept the ethics ordinance. I find it odd that you want to microwave the creation of the board at this point when there is a possibility that you might not even be here in the following years.

Mr. Layton, what does that have to do with it sir?

Mr. Milsap, I am just making points. The board is too important and valuable to do it incorrectly. It took us 15 months to get here we shouldn't microwave it in 30 days. It is not an issue with the people it is an issue of doing it properly and effectively.

Mr. Layton, for clarity, I wish you would go back to every minute of this board where we discussed the ethics ordinance and find one point in those minutes where I said I wasn't in favor of it.

Mr. Layton, I have a nomination of two people on the table, seconded by Mrs. Huston with a clarification.

Mrs. Huston, I also know Mr. Greg Kelter and find him to be a fine upstanding man and Mr. Dion Campbell also. I think their qualifications and integrity will add to this board and find them to be fair gentlemen and that is why I will second this nomination. Motion carried by voice vote 2-1.

Mr. Layton, I don't mean to argue with you tonight because it is not professional but I take offense to the fact that you alluded to the fact that I am not going to be here next year, which is true, under my own decision but you are alluding to the fact that I shouldn't have the right to vote on something. I think a wise old man said we should not allow differences to be dividers.

2011 Annual Operational Report (tabled)

Mr. Layton, this is not the first time this has been presented to the commissioners, it is presented every year. It is the first time that I asked it to be brought before this board to be approved at a public meeting which made everyone aware that this is here and they can come and look at it at any given time.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to remove from the table, chair seconded the motion, motion carried by voice vote 2-1.

Mr. Milsap, I have a question about the paving list.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by the chair, motion carried by voice vote 2-1.

Purze and Nicole Messacar/Soil and Water Conservation District Project (tabled)

Mr. Milsap made a motion to remove from the table, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Purze, thank you for putting us on the agenda. I am here with Nicole Messacar whose is the education coordinator for LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District. I am the vice chair of your LaPorte County Drainage Board and serve as liaison to the Soil and Water District. We have with us tonight probably the most committed volunteer in LaPorte County, Mr. Donald Lode. Mr.

Lode is the Treasurer for the Soil and Water Conservation District, in addition to that, other volunteer work that he does is the Saugany Lake Conservation Club President, the LaPorte County Conservation Council President, the Potawatomi Audubon Society, also a member of the North West Indiana Paddler's Assn. and he is the scoutmaster for Rolling Prairie Lions Troop 353. He is familiar with the project "Conservation Walk" at the fair grounds and we are here seeking funds from the promotional fund and he can speak along with Nicole.

Ms. Messacar, we would like your help with the funding. We have secured some grant funding. We did get a \$5,000 grant from the DNR Costal Program. That is a matching grant; we have to match it dollar for dollar. We have raised about \$2,500ish to match that so we are a little bit short. The deadline to get that completed is July 30th. We have been working hard with a huge amount of volunteers and a lot of individual donors. These are kind of homeowner scale conservation practices that have been adopted from agricultural conservation practices. The idea is to get individual homeowners to start carrying about storm water and their environment. This not only will enhance the fairgrounds, but it will provide an educational opportunity for fair goers. We are asking for your help to complete the project.

Mr. Layton, does this go in between the conservation building and the small projects building?

Ms. Messacar, yes.

Ms. Messacar, we are still \$2500 short.

Mr. Purze, \$2500 is the amount we are seeking to complete the project.

Mr. Layton, it is my understanding that doing due diligence you have also reviewed this with some of the council members and found that it was acceptable to them for us to use the promotional fund that we have?

Mr. Purze, absolutely.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to give this project \$2,500.00 out of the promotional fund for the Community Conservational Walk, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Purze, a brief update on your MS4 Program. The MS4 Advisory Board and the Soil and Water Conservation District are having a joint meeting tomorrow morning, it is an open public meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Soil and Water Conservation District meeting room. That is consistent with the MOU that exists between the two entities and that is another step in the right direction for keeping that program going.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony Mancuso, Health Department Administrator/Appointment to the LaPorte County Board of Health

Mr. Mike Sandy, President of the Health Board, we had a resignation on the board of Dr. Agrawal we need a person in the medical field to fill the remainder of his vacancy. You have received a letter from Mr. Mancuso nominating Dr. Richard J. Houck for this position.

Mr. Milsap made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Jeff Wright, LaPorte County Highway Dept. Engineer/BLN Agreement For Services County Road 950 W.

Mr. Wright, Beam, Longest, and Neff contract is for the design of County Road 950 and part of the quadrant project. There has been a grant awarded for that part of the sewer and water utility upgrades necessary for an Economic Development project. The funds have been approved by the council at their May 21st meeting. We are now approaching you to award the contract and design the 950 road project.

Mr. Braje, the contract is fine, the only issue is the interest on the payment provision. They have always been gracious to waive that portion of the agreement concerning penalty interest on payments. Other than that, it is fine.

Mrs. Huston, the property has been acquired?

Mr. Wright, we are in the process of acquiring that right away. There has been some negotiations on the price.

Mr. Layton, are we going to go through the same process on 400 N./950 W. on land acquisition as we are going through on Pahs and Johnson?

Mr. Wright, yes, we will have to instruct the buyer.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Craig Hinchman, Auditor/Maximus Consulting Services, Inc., Agreement To Provide Professional Consulting Services.

Mr. Hinchman, Maximus files with the state of Indiana for reimbursement for hours of the employees in the Prosecutors, Clerk and Auditors offices who work on the 4D Child Support program. The estimated amount of money that Maximus will get LaPorte County as a refund this year is \$74,000.00. We have to enter into a contract with them and the fee charge will be \$11,800.00. I am asking the commissioners to approve the contact and the fee of \$11,800.00.

Mr. Layton, this is an annual contract.

Mrs. Huston, should LaPorte County agree to a three year contract? It would be \$11,700 and if it is annually it would be \$12,300.

Mr. Braje, that is correct. We made some changes to the agreement and we were satisfied after we made some changes. The price is based upon a three year total.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Fair Board & EMS Contract

Mr. Layton, we received a letter requesting a contract between the Agricultural Assn. and the LaPorte County EMS Service providing emergency medical service for the LaPorte County Fair, July 8th through July 14th. The estimated needs are based on last year's schedule. Times include the First Aid Station from 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. each day, ambulance service on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for the Demolition Derby from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on other requested dates. We understand the Director, Mrs. Pease, will oversee the selection of officers. It is agreed whereby personnel will be paid \$25.00 per hour. Upon receipt of the names of personnel, individual checks will be issued and, where applicable, 1099 forms will be issued. Workers will be paid within ten days or sooner following the end of the fair.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Milsap, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Community Corrections Appointment

Mr. Layton, Mr. James Stemmler resigned from the Community Corrections Board with no ill will, his efforts are now going towards his VFW Post. We have an appointment to make. We have received a letter from Mr. Marty M. Corley, a Michigan City Police Officer. He has a degree in Human Services with a minor in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN and his resume goes on and on.

Mr. Milsap, I nominate Mr. Marty Corley, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Milsap, at our last meeting you were aware that we had a possible litigation addressed to our office.

Mr. Layton, which one are you referring to?

Mr. Milsap, Mr. McVay. He is here tonight and hopefully we can put a closure on that possible litigation with an apology.

Mr. Layton, on our June 19th meeting we are moving that to June 26th, on our August 21st meeting we are moving that to August the 28th, that is because I will be on vacation. I have a question of my fellow commissioners. On July the 3rd we are scheduled for a night meeting and that is also the night of the opening ceremonies of the military tribunal with all the homage we are going to pay to our military at Purdue North Central and I respectfully request this board to cancel that meeting since we are having a meeting just one week prior and hold only one meeting in July. I would very much like to attend those ceremonies.

Mr. Milsap, we can cancel that 3rd meeting and move it to a different date. My recommendation would be to reschedule the July 3rd meeting to Thursday, July 5th, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

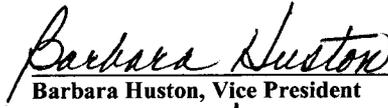
ADJOURN

Mr. Layton, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

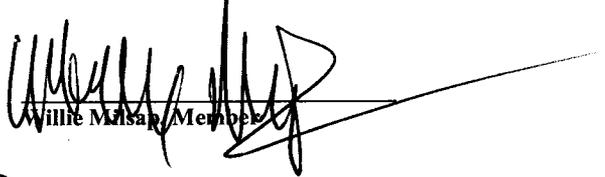
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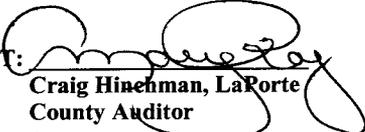
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Willie Milsap, Member

ATTEST: 
Craig Hinchman, LaPorte
County Auditor
Chief Deputy

Publicly read
at meeting by Mr. Adams.

June 5, 2012

Laporte County Commissioners,

We can all be proud of the fact as mentioned at the last council meeting that Laporte County has a record 1,235 4H members and a total of 1,450 including mini 4h. This is the largest group in 25 years for Laporte County. These members are major contributors to the success of the Laporte County Fair. As representatives of Laporte County, this commission gives the Laporte County Agriculture Association tourism funds each year because the success of the Fair is important to us. The taxpayers funded a no interest loan improving the fairground facilities which will enhance every visitor's experience making their time more enjoyable. An added bonus is the Fair Board will now be assured that the previous sewage pumping expense is stabilized for the next 25 years, and after that it goes away.

I am here today with concerns over the actions of the Laporte County Agriculture Association/Fair Board. I recognize that this commission has no control over the decisions and the way they conduct business. Representing the owners of the Fair Grounds, you do have a lot of influence, as well as a vested interest in the success of the Laporte County Fair. The 4H youth bring the animals that are on display and shown. The animals welfare is important enough to the 4H families that we pay to stay in the campground so that we are there 24/7 during the hottest times of the summer. This campground gives the kids a place to unwind and cool, and the ability to give their animals 24/7 care ensuring their safety and health. The Fair Board made a decision to raise the camping rates 40% in one year to this group of 4H families, from \$175 to \$245 for the same amount of time. When I called the contact off of their website questioning the increase, his reason was *"this is partly due to the sewer upgrade at the fairgrounds"*. Knowing that this sewer upgrade was no additional expense to them, did not sit well with me, and I expressed that to him. I contacted the general manager as well as consulted the Fair Board at their May meeting. In these conversations they did not mention sewage, and the main reason was *"after a study of campgrounds in the area this price is consistent with what they charge, in addition you receive amenities such as a car pass, there are new power transformers and they had to pay to dispose of the old transformer"*. Using the excuse *"this is what others charge"* is not a legitimate reason to raise rates 40%, recklessly risking participation in the Laporte County Fair. Gas stations have mastered this practice. Our Fairgrounds are not like any other campground. Campers are not offered; a pool, picnic table, fire ring, large sites for slide outs, and catering to the camping experience. And like wise, as owners of the fairgrounds, we do not treat the Fair Board the same; how much is their mortgage, what do they pay in property taxes, they have access to volunteers and machinery for maintenance and in some cases no interest loans, on their word alone, not requiring them to open their books. We do that for no other campground.

We just can't allow an unnecessary 40% increase on this select group of contributor's? At any point, in any negotiations, or presentations, did they disclose that they implemented a plan to increase year to year revenue on one of the major benefactors of the Sewer Upgrade, the campground? Their revenue is increasing \$13,440 a year. It just wasn't enough that the campground will bring in an additional \$40,000 by selling out the 192 campsites for the fireworks convention.

I am asking this Commission for your support to protect the 4H families from price gouging. Laporte County has a vested interest. It is necessary and beneficial to protect major contributors to the Laporte County Fair. Supporting the camping rate, that was supposedly set last July for the 2012 campsites, is a way of protecting the contributions the 4H families commit to the Fair. If the Fair Board is unwilling to maintain the camping rate at \$175 for the 4H families, they should not reap reward at both ends; sewer & profits. If they stand by their decision to maintain higher rates, the taxpayers loan should be accelerated to a 10 year \$25,000 per year term. They did not negotiate in good faith by knowingly withholding important revenue producing information. Accelerating the rate to 10 years will add minimal burden because they recklessly increased revenue by \$13,000.

I do not believe this select group of 4H families should carry the majority of the burden of this loan, but the thought of getting price gouged by the Fair Board, unthinkable, pay the loan back. It should be an embarrassment that they are comfortable with a 40% increase in the first place. They should be ashamed.

My opinion as a 4H family, they should not be rewarded when we are attempting to do what is best for our children and animals, we enhance their product.

My opinion as a taxpayer, if they decide to price gouge for their bottom line, pay us back in 10 years, we choose not to participate.

Respectfully,

Dan Adams